



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:19 P.M.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed Chairman Sergio Granados, Vice-Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr., Commissioner Joseph C. Bodek, , Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and Commissioner Rebecca Williams were present, with Commissioner Angela R. Garretson and Commissioner Alexander Mirabella 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 Williams and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella 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.

Salaam Ismail, of Elizabeth, spoke relative to the 1741 Project and provided additional information relative to the heinous events. He spoke about the alleged history of Elizabeth, Elizabethtown as it was formerly known, noting that several influential figures at the time had organized and facilitated the execution of these three souls after they were found guilty of conspiring to revolt. He reiterated the

1741 Project's desire to have a monument erected at the site of the Union County Courthouse to spread awareness about the tragic history of Elizabeth.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments and asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2023-461, he asked about the approximately \$500,000 in change orders for this project. Relative to Reso No. 2023-462, he asked for additional information relative to the substantial increase. Relative to Reso No. 2023-469, Mr. Paterson asked about the location of shot spotters and inquired as to how the County could use ARPA monies to fund this item. He also made comments relative to Reso Nos. 2023-476, 2023-477, and 2023-486. Bruce Paterson also made comments relative to the events that took place during the Commissioners May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, adding that he hoped the 1741 Project was successful in their mission for a monument.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-461, Director Graziano confirmed that this project was being funded through NJ's Department of Transportation. He advised that multiple change orders had been done for this project, both increasing and decreasing the cost. He noted that according to his records, the change orders totaled \$475,000, adding that the Department had a net of \$154,000 in funding. He further advised that he had two staff members overseeing the project and was confident that change orders for additional expenses were necessary and within reason.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-462, Director Graziano advised that the Board had originally approved a concept plan that was now being expanded upon to include construction design and plans among other additional services.

Relative to Reso No. 2023-469, First Assistant Prosecutor Tansey advised that shot spotters had already been placed at their designated locations, adding that this technology would be used in conjunction with license plate readers to identify and follow vehicles within the vicinity of detected gunshots

Relative to Reso No. 2023-486, Commissioner Williams advised that she was excited to welcome best-selling author and Plainfield-native George Johnson to Plainfield's upcoming Pride Celebration.

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:

- 2023-460 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with TriTech Software Systems (CentralSquare Technologies LLC), Lake Mary, FL, for maintenance/support renewal for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) for the Department of Public Safety and the Sheriff's Office for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$167,512.56.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-461 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2023-247 adopted March 16, 2023, BA# 1-2021, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Railroad Construction Company, Inc., of Paterson, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 4 for the Gordon Street Bridge over "Out of Service" Conrail structure 2050150, Boroughs of Roselle and Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will increase the original contract amount by \$154,151.60 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$7,859,502.33. Subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-462 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-757, adopted on September 15, 2022 awarding a Professional Architectural Service Contract to USA Architects of Somerville, New Jersey to provide additional services for Space Study for 921 Elizabeth Avenue & 40 Parker Road, City of Elizabeth, New Jersey for an additional amount of \$89,062.50 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$109,062.50.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-463 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Charles F. Connolly Dist. Co., Inc., North Arlington, NJ, for the provision of replacement pumps and supplies for the Division of Facilities Management in an amount not to exceed \$26,499.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-464 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner from August 15, 2023 to September 30, 2023 from the Downtown Beautification Committee to promote Restaurant Month.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-465 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close Martine Avenue from Cooper Road to Raritan Road from 9:30 am to 12 noon on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 for Union Catholic High School Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-466 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Berkeley Heights Business & Civic's "Downtown Block Party" to be held on June 4, 2023 in the total amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-467 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring Groundwork Elizabeth's Tour De Elizabeth held on May 21, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$1,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-468 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to support the Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun, and Narcotics Task Forces for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$135,835.00. (No cost to the County of Union)

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-469 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, FY 2021, Gunshot Detection Technology Initiative for the period of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2024 in the amount of \$355,500.00. (No cost to the County of Union)

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-470 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the NJ Department of Transportation, Local Transportation Projects Fund 2023 for the NY Connects to Union County NJ East Coast Greenway Bikeway Project to create a safe bikeway corridor from the Goethals Bridge to connect to the East Coast Greenway at Centennial Avenue in Cranford, NJ.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-471 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving the by-laws of the Union County Transportation Advisory Board (UC TAB), approved at the May 3, 2023 meeting of the Union County Transportation Advisory Board.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-472 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and to receive funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan on behalf of the Union County Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-473 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager through the Union County Department of Economic Development to provide required documentation to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to ensure the County's continued participation in the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-474 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to transfer \$25,000.00 in Plainfield Program Income from Plainfield account in association with the successful administration of the Community Development Block Grant Program by the City of Plainfield, to help offset the cost of demolition for two properties destroyed in a fire.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-475 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Lighthouse Collaborative LLC, Hillside, NJ for the implementation of a 2023/2024 School Gender and Sexuality Alliances (GSAs) Program in an amount not to exceed \$38,800.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-476 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-142 to increase funds to Weiner Law Group, LLP, Parsippany, NJ, to represent the County of Union in the matter of Susan Tamburri v. County of Union, et al. in an additional amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-477 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-259 to increase funds to Gluck Walrath, LLP, Freehold, NJ, to represent the County of Union in the matter of Beverly D. Figueroa v. County of Union, et al. in an additional amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$12,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-478 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2023-3, designating Official Newspapers for legal notices of the County of Union for the Year 2023 in the amount of \$150,000, to reflect the inclusion of two additional account numbers needed in order to make payment to NJ Advanced Media and La Voz Newspaper for publishing the 2023 Springfield and Westfield Special School Election notices in the total amount not to exceed \$10,937.60, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$160,937.60.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

#### COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

**2023-479 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering the board's deepest condolences to the family of Julia Jones in their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-480 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Congratulating the following individuals from the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 104 on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout: Lika Culjak and Peter Reilly.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-481 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Elizabeth Councilman Frank Cuesta on his being honored as the Grand Marshal of the Elizabeth Cuban Day Parade.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-482 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Mary Elizabeth Kinn (Biermann) Collis on the celebration of her 101st birthday.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-483 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Garret P. Hanlon of Boy Scout Troop 80 of Cranford upon earning Scouting's highest rank, the Eagle Scout Award, on Sunday June 4th, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-484 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield upon celebrating their 115th anniversary on May 17th, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-485 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Honoring and congratulating Elizabeth A. Urquhart, as Plainfield hosts the renaming of the City Hall Library in honor of Elizabeth A. Urquhart on May 20th, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-486 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing best-selling author and activist George Johnson, author of "All Boys Aren't Blue," who will be taking part in Plainfield's LGBTQ Pride celebration.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-487 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the John E. Dwyer Technology Academy on becoming the first AVID National Demonstration High School in North New Jersey.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-488 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club on their mission to empower local volunteers to serve their communities as well as encourage peace and promote international understanding; and further recognizing the impact the Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club has had on our local Union County residents as they celebrated the Cuban community and culture with a Cuban Flag Raising Ceremony on May 18th, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-489 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing Maple & Monroe: Global Social Impact Think & Do Tank and Someone's Daughter, Inc. on their mission to promote mental health, and for their efforts in hosting "Self-Care Sunday" at Rahway River Park on May 21st, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

**2023-490 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Proclaiming June 2, 2023 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day throughout the County of Union; and further acknowledging the efforts of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America for continued work to decrease gun violence and working towards reform legislation.

On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

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### COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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Commissioner Bodek reminded residents that Primary Election Day was on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, noting that voters had several options to cast their vote. He advised that in-person Early Voting would start on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and run through Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, adding that polls would be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. He further advised that eligible voters interested in Early Voting could visit any of the seven designated early voting sites to vote in-person on the cited days. Relative to voting on Election Day on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, he advised that polls would be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and eligible voters would be required to visit their assigned polling location to cast their vote. Commissioner Bodek also advised that residents interested in casting their vote via Mail-In Ballot could request their mail-in ballot from the Union County Clerk's Office until June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. He noted that mail-in ballots could be returned using one of several secure ballot drop boxes throughout Union



County, adding that these ballot boxes were emptied daily by the Board of Elections. He added that Mail-In Ballots could also be returned by mail and or brought personally to the Union County Board of Elections and or Clerk's Office. He encouraged voters to visit the County's website for additional election-related information including a complete list of Early Voting sites and polling locations.

Commissioner Leon reminded residents that the County's annual Women Mean Business Summit would be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth and would feature Keynote Speak Esther Pak who serves as Corporate Counsel for the NJ Devils and Philadelphia 76ers. She noted that this once-a-year conference provided attendees with an immersive experience featuring a series of workshops and discussions for women in all stages of their career. She advised that pre-registration was required, adding that attendees could secure the early-bird rate of \$50 by registering for the event prior to May 31<sup>st</sup>. She added that a continental breakfast and lunch would be included with the registration fee. To close, Commissioner Leon congratulated her nephew Nicholas Leon on his recent graduation from Union Catholic, adding that she was incredibly proud of his tremendous academic accomplishments.

Commissioner Kowalski invited residents to attend the County's "Native Plant Swap and Shop" event on June 8<sup>th</sup> at Watchung Reservation. She advised that attendees could swap up to three invasive plants for a matching number of colorful, beneficial native plants for free. She noted that while registration was free and attendees were welcome on a walk-in basis, registration for attendees wishing to swap invasive plants was limited to 100 registrants. On another note, Commissioner Kowalski spoke relative to a proposed Flood Control project along the Rahway River that was halted several years ago. She advised that she was happy to report that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had invited Union County to attend an upcoming meeting of the Rahway River Mayor's Council to discuss this incredibly important project. She noted that given the severity of recent storms that have resulted in loss of life and millions of dollars in damage, it was imperative to take the necessary steps to protect residents and prevent future damage and devastation. She advised that she would provide updates as needed relative to the progress of the project.

Commissioner Baker encouraged residents to use the County's free, countywide drop-off locations to safely dispose of toxic and or potentially hazardous products commonly found in the home and yard. He advised that the County would be holding its next free Household Hazardous Waste drop-off event on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Kean University in Union. He noted that any Union County resident was welcomed regardless of their home-town, adding that proof of residency would be required to participate. He encouraged residents to visit the County's website to learn more about this and other free events offered through the County of Union.

Commissioner Williams invited residents and visitors to attend the County's annual Pride Month Flag Raising, sponsored by the U.C. Board of County Commissioners, on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth. She added that the County would also be hosting Pride in the Park on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield. She noted that this free, family fun event would include a kick-ball tournament as well as arts and crafts, games, food trucks, and other activities including an outdoor movie presentation of "Strange World". Commissioner Williams recognized the Office of LGBTQ Affairs for their efforts, adding that this Office was first established by

Chairman Granados in 2018 and was the first County government office of its kind in the State of New Jersey. She noted that this resource offered a platform for leadership and collaboration to support equality and promote awareness, advocacy and action on current and emerging issues that may impact the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals. She encouraged residents to visit the County website for more information on the Office of LGBTQ Affairs as well as Pride Month schedule updates.

Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded announced that Moody's Investor Services had reaffirmed the County's AAA bond rating last week, adding that a AAA was the highest rating a county government could achieve. She advised that according to Moody's report, "Union County's strong governance is reflected in a score of G-1. The County has built a deep bench of civil servants and outside professionals to implement its policy objectives. This, plus a combination of a strong state-wide institutional framework and highly conservative budgeting, has allowed the County not only to strengthen its finances but to do so while providing various forms of assistance to its local governments." She noted that Union County continued to maintain its strong financial position and positive fiscal outlook moving through 2023 and beyond. She confirmed the County's commitment to ensuring effective and efficient operations while still providing important programs and resources to residents as illustrated by the County's 2023 Budget with a zero % increase for the fourth year in a row. As the Chairwoman of the County Commissioners Fiscal Committee, Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded noted that she was proud of the County's continued efforts to this end. On another note, Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded recognized Chairman Granados for his efforts in creating the Kids Dig In! grant program. She advised that she had greatly enjoyed her recent visit to various schools and thanked Groundwork Elizabeth for their efforts as well. She noted that the produce grown through this initiative would be given to students in need and or local food banks.

Commissioner Granados invited residents to attend the County's annual Portuguese Flag raising ceremony on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Union County Courthouse, in commemoration of Portugal day. He advised that the event was free and being held in conjunction with the Portuguese American Leadership Council of the United States. To close, he spoke relative to the importance of Memorial Day and encouraged residents to remember and honor those that sacrificed their lives for our Country.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 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.