



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

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

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

### PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

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

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

Chairman Granados asked for a moment of silence for Israel following the horrific attacks by Hamas that unfolded over the weekend. He noted the Board's solidarity with the nation of Israel, adding that individuals of all backgrounds deserved to live in peace and security. He vocalized the Board's desire for a swift and equitable resolution that would bring enduring peace and stability to the region. He added that the Board's thoughts and prayers were with all those affected.

### PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

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A video presentation was made by the Board relative to awarding of the 2023 Open Space, Recreation & Historical Preservation Trust Fund Grant Programs: 2023 Kids Recreation Trust Grant and 2023 Greening Union County Grants.

Chairman Granados introduced the video presentation for the 2023 Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation fund.

The following grants were awarded for the 2023 Greening Union County Grant:

**Berkeley Heights : \$4,000.00**

Total Trees: 10

**Clark: \$6,300.00**

Total Trees: 25

**Cranford: \$5,000.00**

Total Trees: 30

**Elizabeth: \$23,000.00**

Total Trees: 150

**Fanwood: \$2,200.00**

Total Trees: 10

**Garwood: \$8,000.00**

Total Trees: 20

**Kenilworth: \$2,000.00**

Total Trees: 20

**New Providence: \$2,500.00**

Total Trees: 12

**Plainfield: \$10,000.00**

Total Trees: 60

**Rahway: \$6,000.00**

Total Trees: 35

**Roselle: \$5,000.00**

Total Trees: 70

**Scotch Plains: \$5,000.00**

Total Trees: 50

**Springfield: \$7,287.00**

Total Trees: 40

**Union: \$3,713.00**

Total Trees: 11

**Westfield: \$10,000.00**

Total Trees: 65

The following grants were awarded for the 2023 Kids Recreation Grant:

**Berkeley Heights: \$30,300.00**

**Project:** Implementation of a new foundation system at the lower pickleball and tennis courts at Columbia Park.

**Clark: \$24,072.00**

**Project:** Installation of new playground equipment at Veteran's Field.

**Cranford: \$60,000.00**

**Project:** Installation of air conditioning at the new Recreation Center located at 375 Centennial Avenue.

**Elizabeth: \$170,000.00**

**Project:** Replacement the existing gymnasium floors at the Erxleben Recreation Center as well as revitalize the Lynch Memorial Playground through the incorporation of a new spray park and new playground equipment.

**Fanwood: \$40,000.00**

**Project:** Installation of a new gazebo at Forest Road Park.

**Kenilworth: \$50,000.00**

**Project:** Improvements to DiMario Park, Ninth Street Park, and Sixteenth Street Park.

**Linden: \$60,000.00**

**Project:** Replacement and upgrade playgrounds that have been identified by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector(CPSI) as being in the most immediate need for replacing in the City's master plan.

**Mountainside: \$40,000.00**

**Project:** Upgrades for Deerfield School: replacement of lights at the tennis and pickleball courts, upgrade the sod and sprinkler system at the softball and baseball fields, installation of water fountains, adding safety netting at the fields, and repairing the siding and second floor of the announcing area at the Snack Shack.

**New Providence: \$50,000.00**

**Project:** For a new stand-alone pickleball courts adjacent to the existing tennis courts (court surface and lines, fencing, nets, and benches). Additionally, the funds may be used to line one of the current tennis courts to create four additional pickleball courts (including lines, nets, fencing).

**Plainfield: \$55,630.00**

**Project:** Resurfacing of the basketball courts at Seidler Field and the removal of an existing fence and the reparation of a concrete ledge near the basketball court.

**Rahway: \$65,000.00**

**Project:** Reconstruction and rehabilitation of playground structure located at Berzinec Park making it ADA accessible.

**Roselle: \$50,000.00**

**Project:** To renovate and undertake repairs at Pine Street Park and Chandler Park.

**Roselle Park: \$50,000.00**

**Project:** Renovation of Acker Park and installation of ADA features at the playground area.

**Scotch Plains:\$60,000.00**

**Project:** Resurfacing of basketball courts at Kramer Manor Park.

**Springfield: \$40,000.00**

**Project:** Renovation of Tennis Court overlay and new pickleball lines at Henshaw Park.

**Summit: \$40,000.00**

**Project:** Resurfacing and improvements of the basketball courts at Mabie Playground.

**Union: \$65,000.00**

**Project:** Upgrades for Alpine Park with ADA playground equipment and resurfacing.

**Westfield: \$50,000.00**

**Project:** Upgrades and renovations of the playground at Memorial Park as an ADA and inclusive playground.

Chairman Granados advised that the 2023 Open Space, Recreation & Historical Preservation Trust Fund Grant Programs had awarded \$300,000 for the Preserve Union County Grant, \$1,000,000.00, for the Kids Recreation Grant and \$100,000 for Greening U.C. He thanked Commissioner Leon, Chair of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, and the rest of the committee for their efforts relative to these grants.

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**APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Note and File

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

**OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK**

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

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Deputy County Clerk Clara C. Fernandez represented the Office.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Haworth Inc, Holland, MI, through New Jersey State Contract #81619 for the purpose of purchasing furniture for the renovation of the Union County Clerk's Office, in the amount not to exceed \$147,603.63. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

**OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

William Daniel, Prosecutor

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First Assistant Prosecutor James Tansey represented the Office.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to serve as independent contractors as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team for the period of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$107,630.00. Subaward JAG-1-20TF-22. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the purpose described in the application from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the BJA FY 23 Formula DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program in the amount of \$611,349.00 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

#### OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

Peter Corvelli, Sheriff

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Chairman Granados recognized Sheriff Corvelli and his office for their collaboration with faith-based communities to ensure the safety of local residents in light of the conflict in Israel. He asked Sheriff Corvelli to provide more information relative to these efforts.

Sheriff Corvelli advised that in coordination with local clergy, faith leaders, and municipal police chiefs, he would be reassigning Sheriff Personnel in the coming weeks to provide additional security to houses of worship, civic centers, and other places of mass gatherings. He noted that Sheriff Officers would be in uniform clearly visible. He noted that these reassignments would not interfere with the functions of the County's Sheriff Office.

Chairman Granados thanked Sheriff Corvelli and his staff for their proactive efforts.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) for FY 2023 in the amount of \$100,000 to support the County Reentry Coordinator Program. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Amending Resolution 2021-720, an agreement with the County of Hudson for rehabilitation services to reflect a new contract period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Concurring with Resolution 2023-28 of the Union County Workforce Development Board authorizing the Program Year 2022 Workforce Development Area Budget indirect expenses. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
2. Concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board's Resolution No. 2023-29 to increase the total contract amount to Weber Dowd Law, LLC for legal services by \$5,000.00 for a new total contract not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

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

Joseph Policay, Acting Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, West Trenton, New Jersey for a Joint Funding Agreement (Agreement Number 24LJJFA16) for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 for a sum not to exceed \$18,465.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Leon asked Acting Director Policay to elaborate on this item.

Acting Director Policay advised that the cited vendor was responsible for monitoring stream gauges and water levels throughout various bodies of water in Union County. He added that this information was then relayed to his Department so that areas of concern could be analyzed and addressed.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with USA Architects, Somerville, New Jersey to provide Architectural Services for the Union County Administration Building Sliding Door Replacement, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$34,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2023-022). **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution No. 2019-1103, with Pennoni Associates to provide additional design and construction and inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$2,175.00 for a new contract amount of not to exceed \$108,706.84. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-017) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Amending Resolution No. 2021-333, a contract with IH Engineering, Princeton, New Jersey to provide additional design and construction and inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$100,898.56 for a new contract amount of not to exceed \$803,405.48. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2011-051) **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Amending Resolution No. 2022-963, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJ.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Challenger Fence, Inc. Paterson, NJ, for Fencing Systems Services, approving Change Order Number 1 to increase the original contract amount by \$50,000.00 for

a new contract amount not to exceed \$260,000.00 (B.A. # 32-2022).  
**(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with A & K Equipment Company of Rahway, NJ, on ESCNJ 23/24-04, for the purchase of two (2) dump truck bodies in an amount not to exceed \$38,671.40. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang a banner on October 19, 2023 thru November 27, 2023 and close S. Springfield Avenue, Milltown Road, Laurel Drive, Linden Avenue, Wabeno Avenue and Mountain Avenue on November 23, 2023 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am advertising the annual 5K For Thanks, Turkey Trot. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. Granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close a portion of Park Avenue from East 2nd Street to Front Street from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm on November 11, 2023 for the Veteran's Day Ceremony. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
9. Granting permission to the Borough of Mountainside to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue from October 11, 2023 to October 28, 2023 advertising Restaurant Week. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

**Bibi Taylor, Director**

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$611,349.00 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Justice for a program entitled: DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,891,305.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$301,158.42 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$11,000,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services for a program entitled: Warinanco Park Upgrades. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
5. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$13,750,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Local

Government Services for a program entitled: Development, Capital and Operating Expenses. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

6. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,624.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: Online Board Worker Training Bilingual Enhancement Grant Program. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
7. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Union County Middlesex Reservoir Water Reclamation Project. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
8. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children & Families for a program entitled: Union County Mental Health Program-Pediatric Behavioral Health Access Expansion Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
9. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$228,476.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Justice for a program entitled: Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program-Competitive. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
10. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$74,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a program entitled: Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Callout Program Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
11. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$63,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a program entitled: STEP Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
12. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$78,650.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for a program entitled: Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
13. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,375.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State-Division of Elections for a program entitled: Rutgers Training Grant - Back to Basics Election Training. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
14. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$41,977.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Paratransit - Aging APC Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**



15. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$17,700.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
16. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$15,250.00 as a result of notification received from the Township of Hillside, New Jersey for a program entitled: UCBOE - Township of Hillside Run-Off Election 2023. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
17. Modifying the 2023 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$170,574.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Mental Health for a program entitled: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Innovative (ADA-I) Grant. **(Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

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1. Amending Resolution No. 2023-817 to reflect an increase in the Area Plan Contract Spending Plan for Year 2 of the 2022-2024 Area Plan in the amount of \$846,187.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$8,224,154.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, NJ for the provision of wrap-around services to eligible Union County residents experiencing Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), under the NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) FY2024 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Innovative (ADAI) funding in the total amount not to exceed \$169,574.00 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

Chairman Granados asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this was a contract with Trinitas Regional Medical Center to provide case management services for individuals in recover for opioid use disorder. She added that this was a wonderful program and was greatly needed.

3. Amending Resolution No. 2022-809, a contract with Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services, Union, NJ, for the provision of wrap-around services to eligible Union County residents experiencing homelessness in conjunction with the Continuum of Care program, extending the contract period for an additional three (3) months through December 31, 2023 and increasing the contract award in the amount of \$22,500.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$121,504.00. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
4. Amending Resolution No. 2022-819, a contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ, for the operation of the Union County Children's Shelter for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, to increase the contract award in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$553,000.00, with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the contract. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

5. Amending Resolution No. 2022-878, a contract with Family Promise Inc. Summit, NJ, for the provision of the 2023 Shelter Diversion Program to increase the contract award in the amount of \$25,000.00, for a total contract not to exceed \$175,000.00, with no further changes to the terms or conditions of the contract. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

#### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Victoria Durbin-Drake, Director

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1. Amending Resolution No. 2023-50 to increase the allocation amount for Murray Paving & Concrete, LLC., through ESCNJ Co-op (20/21-03), for the replacement of Rahway Park pool gutter system for the Department of Parks & Recreation for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an additional amount not to exceed \$1,033,866.56 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,033,866.56. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to PS&S, Warren, New Jersey to provide planning, engineering, and design services for the replacement of the Cedar Shingle Roofs at the six houses located at the Deserted Village of Feltville, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$44,500.00. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked Director Durbin-Drake to elaborate on some of the work being done at the Deserted Village.

Director Durbin-Drake advised that the Deserted Village was on the NJ's historic register, adding that Union County was designated as the steward of that property. She noted that this item would cover engineering and design services for six houses at the Deserted Village. She further advised that these structures required new roofs, adding that the last roof replacement was done in 1992. She noted that cedar shingle roofs had a lifetime of about 30 years, but due to the heavily-forested location, the life-span of said roofs was significantly reduced.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers, Secaucus, New Jersey to provide design and inspection services for the Warinanco Park Tennis Courts Improvements Project No. 2023-012, in an amount not to exceed \$64,787.00. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation, T.R. Weniger, Inc., Piscataway, NJ for the purpose of hydro raking of Union County Ponds (BA 32-2023) in the amount of not to exceed \$289,000.00. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to execute an agreement with the Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth, NJ for the administration and implementation of swim lessons at their indoor facilities for the remainder of 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$16,302.00. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Professional Farrier Services, Inc., Green Brook, NJ, pursuant to a competitive contract procurement process, RCCP #1-2023, for farrier services at Watchung Stables in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for the period of December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2025 with options to extend for one twenty-four (24) month period and one final additional twelve (12) month period at the County's sole discretion. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Dennis Burke, Acting Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a ten (10) year Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of New Providence for 911 Police, Fire and EMS Dispatching Services, commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2033 in the amount of \$159,181.00 for the first year, with a 2% increase January 1st of each subsequent calendar year. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

Chairman Granados highlighted the addition of another municipality to the County's Shared Services Agreement for Police, Fire, and EMS Dispatching Services.

Acting Director Burke noted that the Department of Public Safety was currently transitioning New Providence to the County's regional communication center, adding that he looked forward to collaborating with New Providence on these efforts as well as expanding upon the County's Shared Services Agreement for dispatch services.

2. 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 \$150,000.00. (At no cost to the County of Union) Subaward number GDT-17-21. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
3. Amending Resolution No. 2023-378, a contract with Coronis Health RCM, LLC, Morganville, NJ to reflect an increase to the 2023 contract in the amount of \$9,615.33 for a new total amount not to exceed \$259,615.33. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the FY 2023 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to provide equipment and training to the UASI region to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism in an amount not to exceed \$1,891,305.00. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the Fiscal Year 2023 New Jersey Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) in order to enhance the County's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism in the amount not to exceed \$301,158.42. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
6. Amending Resolution No. 2020-410, a contract with Visual Computer Solutions (Jobs4Blue), Freehold, New Jersey, to implement and administer an Off-Duty Detail

Management System for the County of Union to exercise the only option to extend the contract for a period of 24 months from November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2025 at no direct cost to the County. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

#### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

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1. Rescinding and withdrawing the prior action whereby Union County did construct and maintain Bonnie Burn Road within the County of Somerset. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked for additional information regarding Union County's discussions with the County of Somerset relative to Bonnie Burn Road.

Counsel Bergen advised that the County of Somerset had recently adopted a Resolution earlier that week acknowledging that they would be assigning Bonnie Burn Road a County Road Number and would be assuming full responsibility for the maintenance of said road.

Chairman Granados recognized County Manager Oatman's efforts to this end and asked him if he had anything to add.

County Manager Oatman advised that Engineering Acting Director Policay and County Engineer Matias had inspected the condition of Bonnie Burn Road, noting that rescinding this maintenance agreement had been a collaborative effort between the County of Union and the County of Somerset.

Commissioner Mirabella thanked County Manager Oatman for his efforts to this end, adding that he always thought it queer that a road in Somerset County was being maintained by the County of Union. He noted that the original maintenance agreement had been executed over a century ago.

County Manager confirmed that the original agreement had been executed over 100 years ago.

2. Amending Resolutions Nos. 2023-18 and 2023-477 to confirm a name change for the Law Firm of Gluck Walrath, L.L.P. to Dilworth Paxon LLP, Philadelphia PA. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
3. Amending Resolution No. 2017-259 to include permission for additional County owned vehicles to park on the premises leased from the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and to allow installation of a fence thereon. **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Letter of Intent for acquisition of property from the Union County Vocational Technical School, being a portion of the property designated on the tax map of the Township of Scotch Plains as Block 14001, Lot 9, containing a baseball field, for the sum of One and 00/100 Dollars (\$1.00). **(Chairman Sergio Granados)**

**COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulating the awardees at the 17th Annual Harambee Breakfast and Awards Ceremony hosted by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Greater Elizabeth Area Section, on September 30, 2023. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, & The Entire Board)**
2. Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Nancy Mondella, former Councilwoman and Board of Education member for the Township of Hillside, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, & The Entire Board)**
3. Congratulating the Plainfield Fire Department as they host their Annual Fire Prevention Fair on Saturday, October 21st, in honor of National Fire Prevention Week. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to award 2023 Greening Union County grants to fifteen (15) municipalities in the County of Union in accordance with the grant criteria in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to award Kids Recreation Trust 2023 grants to eighteen (18) municipalities in the County of Union, in accordance with the Kids Recreation Trust grant criteria in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,002.00 **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to award Preserve Union County 2023 grants to nine (9) historic sites throughout the County of Union in an amount not to exceed \$308,350.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
7. Recognizing October 2023 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month, reflecting the continued commitment of the Union County Board of County Commissioners to the Union County Office for Persons with Disabilities & Special Needs and the disabled community they serve. **(Chairman Sergio Granados, Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**

**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 6:36 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**

January 26, 2023  
February 9, 2023  
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**REGULAR MEETINGS**

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December 21, 2023

  
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.