



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

Deputy County Clerk Clara C. Fernandez represented the Office.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending resolution 2021-803, a contract with Santorini Construction, Neptune NJ, for the Renovation and Remodeling of the Office of the Union County Clerk, in an additional amount of not to exceed \$159,332.42, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$3,345,332.42. (Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR
William Daniel, Prosecutor

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2023-576, entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Office of the Attorney General regarding the mobility assignment of Assistant Prosecutor General through January 5, 2024, to reflect an extension of the contract; all other contract terms remain unchanged. (Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the County Examiners to serve as independent contractors for the Assault Response Team for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. (Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)
3. Amending Resolution 2023-1073, a contract with (D/B/A/ Life Technologies), Waltham, MA, for the purchase of reagents, supplies, and service agreements to perform DNA testing by the Union County Forensic Laboratory in the account allocations only; all other terms remain unchanged. (Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)
4. Amending Resolution 2023-1071, authorizing the County to accept funding from the State of New Jersey for the Child Advocacy Development Project, for Technology and Capital Improvement, in the amount of \$117,412.00; all other terms remain unchanged. (Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)
5. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for the LEOTEF Grant described in the application from the New Jersey Department of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety, General under the SFY24 Law Enforcement (LEOTEF) Grant Program, in the amount of \$100,000. (Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

1. Amending Resolution 2023-1005, a contract with the State of New Jersey, Trenton, NJ, for the provision of social assistance and uplift working families' under the Welfare Reform Act; account number change only, all other terms remain unchanged. (Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)

Commissioner Mirabella asked Deputy County Manager Amy Crisp Wagner if there were any questions or comments by the Board.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this program, started approximately eight years ago, provided undocumented immigrants with green card and citizenship application guidance as well as classes and fee waivers, among other services.

2. Amending Resolution 2023-1083, a contract with Millennium Strategies, Morristown, NJ, providing grant writing and procurement services, to reflect an increase in the amount of \$4,000.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$102,000.00; all other contract terms remain unchanged. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Amending Resolution 2022-63, authorizing the County Manager to exercise an option to the contract with All Covered, a division of Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA, Cherry Hill, NJ, for the purpose of providing technical services for the Bureau of Information Technologies, to reflect a two (2) month extension for a period beginning February 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$47,500, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$622,660. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Policay, Acting Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2023-627, a contract with CME Associates of Monmouth Junction, New Jersey, to provide additional Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services (LSRP) related to the remediation of the former Trap and Skeet Facility at Lenape Park located in the Township of Cranford, to increase the contract award in the amount of \$696,254.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$1,377,275.00. **(Commissioner Joseph C Bodek)**
2. Amending Resolution 2019-247, a contract with Matrix New World of Florham Park, New Jersey, for Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Environmental Compliance Services and Remedial Investigation activities at the following locations: Department of Public Works Complex, Scotch Plains (RI); Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth; Warinanco Park, Roselle and Elizabeth; Houdaille Quarry, Springfield; Department of Public Works Complex, Scotch Plains (RA) and Cherry Street Maintenance Garage, Elizabeth; to increase the contract award in the amount of \$549,810.00 for a new total contract not to exceed \$1,808,305.00. **(Commissioner Joseph C Bodek)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CME Associates, of Parlin, New Jersey to provide design, construction administration and inspection services for the 2025 Road Resurfacing Project for an amount not to exceed \$249,134.00. **(Commissioner Joseph C Bodek)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with PS&S of Warren, New Jersey to provide On-Call General Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2024-002). **(Commissioner Joseph C Bodek)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey to provide On-Call Environmental Engineering Services

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14. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (B.A. # 40-2023) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Pennetta Industrial Automation, Little Ferry, NJ, for the purpose of providing Electronic & Electro-Mechanical Systems Services for twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension in an amount not to exceed \$108,550.00. **(Commissioner Joseph C Bodek)**
15. Amending Resolution 2023-993, a contract with Electronic Manufacturers Recycling Management Company (MRM), to reflect the correct contract period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 with options to extend the contract for two (2) additional 12-month periods with no other changes to the prior resolution or terms and conditions of the contract. **(Commissioner Joseph C Bodek)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Approving transfer of Current Fund Appropriations. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Amending Resolution 2023-929, authorizing the 2023 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan, to reflect a five (5) month extension for a new grant and contract period of January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024; with no other changes to the spending plan or terms of the agreement. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to extend the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA #49-2021, Reso 2021-888) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Human Services: HFT Management Inc., for the purpose of providing advertising on Union County Paratransit System Vehicles, exercising the option to extend for one (1) twenty-four (24) month period of December 21, 2023 through December 20, 2025, as a revenue generating contract. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to both qualify, pursuant to a Request for Qualifications procurement process and enter into a contract with Dr. Tasharofi, Union County Healthcare Associates, Rahway, NJ to serve as Medical Director of the Union County Pediatric Immunization Clinic located at 40 Parker Road, Elizabeth for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of not to exceed \$26,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
4. Amending Resolution 2023-835, a contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ for Supportive Services for customers of the American Job Center, to extend the contract for a period of three (3) months through March 31, 2024 March 31, 2024; all other contract terms remain unchanged. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with The Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, New Jersey to provide warming center services for homeless individuals of Union County on designated Code Blue Nights for the period of January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$53,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked Director Anderson to provide and update relative to the designated Code Blue Nights announced this season.

Director Anderson advised that as of November 1st, 46 Code Blue Nights had been announced, adding that the County had provided warming shelter services to over 550 individuals, 247 of which were children. She noted the Department's continued efforts to secure additional warming center services to accommodate the growing need.

6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Elizabeth, NJ for the 2024 Homeless Outreach and Shelter Program for the period of January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 in the amount of not to exceed \$50,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
7. Amending Resolution 2023-927, approving the County Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative to address the needs of homeless individuals during periods of extreme weather conditions, to add the services of four (4) shelters to the list of Code Blue vendors for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with no change in the total appropriation. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Granados thanked Director Anderson and the volunteers for their participation and efforts in the Point In Time Count, noting the importance of this resource in saving lives.

Commissioner Baker asked Director Anderson if this item was meant to add additional sheltering resources.

Director Anderson confirmed that the County would be adding four additional shelters to the Department's existing list. She noted that shelters were being secured in adjacent counties, adding that Essex County facilities could furnish 300 beds.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Victoria Durbin-Drake, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Resolution authorizing the County Manager to renew the one (1) year residential lease for caretaker of the County's Feltville Village. **(Vice-Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the one (1) year residential lease for the caretaker of the County's Watchung Stables. **(Vice-Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

3. Authorizing County Manager to Execute a License Agreement with T & F Industries, Township of Union, NJ allowing them access to Zimmerman Park to remediate contamination on the property. **(Vice-Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant application from the NJDEP/Green Acres program for a Supplemental Funding Request for Acquisition Projects in the amount of \$6,536,450.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Dennis Burke, Acting Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Trigyn Technologies, Inc., Edison, New Jersey for a vaccination management system for the contract period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec Rescue International, Virginia Beach, Virginia, to provide exercise support and training to members of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue (MUSAR) Task Force from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2022 and 2023 UASI grants, in an amount not to exceed \$172,685.25. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
3. 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, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$191,168.48. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
4. Authorizing the County of Union to apply for and accept the New Jersey Office of Emergency Telecommunications within the Office of Information Technology FY-2024 Next Generation 9-1-1 Grant in the amount of \$300,806.98, for the grant period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
5. Amending Resolution 2022-670, a contract awarded pursuant to advertised public bidding (BA# 24-2022) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., with Continental Hardware, Inc., Newark, NJ, for the provision of providing Lumber and Associated Materials, to reflect an additional account number and a concurrent allocation transfer with no increase in contract amount; all other contract terms remain unchanged. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation

support and specialists which are essential to the defense of the County of Union during the year 2024 in amount not to exceed \$33,000.00. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with LexisNexis, a division of RELX Inc., Philadelphia, PA for the purchase of law books, internet services and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional offices and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$61,432.00. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Gann Law Books, Newark, NJ for the purchase of law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional offices and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$46,700.00. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Amending Resolution 022-257, a contract with Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC, New Providence, NJ, to represent Lt. Gaetano Bracciale in the matter entitled Beverly D. Figueroa v. County of Union, et al, to reflect an increase for an additional amount not to exceed \$27,350.00 for a new contract total amount not to exceed \$34,850.00 **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2024 Board of County Commissioners

GRANT APPLICATION PRESENTATION

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded turned the meeting over to Commissioner Granados.

Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Board Chair Commissioner Granados called upon the representatives of T&M Associates to make their presentation relative to the Green Acres Program Grant Applications.

A presentation was made by Kristopher Krzyston and Gail Lalla of T&M Associates, Middletown, NJ relative to the County of Union's Department of Parks and Recreation application for: Funding through the State of NJ Urban Parks Program [and the Green Acres Program] for improvements at Rahway River Park located at 3 Parkway Drive (Block 179.01, Lot 48) in the Township of Clark and the City of Rahway, Union County, New Jersey; and Funding through the State of NJ Green Acres Stewardship Program for improvements at Oak Ridge Park located at 136 Oak Ridge Road (Block 3, Lot 1) in the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey; and Funding through the State of NJ Green Acres Jake's Law Grant for improvements at Warinanco Park located at 822-828 Vine St, in the City of Elizabeth and Borough of Roselle Park.

Kristopher Krzyston and Gail Lalla of T&M Associates provided additional information related to the plans slated for the aforementioned parks using funding from NJ's Green Acres Program.

PUBLIC HEARING

The hearing was opened to the public for commenting on the aforementioned three (3) County of Union's Department of Parks and Recreation applications to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey Green Acres Program.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, noted that the inclusion of additional trees as a benefit and asked about the cited cost.

Kristopher Krzyston of T&M Associates confirmed the cited costs, adding that the project slated for Rahway River Park did not require additional trees to be planted as trees were already on site.

(inaudible), of Clark, thanked the Board of County Commissioners as well as Parks and Recreation Director Durbin-Drake for their continued efforts at the various County parks. He inquired about potential plans for a 250th anniversary celebration of the American Revolution in 2026.

There were no additional comments or questions.

OFFICE OF OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

Victoria Durbin-Drake, Administrator

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant application from the NJDEP/Green Acres Program to carry out a restoration and landscape improvement project at the Homestead Farmhouse at Oak Ridge Park, Clark, NJ in the amount of \$479,800.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant application from the NJDEP/Green Acres Program to carry out an all-inclusive playground improvement project at Warinanco Park, in the Borough of Roselle and the City of Elizabeth, NJ in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant application from the NJDEP/Green Acres Program to carry out a playground improvement project at Rahway River Park, in the City of Rahway and the Town of Clark, NJ in the amount of \$605,100.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

1. Recognizing the City of Elizabeth's African-American History Month Proclamation Signing Program held on February 5, 2024. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
2. Recognizing the month of January as Muslim Heritage Month. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
3. Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Debra Fernandes-Lehotsky during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
4. Extending this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Teresa Ann Politano, who passed away on January 24, 2024. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
10. Congratulating Union County Vocational-Technical Schools on being awarded the Lighthouse Award which recognizes school districts and charter schools in New Jersey for illuminating the path toward education improvement and equitable outcomes on January 19, 2024 **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, & The Entire Board)**
11. Recognizing William H. Thomas, of Scotch Plains, as he celebrates his 90th birthday on February 1, 2024. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
12. Resolution recognizing the following honorees of the Union County Baseball Association 87th Annual Hot Stove Dinner held on January 28, 2024: Thomas Langan (John Langan Memorial Award); George Visconti (Chris Zusi Memorial Award); Ryan Matlosz (Hall of Fame Inductee); Brian Chapman (Hall of Fame Inductee); John Wagner (Hall of Fame Inductee); 1987 Roselle Park High School Baseball Team (Outstanding Achievement); 1982 Linden High School Baseball Team (Outstanding Achievement); and Al Santorini (Special Guest Speaker). **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Union County Courthouse- 2 Broad Street. Elizabeth

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

Thursday, January 25, 2024
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
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Wednesday, July 17, 2024
Wednesday, August 14, 2024
Wednesday, September 11, 2024
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Wednesday, November 13, 2024
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
Wednesday, December 18, 2024

REGULAR MEETINGS

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

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings, with the exception of the January 25, 2024 meetings, are to be regularly held on Wednesday evenings. These meetings 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, 6th floor located at 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth New Jersey, 07207. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.