

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Granados presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Rebecca Williams were present, with Commissioner Sergio Granados and 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item was discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Litigation strategy in the matter of Kenilworth Republican Committee Members v. Union County Clerk, Union County Board of Elections and Union County.

County Counsel Bergen stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public body could enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects.

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a litigation strategy in the matter of Kenilworth Republican Committee Members v. Union County Clerk, Union County Board of Elections and Union County.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session would be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, would be available in approximately 30 days. He stated that the Clerk of the Board would retain the original minutes until

such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board could enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return may or may not take formal action on the matters discussed.

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Kowalski absent.

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded called for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Kowalski absent.

County Counsel Bergen advised that he had nothing to report following Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Williams, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Kowalski absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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.

Local 5112 HPAAE Secretary Treasurer, Alexis Rean Walker, of Roselle spoke relative to the Union's labor negotiations with the County of Union. She outlined the Union's requests and asked the County to negotiate in good faith and consider their demands.

Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital employee, Ann Marie Howard, of Middlesex County, also spoke relative to Local 5112 HPAAE's union negotiations with the County of Union. She mentioned certain difficulties experienced in hiring and retaining quality employees, citing salaries as a central issue. She noted a petition she had bearing the signature of twenty-four employees that shared in her concerns.

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded advised that the Board of Commissioners was prohibited from getting involved in Union labor negotiations and or agreements.

Frank Wilson, of Roselle Park, spoke relative to Ash Brook Golf Course and the persistent flooding on-site, adding that these issues often made the courses unplayable. He noted the role of Hurricane Ida is exacerbating the existing problems.

John Cort, of Rahway, noted his frustration over the golf course as Ash Brook, adding that conditions had forced players to seek alternate courses outside of Union County.

Bob Kasko, of Westfield, also shared his frustrations over Ash Brook Golf Course, noting that courses were often unplayable. He invited the Board to visit the course and take a greater interest in remedying the problems on site.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments and asked questions relative to several resolutions. Relative to Reso No. 2024-72, Reso No. 2024-74, and Reso No. 2024-76, he made comments relative to the cited vendor. He asked for additional information relative to Reso No. 2024-72. Relative to Reso No. 2024-74, he asked about the miles of road to be repaved. Relative to Reso No. 2024-83, he asked for additional information. Mr. Paterson also made comments about the funding for Reso No. 2024-101. Relative to general comments, he noted the removal of the Amphibious Excavator at the Ash Brook wetlands as well as the constant flooding of the fairways on the course. To close, he made allegations about Finance Director Taylor which prompted County Manager Oatman to refute Mr. Paterson's claim.

Relative to Reso No. 2024-72, County Engineer Matias advised that this item related to ongoing environmental remediation efforts at Lenape Park.

Relative to Reso No. 2024-74, County Engineer Matias advised that this paving project would include 15 miles of road. He advised that this project was awarded to the lowest bidder.

Relative to Reso No. 2024-83, County Engineer Matias advised that this was a new parking lot off Spring Street.

Labor Representative, Kathy Hatfield, spoke relative to the ongoing negotiations with Local 5112 HPAAE, noting that she always negotiated in good faith. She discussed the disputes about salary, noting that she was committed to fair negotiations with reasonable concessions.

County Manager Oatman responded to Mr. Paterson's comments about Director Taylor; noting his comments have continued for 18 months.

Relative to Oak Ridge Golf Course, County Engineer Matias advised that work on-site was ongoing, noting that a consulting firm had been contracted to produce conceptual plans to present to NJDEP for general permitting. He added that those plans were currently being reviewed by NJDEP, noting a 90-day review period and a requested extension. He further advised that once general permitting was received, the consulting firm would finalize plans for the work to be bid on.

Deputy County Clerk Fernandez advised that the increase in funding was needed for work that was initially slated to be done in-house. She added that all the renovation work was being funded by the County Clerk's Trust Fund.

There were no additional questions or comments.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2024-66 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** 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.

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

- 2024-67 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** 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.

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

- 2024-68 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** 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.

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

- 2024-69 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, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$191,168.48.

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

2024-70 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: 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.

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

2024-71 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: 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.

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

2024-72 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: 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 Sleet 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.

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

2024-73 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: 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.

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

2024-74 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: 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.

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

2024-75 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: 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).

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

2024-76 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey to provide On-Call Environmental Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

2024-77 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Dewberry Engineers, Inc of Bloomfield, New Jersey to provide On-Call Bridge Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2024-004).

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

2024-78 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Bowman Consulting Group of Burlington, New Jersey to provide On-Call Traffic Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2024-005).

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

2024-79 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with French & Parrello Associates of Wall Township, New Jersey to

provide On-Call MEP Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2024-006).

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

2024-80 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with USA Architects of Somerville, New Jersey to provide On-Call Architectural Services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2024-007).

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

2024-81 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers of Secaucus, New Jersey to provide On-Call Hydraulic Services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2024-008).

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

2024-82 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design of Mt. Arlington, New Jersey to provide On-Call Parks Services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2024-009).

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

2024-83 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: 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 New Spring Street Parking Lot Project in an amount not to exceed \$197,069.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2023-010).

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

2024-84 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Amending Resolution 2023-1036, a contract awarded pursuant to advertised public bidding (BA# 27-2021) in accordance with

the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., with H & S Construction and Mechanical, Inc, of Elizabeth, New Jersey to reflect a correction in the final contract amount from \$3,043,695.68 to \$3,043,596.68.

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

2024-85 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: 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.

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

2024-86 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: 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.

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

2024-87 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2024-88 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

- 2024-89 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2024-90 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2024-91 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2024-92 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2024-93 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

- 2024-94 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** 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.

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

2024-95 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2024-96 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: 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.

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

2024-97 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON: Resolution authorizing the County Manager to renew the one (1) year residential lease for caretaker of the County's Feltville Village.

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

2024-98 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to renew the one (1) year residential lease for the caretaker of the County's Watchung Stables.

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

2024-99 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON: 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.

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

2024-100 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS: Approving transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.

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

2024-101 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

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

2024-102 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution 2023-576, entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) providing the temporary mobility assignment of Assistant Prosecutor Tiffany Wilson from January 5, 2023 through January 5, 2024, to reflect an extension of the MOU through June 15, 2024; all other contract terms remain unchanged.

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

2024-103 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contracts with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to serve as independent contractors as part of the Union County Sexual Assault Response Team for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

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

2024-104 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution 2023-1073, a contract with Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., (D/B/A/ Life Technologies), Waltham, MA, for the purchase of proprietary reagents, supplies, and service agreements for instrument maintenance necessary to perform DNA testing by the Union County Forensic Laboratory, to reflect a change in the account allocations only; all other terms of the contract remain unchanged.

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

2024-105 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution 2023-1071, authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of

New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for the Child Advocacy Development Grants - Treatment Services, Programs, Technology and Capital Improvement, to reflect a corrected award amount of \$117,412.00; all other terms remain unchanged.

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

2024-106 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the purpose described in the application from the State of New Jersey, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General under the SFY24 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund (LEOTEF) Grant Program, in the amount of \$9,275.00.

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

2024-107 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution 2023-1005, a contract with We Are One New Jersey Inc., Trenton, NJ, for the provision of social and human services that educate, empower, and uplift working families' under the We Are One New Jersey Project, to reflect an account number change only, all other contract terms remain unchanged.

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

2024-108 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

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

2024-109 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: 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.

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

- 2024-110 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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

- 2024-111 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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

- 2024-112 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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.

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

- 2024-113 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** 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

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

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

- 2024-114 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Debra Fernandes-Lehotsky during their time of sorrow.

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

2024-115 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Extending this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Teresa Ann Politano, who passed away on January 24, 2024.

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

2024-116 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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.

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

2024-117 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing William H. Thomas, of Scotch Plains, as he celebrates his 90th birthday on February 1, 2024.

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

2024-118 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: 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).

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

2024-119 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing the City of Elizabeth's African-American History Month Proclamation Signing Program held on February 5, 2024.

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

2024-120 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing the month of January as Muslim Heritage Month.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Bodek reminded residents that the Board would once again be partnering with the Shade Tree Advisory Board to sponsor the annual Arbor Day Poetry Contest for students throughout Union County. He advised that this contest would be organized through the schools and would be open to 4th-8th graders, noting that the deadline for submissions would be March 8th. He further advised that 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from each grade would be selected, adding that these students would be invited to attend the Commissioner meeting on April 24th. He encouraged interested schools to contact Andrea Staten for additional information.

Commissioner Delisfort invited residents to attend a free jazz performance by Bob Devou Quarter featuring Lance Bryan, organized through the County's Office of Cultural & Heritage affairs. She noted that the performance would take place on February 22nd at UCPAC's Hamilton Stage. She also advised that the 12th Annual Chester Holmes Humanitarian Award would also be presented that evening. She noted that the event was free, but registration was required. Commissioner Delisfort closed by encouraging residents to visit the County's website to learn more about the activities and performances scheduled throughout Union County in celebration of Black History Month.

Commissioner Mirabella recognized the County's Parks and Recreation Department as well as the Rutgers Co-Op for the planting of seven red maple trees at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. He advised that these trees were part of a greater plan by the Oak Ridge Golf Group, which would see the addition of 15 more trees planted to create a barrier between the disc golf course and pedestrian walkways. On another note, he spoke relative to his recent attendance of the firefighter graduation at Union College and thanked Dr. McMenamin for her hospitality in hosting the event. To close, Commissioner Mirabella recognized Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded for a successful meeting and applauded Commissioner Delisfort's proactive approach to her new position as County Commissioner.

Commissioner Baker advised that the County would be partnering with the Shade Tree Advisory Board to provide free flowering eastern rosebud trees to local schools upon request. He noted that quantities were limited and the deadline to request a tree was March 22nd. He encouraged schools to contact Andrea Staten for additional information.

Commissioner Williams welcomed Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded to her role as Commissioner Chairwoman, noting that she was disappointed to have missed the Reorganization Meeting earlier that month. She responded to the comments made by Mr. Paterson about Director Taylor, noting his constant attempts to smear her reputation. On another note, she invited residents to attend the County's flag raising ceremony in honor of Black History Month, taking place on February 1st at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth. She noted the importance of Black History Month in understanding and appreciating the influence and contributions of black Americans on American history. She noted several other events slated for Black History Month and encouraged interested residents to visit the County's website for additional information.

Vice-Chairwoman Leon also addressed the comments made by Mr. Paterson regarding Director Taylor; comments in which she characterized as misogynistic. On another note, she invited aging residents and their caregivers to attend the Aging Services Kiosk (ASK) events taking place during the month of February. She advised that this event would provide invaluable guidance to senior and their caregivers regarding available resources and services, including home meals, respite care, and adult day care among others. She noted that bilingual assistance would also be available.

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded echoed the frustration of the golfers from Oak Ridge Park, noting that the County would continue its efforts in addressing the issues on site. On another note, she spoke relative to her recent participation in the Point in Time Count, organized through the Department of Human Services. She thanked Director Anderson and all the volunteers for their efforts, noting it as an eye-opening and humbling experience. On Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded noted her attendance of a sending off ceremony for the 1st Squadron 102nd Cavalry Regiment, adding that they would be deployed to Texas and then Iraq and Syria. She wished them all the best and thanked them for their service to our country.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

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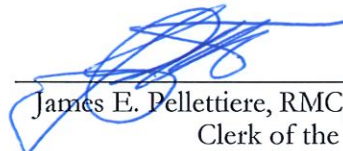
REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Union County Courthouse- 2 Broad Street. Elizabeth

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

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Clerk of the Board

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