



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Vice-Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Rebecca Williams were present, with Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr and Commissioner Sergio Granados were 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 called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - Regular Meeting
3. Wednesday, March 27, 2024 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Wednesday, March 27, 2024 - Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded called for a motion to approve the March Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Bodek and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the March 13th Agenda Setting and Regular meeting minutes, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner

Granados absent; and six members of the Board voted in the affirmative for the March 27th Agenda Setting and Regular Meeting Minutes, with Commissioner Mirabella abstaining and Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados 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.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked questions and made comments relative to several resolutions Relative to Reso Nos. 2024-313 & 2024-314, he asked why increases were being requested now for prior year projects. Relative to Reso No. 2024-317, he asked for additional information. Mr. Paterson also asked for a status update on the Courthouse Stairwell Project. He made comments relative to the County's 2024 Annual Budget and Commissioner Baker.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2024 313 & 2024-314, County Engineer Matias advised that these items would fund additional design and inspection services being requested by the Department related to NJ storm water requirements as well as additional ADA considerations.

Relative to Reso No. 2024-317, County Engineer Matias advised that this item was related to a new requirement through NJ's Department of Transportation. He noted that the NJDOT now required pre-qualification by the contracting agency for any project that receives state DOT funding over \$5,000,000.

Relative to the Courthouse Stairwell Project, County Engineer Matias advised that the Department was working to closeout this project, adding that additional work was still needed.

Relative to the 2024 County Budget, County Manager Oatman advised that the County's 2024 Budget could be viewed on the County's website.

There were no additional questions or comments.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2024-312 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Elite Vehicle Solutions through New Jersey State Contract #17-FLEET-00749 for the purchase of equipment for Union County Sheriff's transport vehicles in the amount not to exceed \$229,500.00.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-313 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Amending Resolution 2020-96 adopted January 23, 2020, a contract with Neglia Engineering Associates, Mountainside, New Jersey, to provide additional design and construction administration services related to the 2021 Road Resurfacing Project in an amount not to exceed \$38,850.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$323,589.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2019-023).

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-314 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Amending Resolution 2021-77 adopted January 21, 2021, a contract with Neglia Engineering Associates, Mountainside, New Jersey, to provide additional design and construction administration services related to the 2022 Road Resurfacing Project in an amount not to exceed \$47,385.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$360,277.00 (Union County Engineering Project Number 2020-010).

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-315 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement between the County of Union and the City of Summit for the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Pedestrian Crosswalk System at the mid-block crosswalk on Morris Avenue that connects St. Teresa of Avila Church and Springfield Avenue in the City of Summit, New Jersey. System will be purchased and maintained by the City of Summit.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-316 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Concurring with the Township of Union's Resolution 2024-107, dated February 13, 2024, to install a new traffic signal on Vauxhall Road (CR 630) at the intersection of Commerce and Winslow Avenues in the Township of Union.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-317 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Authorizing the County Manager to adopt the Pre-Qualification Regulations for prospective bidders for NJDOT Funded Projects with a total construction value over \$5,000,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-318 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with RSC Architects, Hackensack, New Jersey to provide Engineering and Consulting Services for an Elevator Replacement Project at the Union County Courthouse Complex in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-319 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertising public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management to Traffic Safety Service, LLC for the purpose of providing Traffic Paint for a contract period of twenty-four months (24) in the amount not to exceed \$123,122.90 (BA#UCCP 11-2024).

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-320 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights (PAL) to hang a banner from April 28, 2024 to May 13, 2024 across Plainfield Avenue advertising the Berkley Heights PAL Golf Outing.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-321 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Plainfield Avenue from August 12, 2024 to September 30, 2024 to promote Restaurant Month sponsored by the Berkeley Heights Downtown Beautification Committee.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-322 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Authorizing the Borough of Kenilworth to close the Boulevard from 24th Street to 14th Street on May 19, 2024 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for the Kenilworth Street Fair.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-323 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner across Park Avenue from May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024 to celebrate "Resolve Community Counseling Center's 50th Anniversary" and to close Park Avenue from East 2nd Street to Front Street from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on May 27, 2024 for a Memorial Day Event.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Mirabella abstaining with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-324 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close Park Avenue from East 2nd Street to Front Street on October 12, 2024 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm for a Columbus Day Event and on November 11, 2024 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm for a Veteran's Day Event.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Mirabella abstaining and Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-325 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Granting permission to the Township of Springfield to close a portion of Mountain Avenue on May 27, 2024 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm to hold a Memorial Day Parade.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-326 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring WallynZavy's Autistic Kids Can Do! Autism Walk and Classic Car/Bike Fundraiser for Autism Awareness to be held on April 27, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-327 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee for their Sashing Dinner, 5k Run, Flag Raising and Polish Festival to be held on April 27, 2024, and various dates in September 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Bodek abstaining and Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-328 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Sponsoring Community Access Unlimited and the Ira Geller Family Fun Day, to be held on May 18, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$750.00.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-329 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:
Sponsoring the Groundwork Elizabeth Tour De Elizabeth, to be held on May 19, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-330 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:
Sponsoring the Independent Authors Book Experience Children's Book Festival, to be held on June 8, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-331 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:
Sponsoring the Frank O. Mazza Civic Association's Peterstown Cultural Festival to be held on July 24-28, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-332 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:
Sponsoring the Iris House, Inc., Fresh Food Market to be held on May 16, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-333 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts as listed on the Union County Youth Services Commission Spending Plan to provide program services based on the Juvenile Justice Commission Points of Continuum: Prevention, Diversion, Detention, Disposition and Reentry in the total amount not to exceed \$215,797.85 for the contract period of May 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-334 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Garden State Landscapes, Inc, Martinsville NJ through Somerset County State Approved CO-OP for Tree Removal & Trimming Services in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-335 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with the City of Rahway to have its Fourth of July Fair and Fireworks display at the County's Rahway River Park on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, with a proposed rain date of Friday, July 5, 2024.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-336 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution 2023-472, approving the 2023-2024 Consolidated Action Plan, to increase CDBG funding utilizing contingency funds towards projects for Cerebral Palsy League and Second Street Youth Center, in an amount not to exceed \$41,500.00.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-337 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to execute the agreement between the Union County Workforce Development Board and the County of Union Department of Human Services for the provision of One Stop Operator (American Jobs Center Operator) of comprehensive One Stop Career Center Services.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-338 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to execute the agreement between the Union County Workforce Development Board and the County of Union Department of Human Services for the provision of Comprehensive One Stop Career Center Services to adults and dislocated workers.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-339 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to execute the agreement between the Union County Workforce Development Board and the County of Union Department of Human Services for the provision of comprehensive One Stop Career Center Services to youths.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-340 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Concurring with Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution 2024-10, amending the contract with the County of Union Department of Human Services for the provision of comprehensive One Stop Career Center Services to adults and dislocated workers.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-341 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Concurring with Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution 2024-11, authorizing the transfer of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOAA) expenses from Program Year 2023 to Program Year 2022.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-342 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Concurring with Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution 2024-12, authorizing the payment of Indirect Costs.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-343 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Concurring with Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution 2024-13, amending Resolution 2023-08 to award additional TANF funding to Workforce Advantage.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-344 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Concurring with Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution 2024-14, to award funding to the Plainfield Public Library.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-345 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Concurring with Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution 2024-15, to fund professional development.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

- 2024-346 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center (UCPAC), Rahway, NJ, to provide services necessary for the execution of the 2024 season of the Sensory Friendly Theater program, which will include up to five (5) performances designed and adapted for children with autism and related disabilities for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

- 2024-347 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing and congratulating the Elizabeth Youth Soccer Club on its 30th Anniversary.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

- 2024-348 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Anne Evans Estabrook upon receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at the YWCA Inaugural Champions for Family Justice Breakfast on May 9th, 2024.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

- 2024-349 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing Cesar Vega for his great work as JVJ Stem Academy #92 Boys Volleyball Head Coach and as Assistant to the Girls Varsity Volleyball team.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

- 2024-350 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the 2024 Linden Marshal of the Pulaski Memorial Parade Bernadetta Opar and Miss Polonia Claudia Kowalski, Junior Miss Polonia Adriana Bogutskiy, and Little Miss Polonia Sophie Matys as they are being honored at the 2024 Pulaski Day Parade Sashing Dinner.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-351 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing April 2024 as National Donate Life Month throughout Union County.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-352 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Designating the week of May 6, 2024 through May 12, 2024 as Turquoise Takeover and Lung Cancer Action Week throughout Union County.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-353 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Recognizing the month of May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-354 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to former Hillside Councilman Don DeAugustine and his family on the passing of his mother, Victoria DeAugustine, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-355 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family, friends and legislative colleagues of Congressman Donald Payne, Jr., during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

2024-356 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mark Bullock III during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Leon and seconded by Commissioner Delisfort, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Granados absent.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Kowalski announced that the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County, through the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, would be hosting their 33rd annual Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale on Sunday, May 18th at the Demonstration Garden at Trailside Nature and Science Center. She noted that the Spring Garden Fair would include a wide variety of vegetable transplants, native and ornamental perennials as well as annual flowers and houseplants for sale. She advised that all sales were cash only, adding that visitors were encouraged to bring a small wagon to transport their purchases. To close, she offered her condolences to the family of Congressman Donald Payne Jr. as well as the Bullock family.

Commissioner Williams spoke about her recent visit to the newly renovated Gordon Street Bridge. In addition to retaining its pedestrian accessibility, she noted the inclusion of a wider single-span steel pony truss with a cantilevered sidewalk and steel stringer approach span. She added that the bridge-rejuvenation illustrated a collaborative effort between the County, Boroughs of Roselle and Roselle Park as well as the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority. She added that the long-awaited reopening symbolized the restoration of crucial infrastructure and illustrated the culmination of community efforts dedicated to creating accessible pathways for all residents. On another note, she also spoke relative to her recent attendance of Kean University's 4th Annual Lavender Graduation, adding that it was a wonderful celebration honoring LGBTQ students.

Commissioner Bodek encouraged interested residents to become poll workers for Primary Election Day, on June 4th, 2024. He advised that poll workers would earn \$300 for the day, adding that new poll workers would be required to attend a mandatory in-person training session. He noted that poll workers had to be 16 years and older, adding that residents 18 years and older would have to be registered voters. On another note, he spoke relative to his recent visit to the County's Fire & EMS Training Academy in Linden, noting many exciting developments taking place. To close, he offered his condolences to Lisa Bullock and her family relative to the loss of her father.

On behalf of the Board of Elections, Commissioner Delisfort announced that a list of polling locations and drop-box locations for the 2024 Primary Election, taking place on June 4th, were now available on the County's website. She advised that all 24 secure ballot drop boxes were under 24/7 camera surveillance and would be open to voters from April 19th through the close of polls on June 4th. To close, Commissioner Delisfort offered her condolences to Lisa Bullock and her family as well as the family of Congressman Donald Payne Jr. She recognized Congressman Payne as a dedicated and beloved public servant that would be sourly missed.

County Manager Oatman left the meeting; Deputy County Manager Wagner replaced him.

Commissioner Mirabella announced that the 2024 Union County Senior Art Exhibit was now on display at Union College, noting that the exhibit included 158 original works in a variety of mediums created by County residents aged 60 and above. He added that the exhibit was coordinated and made possible by the Union County Office of Cultural and

Heritage Affairs, a partner of the NJ state Council on Cultural & Heritage Affairs. He encouraged residents to visit the County's website for additional information about cultural programs in Union County.

Vice-Chairwoman Leon invited seniors and their caregivers to visit the County's local Aging Services Kiosk in May, adding that bilingual staff would be present to offer support in Spanish. She advised that the ASK program, offered aging adults and their caregivers an opportunity to learn more about valuable services and resources being offered through the County's Department of Human Services, including home-delivered meals, respite care, adult day care, and other support services. She added that pre-registration was required to attend. She encouraged interested residents to visit the County's website for a complete list of dates, times and locations.

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded thanked Commissioners Kowalski, Leon, and Mirabella for joining her for the Arbor Day Poetry Contest presentation. She also noted that the Board was pleased to be able recognize the efforts of Catherine DeAppolonio and Amanda Tibok from the NJ Sharing Network, noting the growing need for organ donation and transplantation. Alongside Commissioner Delisfort, Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded spoke relative to her recent attendance to the Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) Annual Municipal Volunteers of the Year dinner, noting it as a wonderful event. She also reminded residents about Wild Earth Fest taking place on April 28th at Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside. To close, she noted Take Your Child to Work Day, adding that her children were looking forward to participating.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 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

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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.