



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

843-2023 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING: PART 1-THE UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, ARTICLE IV-FEES FOR RECREATION FACILITIES, § 107-6 PARK FEES.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is now open for the purpose of commenting on Ordinance Number 843-2023 only.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, Policy Subcommittee Chairman, will move Ordinance Number 843-2023 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open 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.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2023-203 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-322, authorizing the 2023 DMHAS-Youth Leadership Grant Spending Plan, to reflect an extension for a new grant and contract period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 with no other changes to the spending plan or terms of the agreements.
- 2023-204 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Amending Resolution 2022-323, authorizing the 2023 DMHAS-Youth Leadership Grant application, to reflect a three and a half (3 ½) month extension for a new contract period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; all other terms remain the same.
- 2023-205 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Intercounty Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement with the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management to collaborate efforts in preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from domestic incidents for the term expiring December 31, 2032.
- 2023-206 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON:** Appointing Kevin Illing to the Union County Planning Board as Alternate #2 to an unexpired term beginning on January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2024.
- 2023-207 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Shade Environmental, LLC, of Maple Shade, New Jersey for the Union County Courthouse Tower Environmental Remediation, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$64,200.00.
- 2023-208 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Amending Resolution 2016-387, a contract to Dewberry Engineers, Bloomfield, New Jersey to provide additional services for Replacement of East Hazelwood Avenue Bridge, City of Rahway, New Jersey for an additional amount of \$9,520.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$265,216.00.
- 2023-209 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Lindenmeyr Munroe, King of Prussia, PA, for the provision of materials for the Union County Print Shop, in an amount not to exceed \$36,999.00.
- 2023-210 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise a twenty-four (24) month option to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2021-133 and originally obtained through advertised public bidding (BA # 10-2021) with KONE, Inc., Warren, NJ, for the purpose of Elevator Maintenance & Repair Services at various locations from February 26, 2023 through February 25, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$515,600.00.

- 2023-211 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Granting permission to the Township of Clark to hang a banner on Raritan Road and Walter Drive from April 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023 advertising the "Rock the Block" event on April 30, 2023.
- 2023-212 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Granting permission to the Township of Scotch Plains to close a portion of Park Avenue from Westfield Avenue/East 2nd Street to Front Street including Bartle Avenue and Forest Road on Saturday, October 14, 2023 for a Columbus Day Event.
- 2023-213 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue and North Trivett Avenue from March 1, 2023 to March 15, 2023 to remind the public to vote on March 14th on the School Bond Referendum Question.
- 2023-214 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Granting permission to the Town of Westfield (Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce) to close E. Broad Street to North Avenue on May 7, 2023 and September 10, 2023 from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm for the Spring Fling Street Fair and the FestiFall Street Fair.
- 2023-215 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the one (1) year residential lease for the caretaker of the County's Watchung Stables.
- 2023-216 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Resolution authorizing the County Manager to renew the one (1) year residential lease for caretaker of the County's Feltville Village.
- 2023-217 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Amending Resolution 2023-11, a resolution authorizing departmental signatories for Calendar Year 2023.
- 2023-218 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 in support of their St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 11, 2023.
- 2023-219 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Cuban Club of Elizabeth in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 in support of their Cuban Parade to be held on May 21, 2023.
- 2023-220 VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Supporting the City of Rahway's following events in the total amount not to exceed \$10,000.00: Munch Madness (March 25th), Independence Day Fireworks (July 3rd), ArtsFest (September 23rd), Halloween Spooktacular (Oct 28th), & Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa Parade (November 24th).
- 2023-221 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving the 2023 Union County Surrogate Five Year Spending Plan pursuant to New Jersey Laws of P.L. 2001, Chapter 370, for the use of the Document Trust Fund monies collected into the Union County Surrogate's Trust Account.

- 2023-222 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with County Business Systems Inc., Newton, PA, for additional software services and maintenance for the Bluestone E-File Probate Module in the amount not to exceed \$19,500.00.
- 2023-223 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Assistant Prosecutor's Association effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.
- 2023-224 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services for the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) County Coordinator Fellowship Grant in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 to support the County hiring a Shared Services County Coordinator Fellow for a one-year period.
- 2023-225 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-608, approving the 2022-2023 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant Program Spending Plan, to provide a one-time advance payment (one month of award) in the total amount of \$30,737.00 to assist the authorized organizations to carry out program activities, with no other changes to the spending plan or terms of the agreements.
- 2023-226 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-1061, a contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ, for Supportive Services for clients of the American Job Center, to reflect account number changes only; all other terms and conditions of the prior resolutions and contract remain the same.
- 2023-227 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-1060, a contract with Plainfield Action Services-Mayor's Task Force, Plainfield, NJ, for Supportive Services for clients of the American Job Center, to reflect account number changes only.
- 2023-228 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending resolution 2022-734, a contract with The Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, NJ for the 2023 Code Blue Warming Center Program, to reflect an account number change and to increase funds for the period of January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$53,000.00; all other terms and conditions of the prior resolutions and contract remain the same.
- 2023-229 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2023-18 to confirm a name change from the Law Firm of Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC to Renaud Colicchio, LLC, Cranford, NJ.

- 2023-230 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2023-138, entering into contracts with West Publishing Corporation d/b/a West, a Thomson Reuters business, Eagan, MN 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, to increase the total contract amount by \$1,500.00 for expenses and/or purchases by the Union County Surrogate's Office for a new total amount not to exceed \$43,575.00.
- 2023-231 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2023-139, 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, to increase the total contract amount by \$400.00 for expenses and/or purchases by the Union County Surrogate's Office for a new total amount not to exceed \$56,675.00.
- 2023-232 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2023-141, contracts with various vendors for the purchase of law books, legal internet services and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional offices and agencies within the County of Union, to increase the total contract amount by \$400.00 for expenses and/or purchases by the Union County Surrogate's Office for a new total amount not to exceed \$18,475.00.
- 2023-233 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing a 2023 County Initiative to help offset the costs of housing maintenance, utilities and basic needs for eligible Seniors and Veterans adversely impacted by COVID-19 within the County of Union by providing direct financial assistance utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in a total amount not to exceed \$812,500.00.
- 2023-234 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution re-appointing the following members to the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC): Debbie-Ann Anderson (County Designee), Tanisha Hansford-Colon (Legal Aide), Catherine Hart (Housing Authority - Elizabeth), Linda Flores-Tober (Consumer Advocate), Juanita Vargas (Volunteer Sector) for three-year terms beginning on January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025; and appointing the following new members: Priscilla Garces (Advisory Bd on the Disabled), Karen Geer (Domestic Violence), Bernadette Murphy (Consumer Advocate), Geleen Donovan (Family & Children Services) and Robert Croom (Labor) for three-year terms beginning on January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025; and appointing Peter Jacob (Comm at Large) to fill an unexpired term ending on December 31, 2024.
- 2023-235 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Re-appointing Edward Jackus, (Commissioner) to the Union County Utilities Authority for a term beginning February 1, 2023 and ending January 31, 2028.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2023-236 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to Linden Councilman Carlos Rivas and Linden Board of Education Member Dayanara Rosado Quezada on the tragic passing of their 10-year old son, Ariel Rivas Rosado.

- 2023-237 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the Friends of St. Patrick of Union County for all of their efforts in supporting local worthy charitable organizations as they promote Irish heritage throughout Union County, and further congratulating the following honorees of their Annual Irish Heritage Tribute Dinner held on March 9, 2023: Patrick Giblin, 2023 Irishman of the Year/William A. Boyle, Sr. Award; Jimmy Russo, Military Service Award; Ben Bolger, Education Award; Brian Costello, Union County Business Award; Tony "TV Tony" Brennan, Public Service Award.
- 2023-238 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Raymond Salters during their time of sorrow.
- 2023-239 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Evelyn Gillon during their time of sorrow.
- 2023-240 COMMISSIONER ANGELA R. GARRETSON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell during their time of sorrow.
- 2023-241 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the following Boys & Girls Club 2023 Youth of the Year award recipients being honored on March 2, 2023: Toni Young-Lewis, Lucas Pina, Christopher Silva (Buddie fo the Year Plaque); Aiden Francis, Deizytra Roberts, Serenity Maldonado (Junior of the Year Plaque), Ariyan Wing, Liyah Philippe-Francis Shawn'Yae Myers, Coby Smith (Youth of the Year Merit Award).
- 2023-242 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Elizabeth High School student athlete Vivian Luna upon winning her second consecutive Union County Girls Bowling Individual Championship.
- 2023-243 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the Union County St. Patrick's Day Committee upon its 26th Annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade taking place on March, 11, 2023; and further congratulating New Jersey State Senator Joseph P. Cryan (Grand Marshal); Gabrielle N. Sullivan (Adjutant) and Michael Capko (General Chairman).
- 2023-244 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the following honorees of the 2023 Italian American Police Society of New Jersey Annual Gala Benefit Dinner Dance at the Fiesta Banquets on Saturday March 25th, 2023: Dr. James V. Guarrera, Brandee Fetherman, Sheriff Peter Corvelli and the Landy Family.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item is scheduled to be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney client privileged discussion concerning election procedures and budgeting for same.

ADJOURNMENT

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Union County Courthouse- 2 Broad Street. Elizabeth

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

January 26, 2023
February 9, 2023
February 23, 2023
March 16, 2023
March 30, 2023
April 13, 2023
April 27, 2023
May 11, 2023
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June 22, 2023
July 13, 2023
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December 21, 2023

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings are to be regularly held on Thursday evenings and are scheduled to be held on the same evening, with the Agenda Setting Session to commence at 6:00pm and the Regular Meeting to commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session, unless otherwise noted.

All meetings are to be held in the Commissioner Meeting Room within the Administration Building, 6th floor located at 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth New Jersey, 07207.

Due to the Covid-19 coronavirus concerns, County Commissioner meetings may be held remotely via Zoom webinar under the procedures conducted, as published, in 2021. If said procedures are deemed necessary, the Clerk of the Board will revise this Public Notice according to law.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.