



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:13 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 Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Rebecca Williams were present.

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 nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, December 7, 2023 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, December 7, 2023 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, December 21, 2023 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, December 21, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded called for a motion to approve the December Minutes. On a motion made by Commissioner Granados and seconded by Commissioner Bodek, roll call showed seven votes in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Delisfort abstaining.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere read Ordinance No. 848-2024 by title.

848-2024 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND “THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION” BY AMENDING PART I-ADMINISTRATIVE CODE: CHAPTER 1, UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND PART II-POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION: CHAPTER 26, BENEFITS.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, Policy Committee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 848-2024 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on February 21, 2024.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Leon, roll call showed nine votes in the affirmative.

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.

Bob Gasko, of Westfield, spoke relative to Ash Brook Golf Course in Clark. He asked for additional information relative to how the County would be addressing the issues on site.

Brian Wilson, of Roselle Park, also spoke relative to Ash Brook Golf Course and asked for an update on the work being done on site. He noted that his Men’s Golf Association would continue to attend the meetings until the issues at Ash Brook were resolved.

Chuck Schneider, of Clark, asked about the prospective plans the County of Union had to address the issues at Ash Brook Golf Course.

County Engineer Matias noted the County’s commitment to addressing the issues at Ash Brook. He advised that the County was working with DEP, noting a second meeting had been schedule for February 13th to discuss Ash Brook and the prospective work ahead. He added that the County had also hired a firm to this effect. He further advised that DEP had issued an emergency permit, which would hopefully allow the County to address some of the issues on site.

There were no additional questions or comments.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption:

2024-121 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend \$11,400.00 from the NJ Department of Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General under the FY 2023 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP) for the Subaward period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-122 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Lehrer-Gibilisco Funeral Home, Inc., Rahway, NJ, to provide livery services for the Union County Medical Examiner's Office for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-123 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contracts with two (2) per diem pathologists to be available in the absence of the County Medical Examiner for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-124 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: Authorizing the County Manger to apply, accept, and expend the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety Drug Recognition Expert Callout Grant Program to assist Law Enforcement Agencies in reducing drug-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities, for the grant period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$70,200.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-125 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Michael Baker International, Hamilton, NJ, for the purpose of updating the County's Hazard Pre-Mitigation Plan Update 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-126 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: Appointing Daniela Murillo-Cifuentes to the Senior Citizen Disabled Resident Advisory Board for a term of January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2027; and re-appointing Kevin Illing for a term of January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2025; and re-appointing the following members for a term of January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2027: Robert Edward, Paula King, Dr. Vera P. Roquemore, and Ellen Steinberg.

2024-127 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR: Adopting the Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse's (LACADA) By Laws with amendments.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-128 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Amending Resolution 2017-221, a contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers of Secaucus, New Jersey, to provide additional Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services (LSRP) related to the remediation of the Zimmerman Park located in Union Township, New Jersey to reflect an increase in the amount of \$28,005.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$90,205.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-129 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Amending Resolution 2022-958, a contract with PS&S of Warren, New Jersey, to provide additional design and construction administrative services related to the expansion of the Union County Dispatch Center, Froehlich Building, Westfield, New Jersey, to reflect an increase in the amount of \$194,860.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$809,413.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-130 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to CME Associates, Parlin, New Jersey to provide design, construction administration and inspection services for the Environmental Engineering Services at the Union County Boiler Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-131 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Concurring with the Borough of Garwood's Ordinance No. 24-01 dated January 18, 2024 reducing the speed limit on South Avenue (C.R. 610) from 35 MPH to 25 MPH between East Street and West Street.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-132 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Amending Resolution 2021-235, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Capital Paving and Construction, LLC, of Lebanon, New Jersey for the 2021 Road Resurfacing Project, (County Aid 2020), County of Union, New Jersey. This Final Change Order Number 1 will decrease the contract amount by \$1,693,579.17 for a final contract amount not to exceed \$6,034,734.43.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-133 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Amending resolution 2022-885, a contract with T & M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey to provide additional services for LSRP Environmental Services for Meisel Park, Township of Springfield in an additional amount of \$27,725.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$113,975.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-134 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Amending Resolution 2022-337, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Smith Soudy Asphalt Construction Company, of Wallington, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 for the 2022 Road Resurfacing Project, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will increase the original contract amount by \$1,264,816.14 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$10,797,024.12.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-135 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK: Appointing the following Commissioners to the Voter Accessibility Advisory Board for a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2024 and expiring on December 31, 2024: Clara Harelik (Commissioner); James Foerst (Commissioner); Richard Fortunato (Commissioner); Dennis Kobitz (Commissioner); Raymond Szpond (Commissioner); Debra Varnerin (Commissioner); Robert Polidore (Public Member with Disability); John Powers (UCBOE Polling Place Coordinator/ADA Trained); Manuel Ramirez (Public Member/ADA Trained); James Baker Jr. (Governing Body Representative); and Nicole DiRado (County Manager Representative).

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-136 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contract with Geneva Worldwide Interpretation Service, New York, NY to provide interpretation services 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 Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-137 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2023-1093, a contract with the United Way of Greater Union County, Elizabeth, NJ for the provision of a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for low-income individuals and families of Union County for the period of December 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024, to reflect a change in appropriation account number only.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-138 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2023-928, a contract with Synergex International Corporation, Gold River, CA for software license and

software maintenance for the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, to reflect a change the appropriation account number only.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-139 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Re-appointing Anthony Cameli (Youth-At-Risk); Laurie Cicero (Health Services); and Woody Philippe (Community-At-Large) to the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026; appointing the following new members to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026; Malika Cook (Families in Crisis); Sandra Lynch (Community-At-Large); Jeanne McLaughlin Polasky (Community-At-Large); and Teresa Soto Vega (Target Pop-His); and appointing Katia Theodore (Child Care Services) to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2024.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-140 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract with Groundwork Elizabeth, Elizabeth, NJ, pursuant to Resolution 2023-148, for the administration and implementation of two programs encompassed under the grant program entitled: "Union County Plant A Seed Grant Program" for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the total amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 with two (2) additional one-year options to extend.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-141 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Premier Building & Construction Management, Inc. of Midland Park, New Jersey for the Union County Parks' various restroom facility upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$734,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-142 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2024 Coordinated Community Care Contract Spending Plan and enter into agreements with various agencies to deliver services to Union County residents 60 years of age or older and/or their caregivers under the 2022-2024 Coordinated Community Care contract for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, representing contract year three (3) of a three (3) year cycle in the total not to exceed amount of \$100,000.00; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-143 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON: Authorizing County Manager to execute a License Agreement with Roman E and G Corp., Newark, NJ to store equipment at Zimmerman Park for the duration of a project conducted for PSE&G.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-144 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON: Re-appointing the following members to the Shade Tree Advisory Board; Steve Falco for a term of January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2024; James Nichnadowicz for a term of January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2024; and Nick Polanin for a term of January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-145 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Approving the 2024 Union County Clerk Five Year Spending Plan pursuant to New Jersey Laws of 2001, Chapter 370, for the use of the Document Trust Fund monies collected into the Union County Clerk's Trust Account.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-146 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution 2023-1002, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, NJ, to reflect a change in account numbers only.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-147 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution 2023-1000, a contract with B & B Press Inc., Lebanon, New Jersey, to reflect a change in account numbers only.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-148 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution 2023-1001, a contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, NJ, to reflect a change in account numbers only.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-149 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution 2023-275, approval of dispersal of self-insured Claims & Healthcare Fees, to include account number change only.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-150 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Amending Resolution 2023-133, a contract with Crown Castle for data communications network services for the period of June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2027, to reflect an increase in an amount not to exceed \$600.00 per month in a total amount not to exceed \$30,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$265,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-151 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Dell Computer Corporation, Round Rock, TX, awarded through State Contract 20-TELE-01510 for Barracuda Firewall Appliance, for a three (3) year period beginning February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2027, in the total amount not to exceed \$530,521.20.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-152 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Taylor Law Group, LLC, New Providence, NJ, as Litigation Counsel for Lt. Gaetano Bracciale in the matter of Figueroa v. Union County et al. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-153 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Appointing Weiner Law Group LLP, Parsippany, NJ, to represent the County of Union in the matter entitled County of Union re 921 Elizabeth Avenue, LLC cell tower Qual. T01 Lease in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-154 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED: Appointing the following members to the Union County Commission on the Status of Women: Jennifer Blumenstock, Judy Jenkins-Gaudino, Ayana Josephs, Dr. Beverly Lynn, Hillary Sermeno and Jacinth Clayton, for an initial term of 1 year; Diane Barbosa, Joanna Miles, Marissa Ruggiero Esq., Sally Samuels Esq., Lolita Slater, for an initial term of 2 years; and Lisa Bonanno, Jennifer Erdos, Laura Giacobbe, Kellianne Granados, Shery Heidary, Amelia Mapp for an initial term of 3 years.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS & RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCES

2024-155 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Angelina Mack Wohlrab, mother of former Union County Freeholder John Wohlrab, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-156 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Offering this Board's most sincere condolences to the family of fallen Plainfield Firefighter, 32-year-old Marques Hudson, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2024-157 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD: Proclaiming the month of February as Black History Month throughout the County of Union. This board further recognizes the prominence and importance of this county's African American community and further encourages residents and municipalities to celebrate and participate in Black History events countywide.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Kowalski invited families to Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside to attend a winter series of indoor and outdoor programs during Presidents' Day weekend. She noted that activities would include *Journey of Sap to Syrup*, *Remarkable Raptors*, *Hocus Pocus Magic Show*, and *Winter Walk Scavenger Hunt*. She advised that pre-registration for these activities was required as well as a fee of \$8 per person, per program for County residents, adding that the fee for non-county residents would be \$10. She noted that Trailside Nature and Science Center was open to visitors, free of charge, every day from 10AM – 4PM, excluding Mondays and major holidays.

Commissioner Baker noted his attendance of the ribbon-cutting ceremony in Rahway for the grand reopening of UCPAC's Hamilton Stage. Joined by his Commissioner colleagues, Commissioner Baker noted that everyone had a wonder time and he looked forward to future performances and productions out of Hamilton Stage. In honor of Black History Month, Commissioner Baker invited residents to attend a virtual lunch-and-learn event focused on "African Americans in the Arts" on February 14th, hosted by Essex County College Professor Shawn Smith. He noted that the event was free and open to the public, but pre-registration was required.

Commissioner Williams spoke relative to the unveiling of the 'Harriet Tubman: The Beacon of Hope' traveling monument on display in the City of Rahway. She noted that the sculpture was created by Wesley Wofford and would remain on display until February 29, 2024. On another note, she reminded residents about an upcoming healthcare job fair, hosted by the County's American Job Center, taking place on February 21st at Warinanco Sports Center. She noted that representatives from CareFinders, Hudson Milestone, Lantern Hill Senior Living Community, and RWJ Barnabas Health would be on site to provide information to prospective applicants. She advised that registration for the event was required, adding that job seekers were encouraged to bring copies of their resumes for on-the-spot interviews.

Commissioner Granados invited residents to attend an upcoming job-fair on February 16th at Warinanco Sports Center. He advised that this job-fair would provide Union County residents with an opportunity to apply for various open positions within the County's Department of Human Services.

Commissioner Delisfort announced that the Union County Surrogate's Office had opened a second location at the Colleen Fraser Building located at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield. She noted that this expansion was part of Surrogate Hudak's commitment to providing residents with enhanced accessibility to services during their time of need. She advised that appointment-only service would be available on Tuesdays, adding that appointments could be scheduled online through the Surrogate's website.

Commissioner Bodek advised that tickets were still available for a free jazz performance by the Bob DeVos Jazz Quartet featuring Lance Bryant, taking place on February 22nd at UCPAC's Hamilton Stage in Rahway. He noted that while the event was free, pre-registration and tickets were required. He added that the performance would be followed by the presentation of the 12th Annual Chester Holmes Humanitarian Award by the Union County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Mirabella advised that Union County's Relations Commission and the U.C. Prosecutor's Office would be hosting a free, virtual presentation entitled "Walking on Egg Shells" on March 11th, which aimed to help people navigate the language of diversity as a means to dismantle prejudice. He noted that while the event was free, pre-registration was required. He added that attendees would receive a certificate of completion for their participation. On another note, Commissioner Mirabella addressed the Ash Brook Men's Association and their concerns related to the playability of Ash Brook Golf Course. He confirmed the County's commitment to improving conditions on site, adding that the County Manager as well as the Departments of Engineering and Parks and Recreation were working together to ensure this issue was taken care of in a timely fashion.

Vice-Chairwoman Leon noted her recent interview with Damaris Diaz of Univision Network to discuss the incentives being offered to business owners throughout Union County, adding that she was happy to be able to do the interview in Spanish and reach a predominantly Hispanic audience. On another note, she spoke of her attendance to the grand re-opening of UCPAC's Hamilton Stage, advising that the facility had suffered significant damage due to Hurricane Ida. She added that restoration of Hamilton Stage was also delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting supply-chain issues. She closed by congratulating UCPAC on the revival of Hamilton Stage and thanked everyone involved in the effort.

Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded reminded residents to take advantage of the County's free child-seat inspection program to ensure the proper installation of their child car-seats. She noted that inspection services were available, without an appointment, on Wednesday and Thursday of each week through Garwood's First Aid Squad. On another note, she noted the concerns of the Ash Brook Men's Association, adding that the County staff was committed to addressing the issues on site and improving the playability of Ash Brook Golf Course.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 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.