

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chair Rebecca Williams, Vice Chair Christopher Hudak, Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr., Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded were present, with Commissioner Angela R. Garretson 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

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Note and File

Chair Williams called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chair Hudak, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

### ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

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**841-2022    ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE COUNTY MANAGER, COUNTY  
COUNSEL AND DEPARTMENT HEADS.**

*Be It Ordained by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union as follows:*

*Section 1. The salaries of the Members of the Board of County Commissioners, County Manager, County Counsel, and Departments Heads shall be as hereinafter set forth and shall be effective as of January 1, 2023.*

Position	2023 Salary
Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners	37,922
Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners	36,718
Member of the Board of County Commissioners	35,515
County Counsel	186,150
County Manager	225,397
Director of Administrative Services	161,160
Director of Economic Development/Deputy County Manager	180,391
Director of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities	162,528
Director of Finance/County Treasurer/CCFO	175,985
Director of Human Services	161,160
Director of Parks & Recreation	159,156
Director of Public Safety	159,580

*Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect at the time and manner provided by law.*

*Section 3. The Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized to publish a notice in the appropriate newspaper of such introduction and of a public hearing on December 15, 2022, and shall forward one certified copy of final passage to each Clerk of all Municipalities located within the County of Union.*

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read Ordinance No. 841-2022 by title.

#### **FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Commissioner Sergio Granados, Fiscal Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 841-2022 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 December 15, 2022.

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

**842-2022 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND “THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION” BY AMENDING, PART II-POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION: CHAPTER 115 SAFETY CODE, ARTICLE XI, BAN ON CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED.** by the Union County Board of County Commissioners that the “Laws of Union County” are hereby amended, to be as follows:

## **PART II - POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION**

### **Chapter 115, SAFETY CODE**

#### **ARTICLE XI, BAN ON CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS**

##### **§ 115-56. Findings.**

UNCHANGED.

##### **§ 115-57. Restrictions; penalties.**

- (A.) No person shall be permitted to carry any firearm concealed or otherwise, in any Sensitive Area within Union County, New Jersey.
- (B.) This restriction shall not apply to law enforcement officers, on or off duty, in the course of their lawful and official duties, *or to any person granted a permit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:39-6.*
- (C.) A person who violates or causes to be violated a provision of this article shall be subject to a penalty of imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days, or to a fine, or both, of \$500.00, for the first offense and \$1,000.00 for each subsequent offense.

##### **§ 115-58. Sensitive Area.**

UNCHANGED.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** in case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable;

**AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that each section of this ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law, unless otherwise indicated.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read Ordinance No. 842-2022 by title.

#### **FIRST READING STATEMENT**

Vice Chair Christopher Hudak, Policy Subcommittee Chairman, moved Ordinance Number 842-2022 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 December 15, 2022.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION**

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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.

Shawn Mullen, of Westfield, made comments relative to Ordinance No. 842-2022. As a retired federal law enforcement officer, Mr. Mullen noted his concerns related to law enforcement officials under these new restrictions.

County Manager Oatman confirmed that provisions had been included to protect current and retired law enforcement officers, adding that Ordinance No. 842-2022 was scheduled for Final Reading on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Shawn Mullen, of Westfield, thanked the Board for taking swift action on the matter.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, noted several perceived issues regarding the latest U.C. Improvement Authority approved proposals received from Mast and DiGroup Architecture. He noted many perceived shortcomings in the process and proposals, adding that the project should go out for a full, competitive lump sum bid based on design drawings that were at least 90% complete.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

#### **RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION**

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The following Resolutions were offered for adoption:

**2022-1003 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to institute the Countywide Code Blue Emergency Shelter Initiative to provide emergency shelter during emergency sheltering situations including days that qualify under the

State of New Jersey's Code Blue law by the hotels, motels and shelters listed for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1004 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the United Way of Greater Union County to provide services under the 2023 Union County Family Support and Prevention (FSP) Program for the initial period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, with applicable extensions, in the total amount not to exceed \$125,000; and furthermore requesting authorization to permit a one-time advance payment of up to one month of the award amount for the agency to carry out the program activities.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1005 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award renewal subcontracts to various agencies under the 2023 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the amount not to exceed \$662,625.00; further authorizing the transfer of funds among awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1006 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award renewal subcontracts under the 2023 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) spending plan, for the purpose of providing emergency services and homeless prevention to residents of Union County in the amount not to exceed \$973,400.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023; further authorizing the transfer funds among the awarded agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed agencies fail to meet contractual obligations.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1007 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-539, authorizing the 2020-2022 HEARTH Emergency Solutions-CARES Act (HESC) Spending Plan, to reflect a six (6) month grant extension for a new grant period through June 30, 2023.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1008 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement between the County of Union and Immaculate Conception Church, Elizabeth, NJ for the rental of 85 parking spaces at \$85.00 per parking space per month for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$7,225.00 per month for a total annual amount not to exceed \$86,700.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1009 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-76, a contract with Frank M. Gargiulo & Son, Inc. dba Gargiulo Produce, Hillside, NJ, for the purpose of providing food for the Union County COVID-19 Emergency Food Distribution events for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, to reflect an increase in funding in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$1,375,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1010 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-75, a contract with Village Super Market, Inc, dba ShopRite of Union, Springfield, NJ, for the purpose of providing food for the Union County COVID-19 Emergency Food Distribution events for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, to reflect an increase in funding in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$1,875,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1011 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and to enter into an agreement with the NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCa) to secure grant funding from the FY23 Shared Library Services Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1012 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of General Engineering Services for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1013 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of Architectural Services for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1014 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Approving a pre-qualified list of firms for the provision of Construction Management Services for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1015 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Concurring with the City of Rahway's Ordinance #0-45-22 passed on November 9, 2022 amending Chapter 401-26 of the Code of the City of Rahway loading zones from the apex of West Grand Avenue on the eastside of the street traveling north a distance of 308 feet and extending 46 feet north.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1016 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Concurring with the Borough of Roselle Park's Resolution Number 276-22 authorizing an agreement with New Jersey Transit Corporation for two (2) bus shelters in the Faitoute Avenue Corridor (County Road 617).

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1017 COMMISSIONER LOURDES M. LEON:** Amending Resolution Number 2020-603, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding (BA# 17-2020) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to T.R. Weniger, Inc of Piscataway, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the East Hazelwood Avenue Bridge, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey. This change order will increase the original contract amount by \$73,972.26 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$584,332.26. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2021-021) subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1018 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement to authorize approval for participation in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO), 1033 Program to enable Union County Police Department to request and acquire excess Department of Defense Equipment from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1019 COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDE:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec Rescue International, Virginia Beach, VA, to provide Tactical Forcible Entry Training to members of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue (MUSAR) Task Force from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, through the 2019 UASI grant, in an amount not to exceed \$7,950.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1020 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-503, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, NJ, to provide additional printing services necessary by new legislation for the 2023 Primary Election, General Election, and Special Election, in the amount of not to exceed \$329,631.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,540,730.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1021 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Enhanced Voting, LLC, Jacksonville, FL, for the purpose of providing printing of canvas reports and software maintenance in the process of preparing and conducting elections in 2023 and 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$24,550.00 for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and not to exceed \$24,550.00 for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$49,100.00

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1022 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Prevention Links, Roselle, NJ for the Overdose Data to Action -



Operation Helping Hand Federal program for the period of December 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$49,894.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1023 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-393, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to support the Multi-Jurisdictional Gang, Gun, and Narcotics Task Forces, to reflect the Subaward number JAG-1-20TF-18. All other aspects of the prior Resolution remain the same.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1024 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Vigilant Solutions, LLC, of Livermore, CA for an Integrated Service Agreement Renewal in an amount not to exceed \$16,500.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1025 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, to continue efforts of insurance fraud investigation in Union County (Cycle 2023).

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1026 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Rosa Jaramillo, Belleville, NJ to serve as an Independent Contractor for the Union County Per Diem Advocates Program for the Union County Prosecutor's Office for the period of April 1, 2022 through September 23, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$20,185.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1027 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with HPAE-Local 5112-Nurses, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1028 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 469-Secondary Supervisors effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1029 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Council No. 8 effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1030 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Union County Economic Development Corporation, Cranford, NJ, for the purpose of providing general economic development services to private businesses within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1031 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to the Union County Economic Development Corporation, Cranford, NJ, for the purpose of providing procurement training/technical assistance to private businesses within Union County for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1032 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with We Are One New Jersey Inc., Trenton, NJ, to provide social and human services that educate, empower, and uplift working families under the We Are One New Jersey Project, for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$245,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1033 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the second and final option to extend the contract with Millennium Strategies, Morristown, NJ, to provide grant writing and procurement services to the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in the amount not to exceed \$98,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1034 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-705, authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the United States Department of Transit (US DOT) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program for the development of an Action Plan, to reflect the County's application as a joint application with the County as the lead agency and the City of Elizabeth to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1035 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution Number 2022-983, a contract with Dell Computer Corporation, Round Rock, TX, for the provision of netbackup and essential maintenance, to reflect account changes only. (All other terms and conditions remain the same.)

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1036 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Approving Medical Practitioners authorized to provide services to Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1037 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-256, a contract with Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC, Cranford, NJ in the matter entitled Beverley Figueroa v. UC, et al, to reflect an increase in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1038 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant in an amount of \$250,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to carry out a project to rehabilitate the Clark Reservoir.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1039 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manger to enter into a contract with Mast Construction Services, Inc., Little Falls, NJ for Construction Management and Owner's Representative Services related to remedial work at the Ash Brook Golf Course Clubhouse in an amount not to exceed \$188,000.00.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1040 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-138, a contract with Naviant, Verona, WI, for software maintenance services for the OnBase Records Management proprietary software system of the County, to reflect an additional amount of \$2,717.00 for software upgrades, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$39,069.20.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1041 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Re-appointing the following members to the Workforce Development Advisory Board: James Brady, Gloria Durham, Dr. Margaret McMenamin, and Dr. Kamaron Tasharofi to a term beginning on July 1st, 2022 through June 30, 2025 and appointing Alan Rutan to a term ending on June 30, 2025; also appointing the following members: Curry Bucu and Melynda Dislato to fill an unexpired term ending on June 30th, 2024.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

#### COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

**2022-1042 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing Rahway's Grover Cleveland Elementary School's "Safety Patrol" for their efforts in educating our students on the importance of civic duty and community service.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1043 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, VICE CHAIR CHRISTOPHER HUDAK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Reid Hanson Jaeger, of Boy Scout Troop 75 in Cranford, for obtaining Scouting's highest rank, the Eagle Scout Award, on December 18, 2022.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1044 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's sincere gratitude to Congressman Tom Malinowski, on behalf of his Union County constituency within the 7th Congressional District of New Jersey, for his relentless advocacy on various issues including, but not limited to, the protection of reproductive freedom, transportation and infrastructure, energy and climate change.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1045 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey's dedicated service to the greater Union County community as they hold their annual gala dinner on Wednesday, December 7, 2022; and further congratulating each of the Gala's Honorees: Ronnie, Alex, and Dylan Oanono of Blue Industries (Lilly K. Gottlieb Award); Holly and Jonathan Strelzik (Miriam S. Karch Awardees); Craig Eckenthal (Ruth Bilenker Award); and Christopher Hudak, vice chair of the Union County Board of County Commissioners (Community Service Award); and Phyllis Bernstein-Kuchner, Bernice Fleischmann, Joseph M. Fox, and Myra and Lawrence Hoffman (Memorial recognitions).

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1046 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Deirdre L. Martin, of Plainfield, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

**2022-1047 CHAIR REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Audrey Counts, of Plainfield, during their time of sorrow.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Hudak and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

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#### **PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD**

Chair Williams invited her Commissioner colleagues to join her on the floor for a special presentation.

Chair Williams spoke relative to Vice Chair Hudak, noting that he had served as a Commissioner and Freeholder since 2010, and would now be assuming the role of Union County Surrogate after a very successful election win. She noted that Vice Chair Hudak's wife Terri, children Catherine and Jackson, and his father Judge John Hudak were present that evening.

Commissioner Kowalski congratulated Vice Chair Hudak on his new role as Union County Surrogate, adding that it had been a pleasure to serve alongside him on the Board for many years. She noted that Vice Chair Hudak was a man of good-judgment, integrity, and a great capacity to make sound decisions. She recognized Vice Chair Hudak's efforts relative to the Infrastructure Grants and thanked him for his vision and leadership to this end.

Commissioner Baker noted that he knew Vice Chair Hudak long before serving alongside him on the Commissioner Board, adding that he was an asset to Union County and its residents. He congratulated Vice Chair Hudak on his election win and wished him well in his new role as Union County Surrogate.

Commissioner Mirabella noted that he would miss Vice Chair Hudak as both a colleague and friend, adding that they had served on the Board together for over a decade. He spoke relative to Vice Chair Hudak's diligence and dedication to serving the residents of Union County, adding that Union County was better off now thanks to his efforts. Commissioner Mirabella wished Vice Chair Hudak well in his new capacity as U.C. Surrogate, adding that he could think of no one better for the position.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded congratulated Vice Chair Hudak on his new position as U.C. Surrogate, and thanked him for being a mentor and friend over the years. She noted her admiration for his work as a Commissioner, adding that his family should be very proud of the legacy he leaves behind as a Commissioner and his unyielding dedication to public service and the County of Union.

Commissioner Leon thanked Vice Chair Hudak for his guidance and friendship over the years, adding that she would miss him and was glad he was not going far. She closed by wishing him well in his new role as U.C. Surrogate.

Commissioner Granados noted Vice Chair Hudak's lifelong dedication to public service, adding that he and his family have been tremendous assets to the residents of Union County. He congratulated Vice Chair Hudak on his new role as U.C. Surrogate, noting that he was confident that the needs of residents would remain at the forefront of his efforts in his new capacity.

Chair Williams echoed the sentiments of her Commissioner colleagues, noting the Vice Chair Hudak was the best vice chairman she had ever had the pleasure of serving with on the Board. She congratulated him on his new role as Vice Chair Hudak and presented him with a few gifts from the Board.

Vice Chair Hudak advised that it was approximately 12 years ago that he was sworn into his first term as Union County Freeholder. He noted that he enjoyed the experience of

serving as Commissioner, but welcomed the challenges of his new role as U.C. Surrogate. He thanked his Commissioner colleagues for their kind words and gifts.

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#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Commissioner Leon reminded residents that the County's Annual Holiday Toy Drive was now underway and would conclude on December 15<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged residents to drop off donations at the County's Admin Building lobby and or access the County's Amazon Wishlist to donate. She noted that this initiative allowed residents and the Board to bring the gift of joy to the children of Union County during the holiday season.

Commissioner Granados invited residents to attend a Skating with Santa event through the County's Office for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Warinanco Sports Center. He added that while the event was free, space was limited and registration was required. On another note, Commissioner Granados recognized Finance Director Taylor and commended her for her work and oversight as the Executive Director of the Union County Improvement Authority.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded advised that the County would be hosting its final drive-up Emergency Food Distribution Drive of 2022, on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at Kean University. She noted that the event would be held rain or shine, and that participating residents would be required to show proof of residency as customary. She added that the first 2,500 residents would receive a special holiday food bundle with all the trimmings. She thanked Village Supermarket and Gargiulo Produce for their continued partnership in these efforts. She also encouraged residents tackling food insecurity to contact their local community food banks for additional resources.

Commissioner Kowalski encouraged residents to visit The Model Railroad Club's Annual Holiday Train Show and Open House, adding that the open house would run from November 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Paul Mallory Railroad Center on Jefferson Avenue in Union Township. She noted that she had the opportunity to visit the open house the previous weekend, adding that the display gave visitors a unique opportunity to appreciate the history and technology of railroading during the holiday season. Commissioner Kowalski advised that the display would be open on Saturdays and Sundays until December 11<sup>th</sup>, adding that tickets could be purchased online or at the door on Saturday between 1-4. She noted that admission for children under 2 was free. To close, she once again congratulated Vice Chair Hudak on his new role as Union County Surrogate.

Commissioner Baker noted upcoming changes to the County's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Schedule. He advised that starting on December 6<sup>th</sup>, vaccinations would be available on Tuesdays between 1-7 PM and Thursdays between 3-7 PM at Warinanco Sports Center. He added that vaccinations would also be available on Saturday, between 9-12 PM, at Plainfield High School. He noted that to date, the County's vaccination clinics had been very successful and he encouraged residents to take advantage of this vital public resource if they hadn't already done so. To close, he thanked County Manager Oatman for the live Christmas wreaths adorning the meeting room, adding that the smell of evergreen reminded him of his youth.

Commissioner Mirabella reminded senior residents and their caregivers about several upcoming Union County ASK events taking place throughout the month of December. He advised that this program, through the Division of Aging and Disability Resource Connection, offered resources and assistance to residents aged 60 and older and their caregivers to promote wellness, independence, dignity, and choice. He noted three upcoming ASK events taking place on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Westfield Memorial Library, Clark Public Library, and Elizabeth's Main Public Library respectively. He advised that professional staff would be on-site to assist residents and caregivers in connecting with various services, including: home-delivered meals, respite care, adult daycare, and other vital support services. On another note, he spoke relative to his attendance, alongside Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Leon, of a performance of The Nutcracker as part of Union County's Sensory Friendly Theatre series at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. He recognized UCPAC's new Director Victoria Durbin-Drake for her efforts, adding that he was happy to see the sensory-friendly performances continue and expand.

County Manager Oatman recognized Director Graziano and his Department for furnishing the live Christmas wreaths. On another note, he congratulated Vice Chair Hudak and wished him well on his new role as Union County Surrogate.

Vice Chair Hudak formally advised that he would be resigning from the Board following the meeting that evening and taking his Oath of Office for his new position as Union County Surrogate. He noted that it was an honor to follow in the footsteps of former Surrogate, James LaCorte, pledging that he would continue to provide residents with efficient, respectable, and compassionate treatment and service as came to be expected from that office. Relative to his time as Freeholder and Commissioner, he thanked his family for their continued support and the many sacrifices they have made over the years in the name of public service. He thanked his Commissioner colleagues for their support and friendship over the years, and thanked them for embracing his family like their own. He added that he had learned something valuable from each of his colleagues over the years. He also thanked his Commissioner colleagues for always being respectful and supportive of one another even in the face of disagreements. Vice Chair Hudak advised that he had the pleasure of working under three different County Managers and thanked County Manager Oatman for his efforts, support, and friendship. He also thanked Deputy County Manager Wagner for her support and guidance, adding that her opinion was one he valued greatly. He recognized the various Directors and thanked them for their hard work, knowledge, and their care and regard for their staff as well as the residents of Union County. Relative to the last few years, he noted the many challenges that arose due to the COVID-19 pandemic, adding that these hardships reaffirmed his confidence in the government and its ability to respond as needed in times of great need and peril. He marveled at the County's response relative to providing COVID-19 testing and vaccinations as well as resources to combat food insecurity, adding that he was proud to be a part of such a well-executed response. To close, he noted his appreciation for his colleagues and the time they've spent working with one another, adding that he would continue to support their efforts in his new role as Union County Surrogate.

Chair Williams noted that December 1<sup>st</sup> was World AIDS Day, adding that the Board wanted to take this opportunity to recognize those within our communities and around the world that live with HIV/AIDS. She added that this was also an opportunity to recognize those that have



lost their lives to the terrible disease and also reaffirm the Boards support and commitment to fighting the disease and ensuring equal access to healthcare for all those that need it. On another note, Chair Williams advised that the County Commissioners Reorganization Meeting would be taking place on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth. She noted that during the meeting she, along with Commissioner Granados and Commissioner Kowalski, would be sworn into a new three-year term and a new Chair and Vice Chair would be elected by the Board. She also congratulated Commissioner Granados on his recent engagement. To close, she spoke relative to Vice Chair Hudak, noting that he had been an integral part of the Board over the years and she looked forward to all the wonderful things he would do in his new role as Union County Surrogate. She advised that being a public official was never easy and required much sacrifice, thanking Vice Chair Hudak and his family for their commitment to the residents of Union County. She congratulated him on his new position, adding that she looked forward to working with him in his new capacity.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Leon and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Garretson absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

**REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm**  
**Administration Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Commissioner Meeting Room**

**AGENDA SETTING SESSION**

January 20, 2022

February 3, 2022  
February 17, 2022March 3, 2022  
March 24, 2022April 7, 2022  
April 28, 2022\*May 12, 2022  
May 26, 2022June 9, 2022  
June 23, 2022

July 14, 2022

August 11, 2022

September 15, 2022

October 6, 2022  
October 20, 2022

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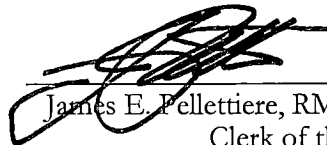
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James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA  
Clerk of the Board

\* April 21, 2022 Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting have been rescheduled for April 28, 2022.

Please note that the County of Union's 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 said Public Notice according to law.

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