



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chair Williams advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, October 6, 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Thursday, October 6, 2022 - Regular Meeting
3. Thursday, October 20, 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Thursday, October 20, 2022 - Regular Meeting
5. Thursday, November 10, 2022 - Agenda Setting Session
6. Thursday, November 10, 2022 - Regular Meeting

Chair Williams advised that the Minutes would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

A presentation was made by a number of Youth Participants of the Pillow Comfort & Care Project through the Office of Community Engagement and Diversity to provide pillows to 30 Union County youth ages 3-10 immediately upon entering foster care.

Chair Williams spoke relative to the cited Union County initiative in partnership with Plainfield's Parks and Recreation Department, and NJ's Department of Children Families, among other organizations, and thanked the many volunteers for their efforts as well as the sponsors for their generous donations of goods. She noted that it was wonderful to see so many institutions come together to participate in this important initiative.

She recognized Asia Islam, Kristen Brady, and Lydia Smith for their efforts relative to the Pillow Comfort & Care Project and asked them to say a few words relative to the initiative.

Asia Islam, of Union County's Division of Child Protection and Permanency thanked everyone for their efforts, adding that these pillows would be greatly appreciated by the children.

Kristen Brady, of Cooperative Counseling Services, thanked Judith Guest from the County's Office of Community Engagement and Diversity for inviting her organization to participate in the Pillow Comfort & Care Project. She noted her long history of working with the Division of Child Protection and Permanency, adding that she was thrilled to be able to contribute to this wonderful cause.

Lydia Smith, Service Unit Officer of Troop 040188, spoke relative to the Pillow Comfort & Care Project, noting that it was a wonderful program that nurtured leadership, innovation, and risk-taking in the girl scout troop. She thanked everyone for their efforts, adding that she hoped to continue this initiative in the future.

Girl Scout Ambassador Jocelyn and daughter of Lydia Smith, noted that she was happy to participate in this initiative and give back to those in need within her community.

Chair Williams once again thanked everyone for their efforts relative to the Pillow Comfort & Care Project.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2021-140, a contract with The Musial Group, Mountainside, NJ, in order to account for additional time and services necessary to complete the renovation and reconfiguration of the existing County Clerk's Office in Elizabeth, NJ, in the amount of not to exceed \$163,334.50 for a new total contract not to exceed \$575,319.50. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

William Daniel, Prosecutor

Prosecutor Daniel wished everyone Happy Holidays.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to declare a 3500 Genetic Analyzer and a 7500 RT-PCR as surplus, no longer needed for County purposes and further authorizing the donation to Rutgers' University - Camden Science Building. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Magnet Forensics USA, Inc., of Herndon, VA for the renewal of the Axiom and Outrider License in an amount not to exceed \$9,270.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Robert Santilli, Middletown, NJ to serve as IT Manager for the Union County Prosecutor's Office for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that for the first time all the infrastructure projects were complete.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the final option to extend the contract pursuant to Resolutions 2019-1092 and 2021-930 with Development Directions LLC, Cranford, NJ for the administration of the Union County Housing Assistance Payment Program (HAPP) (Section 8), for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Resolution of the Union County Board of County Commissioners to concur with Resolution No. 2022-43 of the Union County Workforce Development Board to amend its agreement with Union College, as adopted through Commissioners' Resolution Nos. 2022-254 and 2022-583 by revising the budget allocation of the award for a total amount not to exceed \$485,221.91 and further to revise the contract start and-end period from beginning on January 1, 2022 to ending on June 1, 2023. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

3. Authorizing the Union County Board of County Commissioners to concur with the Union County Workforce Development Board's Resolution Number 2022-44, to amend the use of Budget Accounts by the Union County Department of Human Services for the provision of American Job Center Services Operator. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Authorizing the Union County Board of County Commissioners to concur with the Union County Workforce Development Board's action to approve the Revised Program Year 2022 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget—through Resolution No. 2022-45—for the purpose of assigning the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult grant the requisite indirect cost rate allowable under the approved Center Service Cost Allocation Plan. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
5. Authorizing the Union County Board of County Commissioners to concur with the Union County Workforce Development Board action—through Resolution No. 2022-46—to employ First-In, First-Out (FIFO) accounting practices to transfer WIOA Adult expenses in the amount of \$193,208.20 from Program Year 2022 to Program Year 2021. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
6. Amending Resolution 2022-986 to reflect the total contract amount of \$500,000.00 awarded to Union College, Cranford, NJ for the Program Year 2022 for a change in account numbers only with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the prior resolution or contract. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to distribute Round Three (3) Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Funds (Phase 3), to support activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus throughout Union County through various non-profit organizations in an amount not to exceed \$1,824,338.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

1. Supporting the Township of Springfield NJDOT Transportation Alternative Grant Application for Streetscape Improvements for Mountain Avenue (CR 635) near Morris Avenue (CR 527). **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Chair Williams asked Director Graziano to elaborate on this item.

Director Graziano advised that this item was supporting Springfield's interest in a NJDOT Alternative Grant Application for Mountain Avenue, adding that sidewalks, handicap ramps, and planting were among the prospective improvements.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's option to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2021-134 and originally obtained through advertised public bidding (BA # 6-2021) with Deer Carcass Removal Service, Cream Ridge, NJ, for the purpose of providing road sweeping disposal services, for a twelve (12) month extension from February 23, 2023 to February 23, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$156,500.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Mirabella noted that he was happy to see the County's continued efforts relative to deer management and recognized Ray Szpond and Joe Policay for their leadership to this end.

Director Graziano also expressed his support of the County's deer management efforts. He noted that this particular item was relative to street sweeping and not deer carcass removal as suggested by the business name. He confirmed that there was an alternative contract specifically for deer carcass removal.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Bibi Taylor, Director

1. Approving Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Canceling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus and Deferred Charges Unfunded. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the Cancellation of Unissued Bond Balances. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
4. Canceling unexpended grant account balances. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
5. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$9,378.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Service Block Grant (CSBG). **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
6. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$10.00 as a result of notification received from the US Department of Treasury for a program entitled: Emergency Rental Assistance - Treasury Department - Round 2. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Chair Williams asked Director Taylor to elaborate on the cited \$10.00.

Director Taylor advised that this was a transposition from a state award, adding that this item was necessary to ensure consistency relative to financial records.

7. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$6,276.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE - HAVA Physical Security - Window Films Grant. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
8. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Clark Reservoir Dredging and Pollution Remediation Phase III Project. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Baker asked Director Taylor to elaborate on this item.

Director Taylor advised that this was a new item of revenue being accepted by the County from the State, noting that the funds would be added to the County's existing budget.

Commissioner Mirabella noted that it was wonderful to see this grant funding being awarded by the State of NJ for this purpose and recognized NJ Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari for his efforts relative to the Clark Reservoir and its rehabilitation.

Director Taylor advised that the County had a total grant award of \$8.5 million from the State of NJ for the Clark Reservoir.

9. Modifying the 2022 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$357,566.05 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury for a program entitled: Opioid Litigation Recovery Funds. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Baker asked if this item was similar to #8.

Director Taylor confirmed this to be the case, adding that Item Nos. 5-9 were all similar in nature.

Chair Williams asked if more grant funding was expected for this program.

Director Taylor advised that this item reflected the first round of funding but deferred all other inquiries to Counsel Bergen.

Counsel Bergen advised that this item reflected a periodic payment, adding that there were numerous lawsuits nationwide that the County was a party to. He noted that monies were calculated using a prescribed formula and the various entities throughout the state that were involved in the litigation, would be receiving similar periodic payments. He advised that the County was looking into potential uses for funding.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into agreements with pre-qualified Medical Practitioners to provide necessary services for the patients of the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County for the contract period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in a contract with Jaqueline Napper, PsyD, PsyPharm, Plainfield, NJ, to provide psychological services to the patients at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital including weekend psychological care and group sessions, for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to both qualify, pursuant to a Request for Qualifications procurement process and award a contract to Dr. Tasharofi, Union

County Healthcare Associates, Rahway, NJ to serve as Medical Director of the Union County Pediatric Immunization Clinic located at 40 Parker Road, Elizabeth for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of not to exceed \$26,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

4. Amending Resolution 2022-531 to extend the contract with Plainfield Action Services, Plainfield, NJ for the provision of Supportive Services to eligible Adult or Dislocated Worker participants at the American Job Centers for a three-month period from January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 in an additional amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$35,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
5. Amending Resolution 2022-532 to extend the contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ for the provision of Supportive Services to eligible Adult or Dislocated Worker participants at the American Job Centers for the period of three months commencing January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 in the additional amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$35,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
6. Amending Resolution 2022-530 to extend the contract with Geographic Solutions, Palm Harbor, FL for the continuation of the Workforce Information Management and Data Exchange System for the period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$29,550.00 for a new total not to exceed \$118,200. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts to the agencies within the Union County Youth Services Commission Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$114,000.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any funded agencies/municipalities fail to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2023 Statewide Respite Care 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 Statewide Respite Care Program for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, representing contract year two (2) of a three (3) year cycle with the option to renew contracts for one (1) additional year in the total amount not to exceed \$216,885.00; further authorizing the transfer of funded among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any should fail to meet its contractual obligation. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
9. Authorize the County Manager to award FY2024 Alliance Program subcontracts pursuant to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in the amount of not to exceed \$244,862.00 as specified in the spending plan; and to further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the municipalities listed during the contract period

should service needs change and/or if any of the listed municipality/agencies fail to meet contractual obligation. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

10. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the Agreement of Understanding between the County of Union and Overlook Hospital for the out-stationing of County Welfare Agency staff (one part-time employee) to process Medicaid applications for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at no cost to the County of Union (State and Hospital funded in full). **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
11. Authorizing the County Manager to award FY2024 DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant subcontracts pursuant to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) for the period of September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$53,720.00 as specified in the spending plan; and to further authorize the County Manager to transfer funds among the municipalities listed during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any of the listed municipality/agencies fail to meet contractual obligation. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
12. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2023 Area Plan 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 Area Plan contract for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, representing contract year two (2) of a three (3) year cycle with the option to renew contracts for one (1) additional year in the total amount not to exceed \$7,090,639.00; further authorizing the transfer of funds among the agencies during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any should fail to meet its contractual obligation. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
13. Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts within 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 \$511,656.00 for the contract period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023; and further authorizing the County Manager to transfer funds among the funded agencies/municipalities during the contract period should service needs change and/or if any funded agencies/municipalities fail to meet its contractual obligation, upon approval by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
14. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care, Marlboro, NJ to provide 12-hour education program, clinical Substance Abuse evaluation, and Substance Abuse treatment referral for the Union County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) through professional services in the form of licensed and certified clinical alcohol and drug counselors (LCADC, CADC) for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$64,800.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
15. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Center for Family Guidance, PC, Marlton, NJ, for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31,

2023, for the service of Administrator at Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital, in an amount not to exceed \$169,587.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

16. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Bayway Catering LLC, Belford, NJ, for the provision of meals for emergency shelter residents and persons assisted at Fresh Start mobile shower and laundry events for the period of September 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$25,300.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
17. Amending Resolution 2021-967 (RCCP #9-2021), a contract awarded to MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, NY for the provision of transportation services for the Paratransit system, for Change Order #1 increasing contract in an amount not to exceed \$928,930.84 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$4,821,933.70. (All other terms and conditions remain the same.) **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
18. Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract with MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, NY, pursuant to Reso 2021-967 (RCCP 9-2021), for the provision of Transportation Services for the Paratransit System, for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 (Year 2) in the total amount not to exceed \$5,195,017.44 with the option to extend the contract for three (3) one-year periods. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Victoria Durbin Drake, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

Commissioner Mirabella congratulated Director Durbin Drake on her new role as the Director of Parks and Recreation. He noted her extensive history as a County employee, adding that he was confident she would excel in her new role.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation: Maglione's Italian Ices, LLC., Iselin, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing mobile food/ice cream truck and services for Ponderosa Park, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, (BA 37-2022). This is a revenue generating contract with rent for 3 seasons commencing April 2023 through October 2025 at \$3,806.75 per season in the amount of revenue received of \$11,420.25, with the option to extend for 2 additional seasons. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation: Off Management, Roselle, New Jersey, for the purpose of providing mobile food/ice cream truck and services for Rizzuto Park, Union, New Jersey (BA 38-2022). This is a revenue generating contract with rent for 3 seasons commencing April 2023 through October 2025, at \$4,935.00 per season in the amount of revenue received of \$14,805.00 with the option to extend for 2 additional seasons. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETYAndrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to re-appoint Junaid R. Shaikh, M.D., as the Union County Medical Examiner for a five (5) year term commencing on November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2027. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2022-208, a contract with Lehrer-Gibilsco Funeral Home, Inc., Rahway, New Jersey, for livery services, to increase the contract in an amount of \$70,000.00 for a total contract not to exceed \$270,000.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Commissioner Baker asked Director Moran to elaborate on this item.

Director Moran advised that this item related to the transport of corpses to the County's Medical Examiner's Office as needed.

3. Amending Resolution 2022-56, a resolution authorizing the use of state contracts to various vendors inclusive of contract amounts, to reflect an increase the annual budgetary allocation for Motorola, Inc., (NJSC#83909), in the amount not to exceed \$2,122,036.22. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to approve an annual uniform/clothing allowance for the Union County Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Commissioner Mirabella spoke relative to Union County's Fire Mutual Aid, adding that it was among, if not the best in the State of NJ. He noted his appreciation for their efforts and service and highlighted their ability to coordinate mutual aid resources to enhance response.

Director Moran noted the importance of this program as it related to the County's public safety response plan, adding that these Fire Mutual Aid Coordinators had responded to over 430 incidents this year alone. He spoke relative to the importance of coordinating and combining these mutual aid resources, adding that they were vital in assisting municipalities that may not have the necessary resources themselves.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Winfield for 911 Police, Fire and EMS Dispatching Services for a ten (10) year period, commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2032 in the amount of revenue of \$26,497.94 for the first year with a 2% yearly increase effective every January 1st of each subsequent calendar year for a total revenue amount of \$290,145.10. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Garwood to provide 911 Emergency Medical Dispatch call screening services for a ten (10) year period, commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2032 in the amount of revenue of \$2,428.98, for the first year with a 2% yearly increase effective every January 1st of each subsequent calendar year for a total revenue amount of \$26,596.61. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Fanwood for Dispatching Services for a ten (10) year period commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount of revenue of \$94,201.34, for the first year with a 2% yearly increase effective every January 1st of each subsequent calendar year for a total revenue amount of \$1,031,478.58. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Commissioner Granados asked Director Moran to elaborate on the Shared Services cited on Item Nos. 5-7.

Director Moran advised that these items related to the County's regional dispatch center. He noted that the County offered a variety of dispatch services that municipalities could choose from to enhance their existing public safety operations. He further advised that the County currently provided police, fire, and EMS services to the Township of Winfield and managed the emergency medical calls for the Borough of Garwood, noting that both of these municipalities had been participating in these shared services for five years. Relative to the Borough of Fanwood, Director Moran noted that they had been the first municipality to secure police, fire, and EMS dispatch services through the shared services agreement with the County. He added that the Borough of Fanwood had been receiving these services through the County for twelve years.

Commissioner Granados noted the tremendous benefit of this shared service.

Director Moran echoed Commissioner Granados sentiments, adding that this shared service was not only financially beneficial, but also provided the County and the various municipalities with an opportunity to centralize and enhance dispatch services and overall public safety response.

8. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Public Safety: VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists, LLC, Berlin, New Jersey, for the purpose of purchasing (2) ambulances in an amount not to exceed \$599,608.00 (Bid #25-2022). **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2022-788, to increase the appropriation to DeCotiis Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin LLP, Paramus, NJ for Special Legal Counsel in the matter entitled H.C. Equities v. UC, et als, in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$380,000.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey for the purpose of performing a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment and site survey related to the purchase of property located at 921-923 Elizabeth Avenue (Block 7, Lot 376 and 376T01 Block 7, Lot 1071B) Elizabeth, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$14,750.00. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Attorney Title Services, Cranford, New Jersey for the purpose of title search, insurance and settlement services, related to the purchase of property located at 921-923 Elizabeth Avenue (Block 7, Lot 376 and 376T01 Block 7, Lot 1071B) Elizabeth, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$14,367.50. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Adopting the Updated Union County Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Manual. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
5. Adopting the Updated Union County Policy Against Workplace Discrimination and Harassment. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

Edward T. Oatman, County Manager

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to adopt the 2023 Exclusionary Wage Increase. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Approving Constitutional Officers' 2023 Salary. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulating Reverend Dr. James W. Ealey for 55 years of service to Second Baptist Church and the Rahway community at the unveiling and renaming ceremony of "Rev. Dr. James W. Ealey Way." **(Commissioner James Baker Jr, & The Entire Board)**
2. Congratulating Congressman Hakeem Jeffers, NY - 8th District, upon being elected as Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, & The Entire Board)**
3. Expressing Board deepest condolences to the family of Lance Corporal Aanesha S. Connor during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, & The Entire Board)**
4. Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Sumpter L. Lett during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Angela R. Garretson, & The Entire Board)**
5. Recognizing the Summit Elks Lodge Post 1246 and the American Legion as they dedicate newly upgraded war memorials at the Summit Village Green to honor those who fought and died during the Global War on Terror on December 10th, 2022. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**

6. Congratulating Steve Mandy, owner of Attack of the Baseball Cards, as they hosted their Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Clark, NJ on December 10th, 2022. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
7. Amending Resolution Number 2021-938, a contract obtained through a competitive contracting process with Cityside Archives LLC for the purposes of providing records storage and management services of the County's official documents, to reflect the change in the name of the vendor to VRC Companies LLC dba Vital Records Control, Memphis TN; all other terms and conditions remain the same. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
8. Appointing the following members to the Workforce Development Advisory Board: Jessica Cohen, to fill an unexpired term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024; and Courtney Villani, with a term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
9. Commending Ashley Davis on her service to the City of Plainfield as 1st Ward Councilwoman. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
10. Congratulating Pastor Eric W. Wallace, Sr., on celebrating his sixth pastoral anniversary serving as Pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Plainfield, New Jersey. **(Chair Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Kowalski absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm
Administration Building, 6th Floor
Commissioner Meeting Room

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

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James E. Pelletiere, 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, 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 said 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.