



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

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, will move Ordinance Number 848-2024 for First Reading and authorize 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open for the purpose of commenting on resolutions being offered for adoption and on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 2024-124 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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).

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- 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.
- 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 Sermenio 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.

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.
- 2024-156 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, 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.
- 2024-157 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & 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.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

Thursday, January 25, 2024
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Wednesday, March 27, 2024
Wednesday, April 10, 2024
Wednesday, April 24, 2024
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
Wednesday, June 5, 2024
Wednesday, June 19, 2024
Wednesday, July 17, 2024
Wednesday, August 14, 2024
Wednesday, September 11, 2024
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
Wednesday, October 9, 2024
Wednesday, October 23, 2024
Wednesday, November 13, 2024
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
Wednesday, December 18, 2024

REGULAR MEETINGS

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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.