



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

- 1) Attorney client privileged discussion concerning review and contract negotiation for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Thursday, January 4, 2024 - Installation Ceremony and Reorganization Meeting
2. Thursday, January 25, 2024 - Agenda Setting Session
3. Thursday, January 25, 2024 - Regular Meeting

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

- 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.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is now open for the purposes of commenting on Ordinance Number 848-2024 only.

FINAL READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, Policy and Administrative Code Chair, will move Ordinance Number 848-2024 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

- 849-2024 MODIFY THE UNION COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO: (1) INCLUDE THE WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FACILITIES IN ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY, AS THE COUNTY'S DESIGNATED FACILITIES TO WHICH SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27 ARE DIRECTED FOR DISPOSAL; (2) INCORPORATE THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27; AND (3) DIRECT ALL SOLID WASTE TYPES 13, 13C, 23 AND 27 TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FACILITIES IN ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY FOR DISPOSAL, PURSUANT TO REGULATORY WASTE FLOW CONTROL.**

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Commissioner Sergio Granados, Union County Utilities Authority Liaison, will move Ordinance Number 849-2024 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 March 13, 2024.

2024 EXECUTIVE BUDGET STATEMENT

County Manager Edward T. Oatman presents the 2024 Executive Budget to the Board of County Commissioners.

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:

- 2024-158 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the option to renew the shared service agreement with Essex County, Newark, NJ for the purpose of housing Union County Juveniles, at the sole discretion of the Criminal Courts of the State of New Jersey, for a term of five (5) years for a contract period of February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2029 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.

- 2024-159 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with The Keefe Group, Edison, NJ to provide the necessary services to the Inmate Trust Fund Accounting System for the Union County Correctional Hub for a five-year period commencing on January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028 in the amount not to exceed \$24,739.00 for the first year and \$13,284.00 for each additional year, for a total amount not to exceed \$77,875.00, with one option to extend the contract for an additional five (5) year period.
- 2024-160 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CFG Health Systems LLC, Marlton, New Jersey for the provision of comprehensive institutional healthcare services for incarcerated adults at the Union County Correctional Hub for the contract period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$1,962,054.00.
- 2024-161 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to enable Union County Sheriff's Office to request and acquire excess Department of Defense Equipment for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- 2024-162 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Halecon, Inc. of Bridgewater, New Jersey for the John H. Stamler Police Academy Running Track, Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$80,467.00.
- 2024-163 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Amending Resolution 2022-832, a contract to Dewberry Engineers Inc., Bloomfield, New Jersey, for improvements to the West 7th Street Intersection, City of Plainfield, to reflect a change in account number only.
- 2024-164 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Requesting the contract amendment to Federal Aid Cost Reimbursement Agreement 2021-DT-BLA-201, East Front Street Intersection Improvements, with New Jersey Department of Transportation to reflect the extension of the project completion date from March 13, 2024 to March 13, 2025.
- 2024-165 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CME Associates, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey to provide On-Call Environmental Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.
- 2024-166 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to CME Associates, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey to provide a design study for upgrades and improvements to 921 Elizabeth Ave., Elizabeth, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

- 2024-167 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Authorizing the Township of Springfield/Springfield First Aid Squad to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue from April 11, 2024 to May 28, 2024 to advertise EMS Week from May 19, 2024 to May 25, 2024.
- 2024-168 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Radiac Research Corp., d/b/a Radiac Environmental Services, Brooklyn, NY, for the purpose of providing four (4) Union County household hazardous waste program events for 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$175,801.90. (No cost to the County.)
- 2024-169 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a grant agreement term extension regarding the FY 2023 Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Union County Emergency Services Regional Dispatch Center Implementation Grant through May 31, 2025.
- 2024-170 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to execute a grant agreement term extension regarding the FY 2023 Plainfield Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Implementation Grant through April 30, 2025.
- 2024-171 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-741, a contract with the Urban League of Union County, Elizabeth, NJ for the provision of financial literacy services, to extend the contract for a period of three (3) months from January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024.
- 2024-172 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the NJ DCA FY23 Shared Library Services Grant Program funding to assist local public libraries in joining a consortium by covering initial migration costs in an amount not to exceed \$220,797.37.
- 2024-173 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and to enter into an agreement with the NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJ DCA) to secure grant funding from the FY24 Shared Library Services Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.
- 2024-174 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager to designate the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs as the Official County Cultural and Heritage Agency.
- 2024-175 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Amending the 2024 Temporary Budget Ch. 96 P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20).
- 2024-176 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Approving a list of pre-qualified financial advisors for the Year 2024.
- 2024-177 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Lerch, Vinci & Bliss LLP, Fair Lawn, NJ, to provide financial advisory services in connection with special projects for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

- 2024-178 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Approving positions subject to enrollment in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program.
- 2024-179 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring Supreme Strategies, a non-profit organization, in the amount \$500.00 in support of their Easter Egg Hunt to be held in the Township of Hillside on March 30, 2024.
- 2024-180 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 in support of their Annual Festival of India on October 5th, 2024.
- 2024-181 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the City of Rahway in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 in support of their Celebrations taking place throughout the year.
- 2024-182 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Township of Cranford in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 in support of their Independence Day Celebration on July 2, 2024.
- 2024-183 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the City of Plainfield in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 in support of their Independence Day Celebration on July 4, 2024.
- 2024-184 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring P.A.C.E. with \$2, 500.00 in support of their Young Men of Distinction Conference to be held on February 24, 2024.
- 2024-185 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts as listed on 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 \$557,125.15 for the contract period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- 2024-186 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Harmony Tree Care LLC, Bernardsville NJ through Somerset County State Approved CO-OP (CC-0081-23) for Tree Removal & Trimming in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.
- 2024-187 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON:** 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: Parks & Recreation: CMS Construction, Inc., Plainfield, NJ for the purpose of providing Nomahegan Pedestrian Bridge Replacement, in an amount not to exceed \$682,550.00.

- 2024-188 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON:** Amending Resolution 2023-566 authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with the Bergen Rockland Eruv Association, LLC, Monsey, NY, allowing additional Eruv Wiring in the Rahway River Park System in Clark and Rahway, NJ.
- 2024-189 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON:** 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; Parks & Recreation: Hewson Landscape Inc., Plainfield, NJ, for the purpose of providing Lawn Maintenance Service, for the contract period of 24 consecutive months, in an amount not to exceed \$98,222.30, with an option to extend for an additional 24 consecutive months.
- 2024-190 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, NJ, for the purpose of talent acquisition, booking and day of facilitation for the 2024 Union County Summer Concert Series, 2024 Rhythm and Blues by the Brook Concert, and the 2024 Fall Concert, for a contract period ending December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$319,600.00.
- 2024-191 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Child and Adolescent Outpatient Unit, Department of Psychiatry for licensed clinician / therapist services for the period of March 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$13,500.
- 2024-192 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Amending Resolution 2020-479 to include part of Home Funds and to exercise and expend funds in the total amount not to exceed \$723,528.86 for the Passaic Affordable Housing Coalition, Inc. for the project known as 211 South Avenue East, Westfield, NJ Project.
- 2024-193 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Concurring with Resolution No. 2024-04 of the of the Union County Workforce Development Board to enter into a contract with Weber Dowd Law, LLC, Woodland Park, NJ, for professional legal services for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the total amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- 2024-194 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Concurring with Resolution No. 2024-05 of the Union County Workforce Development Board, to enter into a contract with FutureWork Systems for the FutureWorks BI service in an amount not to exceed \$12,971.00.
- 2024-195 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Concurring with Resolution No. 2024-06 of the Union County Workforce Development Board, to enter into a contract with the Garden State Employment and Training Association for Professional Development services in an amount not to exceed \$38,991.61.

- 2024-196 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Amending Resolution 2023-531, a contract with Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri & Jacobs LLC in the matter entitled Beverley Figueroa v. UC, et al, to reflect an increase to the contract in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.
- 2024-197 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to appoint the Law Firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC, Oakland, NJ, to represent the County of Union, as special counsel concerning investigation and negotiation of arrangements for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.
- 2024-198 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Appointing Amy Crisp-Wagner to serve as a member of the Commission on the Status of Women to a two-year term, expiring December 31, 2025.
- 2024-199 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Appointing the following members to the Industrial Pollution Control Financing Authority of Union County: Amy Crisp-Wagner; Bruce H. Bergen; James E. Pellettiere; Samantha Perez; and Nancy Malta.

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCES

- 2024-200 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing and congratulating the Portuguese Instructive Social Club on its 102nd Anniversary Celebration.
- 2024-201 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing Resolve Community Counseling Center, Inc. in Scotch Plains as they celebrate 50 years of service providing affordable, confidential mental health counseling, advocacy and educational programs for children, adolescents and adults in Union County.
- 2024-202 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Kristian Cortizo on being named the new Head Baseball Coach of the Elizabeth Minutemen.
- 2024-203 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the Elizabeth High School Girls Basketball Team upon winning the Union County Girls Basketball Tournament.
- 2024-204 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Crane's Ford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution upon celebrating its 80th Anniversary on March 9, 2024.

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

Thursday, January 25, 2024
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Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024
Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024
Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024

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.