



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Leon presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, Vice-Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and Commissioner Rebecca Williams were present, with Commissioner James E. Baker Jr, Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort, and 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.

### PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

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A Resolution Presentation was made by the Board congratulating the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Elizabeth Branch President Shawn McClain and Retired Detective Darin Williamson upon receiving the Presidential Gold Award.

Chairwoman Leon noted that she was honored to be able to recognize Shawn McClain and Darin Williamson, two exceptional individuals that exemplified the highest ideals of community service, adding that their contributions had left a lasting impact on Union County and beyond. She advised that the Board was proud to recognize their efforts and highlight their well-deserved honor of receiving the Presidential Gold Award.

Commissioner Granados noted that it was an honor to highlight the remarkable efforts of Shawn McClain and Darin Williamson, adding that their dedication and service had earned them the prestigious Presidential Gold Award. He recognized Shawn McClain, President of the NAACP – Elizabeth Branch, for launching impactful initiatives including mentorship programs that had positively impacted every corner of the Union County community. He noted that Mr. McClain had demonstrated that transformative change was possible through leadership and compassion. Commissioner Granados also recognized retired Detective Darin

Williamson, who served the Elizabeth Police Department with courage and distinction for over 30 years. He recognized Mr. Williamson's efforts in mentoring youth as well as organizing food and clothing drives, among other community-service driven initiatives. He noted Mr. Williamson's legacy as one of service and kindness, serving as an inspiration to others. He congratulated Mr. McClain and Mr. Williamson on their well-deserved recognition and for their selfless service to the community.

Shawn McClain thanked God. He also thanked the Board and County Manager Oatman for the recognition. He added that he was proud to be able to serve his community in collaboration with the County of Union. He noted his appreciation for their continued support.

Darin Williamson thanked the Board, noting that he was grateful for the recognition. He recognized his wife and thanked her for her love and continued support.

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#### APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Chairwoman Leon advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 4, 2024 - Agenda Setting Session (**Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon**)
2. December 4, 2024 - Regular Meeting (**Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon**)
3. December 18, 2024 - Agenda Setting Session (**Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon**)
4. December 18, 2024 - Regular Meeting (**Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon**)

Chairwoman Leon advised that the Minutes would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

#### BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Nicole DiRado, Administrator

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Election Systems & Software LLC (ES&S), Omaha, NE to provide on-site election resources, which includes the Primary Election, General Election and Early Voting for the contract period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$259,225.00. (**Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon**)
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, NJ for the purpose of providing election printing services to print voting authority slips, challenger badges, voter and poll worker instructions and all other printing needed to conduct elections for the contract period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$153,827.00. (**Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon**)

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with University Van Lines, Rahway, New Jersey, for the purpose of transporting voting machines, electronic poll books and election supplies for the contract period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$60,500. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Liberty Transportation & Storage Co. Inc., Berkeley Heights, NJ for the purpose of transporting voting machines, electronic poll books and election supplies for the contract period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter in a contract with Election Systems & Software LLC (ES&S), Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of purchasing consumables for the Union County Vote Tabulation System for the contract period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$59,000.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
6. Amending Resolution 2024-685, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, NJ for the purpose of providing additional supplies for 2024 General Election Early Voting in the amount of \$12,865.12, for a new contract amount of \$203,185.12. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked Administrator DiRado if there had been an increase compared to prior years.

Administrator DiRado advised that there was no significant increase in comparison to the prior year, adding that numbers had actually decreased during the latter part of 2024. She advised that seven elections had been held last year in comparison to the four elections anticipated in 2025.

#### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

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Deputy County Clerk Clara Fernandez represented the Office.

There was no question or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2024-822, a contract with B&B Press Inc., Lebanon, New Jersey, to utilize the last option to extend to December 31, 2025, to increase the contract amount by \$48,083.39 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$1,745,888.24, and to add account numbers. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
2. Amending Resolution 2024-789, a contract with Full Service Mailers, Hackensack, NJ, to utilize the last extension to December 31, 2025, to increase the contract amount by \$9,234.90, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$490,408.20. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
3. Amending Resolution 2024-821, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, NJ, to utilize the last extension to December 31, 2025, and to increase the

contract amount by \$147,090.00, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$6,071,020.59. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), Piscataway, New Jersey for the purpose of providing hardware and software maintenance for the Union County Clerk's imaging and web servers for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$68,395.53. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Intersection Media LLC, Secaucus, NJ, for the purpose of providing design and advertising space for the Union County Votes App at NJ Transit train stations in advance of the 2025 and 2026 Primary and General Elections for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$44,576.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Business Automation Technologies Inc, dba Data Network Solutions, Little Silver, NJ, to provide internet service and maintenance on equipment in the Union County Clerk's offices for the period from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028 in the amount of not to exceed \$122,940.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
7. Approving the 2025 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. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

#### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

**William Daniel, Prosecutor**

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First Assistant Prosecutor James O. Tansey represented the Office.

There was no question or comments by the Board.

1. 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 Lenco Industries, Inc. of Pittsfield, MA for the procurement of two armored vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$547,190.00 **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
2. Amending Resolution 2024-921, a contract with Lauren Boyd, Linden, NJ, to serve as an Assistant SART/FNE Coordinator, to extend the contract period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 and to increase the amount by \$5,440.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$35,360.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
3. Amending Resolution 2024-682, authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept additional funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for the Fiscal Year 2025 Child Advocacy Development Grants - Treatment Services, Programs, Technology and Capital Improvement, to reflect an additional

award amount of \$22,160.00 for a new total award of \$186,627.00; all other terms remain unchanged. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

4. 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, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to continue efforts of insurance fraud investigation in Union County. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, The Division of Administration, Grants Operations Section, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to support the County Multi-Jurisdictional Gangs, Guns, and Narcotics Task Force for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$127,375.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
6. Amending Resolution 2024-427, a contract with Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., (D/B/A/ Life Technologies), Waltham, MA, for the purchase of proprietary reagents, supplies, and service agreements for instrument maintenance necessary to perform DNA testing by the Union County Forensic Laboratory, to reflect a change in the account allocations only; all other terms of the contract remain unchanged. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

#### DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

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1. Amending Resolution 2024-615, approving the 2024-2025 Annual Consolidated Action Plan, to increase CDBG funding utilizing contingency funds to cover the cost of one additional Public Service Program for Westfield Recreation Department, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
2. Amending Resolution 2023-726, a contract with Everbridge Inc., Pasadena, CA, for the provision of software and support services, to reflect an account number change to include covering services rendered during the period of January 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$50,625.00 and for a total contract amount not to exceed \$270,000.00 for the period of December 1, 2021 to September 30, 2025. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to distribute Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Funds (Phase 4) to support activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus, for assistance services throughout Union County through non-profit organizations, in an amount not to exceed \$210,782.60 for the period of February 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
4. Amending Resolution 2024-988, a contract with the United Way of Greater Union County (UWGUC) for the provision of Comprehensive One-Stop Career Center Provider for Youth Services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), to increase total funding from \$460,000.00 to \$600,000.00 and add corresponding allocations for the United Way of Greater Union County contract. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Williams asked Deputy County Manager/Director Wagner to elaborate on this item.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that the Department had requested proposals for comprehensive youth services under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act. She noted that this item would fund various programs for in-school and out-of-school youth, including work readiness and job training resources.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

Joseph Policay, Director

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1. Amending Resolution 2023-629, 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 Agate Construction Company Inc. of Egg Harbor, New Jersey for the Randolph Road Bridge Scour Protection, City of Plainfield, New Jersey. This Final Change Order Number 1 will decrease the contract amount by \$117,493.12, for a final contract amount not to exceed \$282,439.88. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**

Chairwoman Leon asked Director Policay to elaborate on the decrease.

Director Policay advised that less materials, including stone, was required to complete the project resulting in the reduction of cost

2. Authorizing the County Manager and the Union County Board of County Commissioners to allow the County of Union, the County of Union Planning Board and the Bureau of Land Use Planning to participate in the development of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan) as required by the State Planning Act. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pennoni Associates Inc., Newark, NJ, to provide On-Call General Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CME Associates, Parlin, New Jersey to provide On-Call Environmental Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. Bloomfield, New Jersey to provide On-Call Bridge Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design Group Inc., Mt. Arlington, NJ to provide On-Call Traffic Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design Group, Inc., Mt. Arlington, NJ to provide On-Call Mechanical Electrical

- and Plumbing (MEP) Engineering Services commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
8. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with USA Architects of Somerville, New Jersey to provide On-Call Architectural Services commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
  9. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers of Secaucus, NJ, to provide On-Call Hydraulic Services commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
  10. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, Secaucus, NJ to provide On-Call Parks Services commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
  11. Amending Resolution 2024-903, approving additional pre-qualified firms for the provision of Architectural Services for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
  12. Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2022-963, originally obtained through advertised public bidding, with Challenger Fence, Inc., Paterson, NJ for the purpose of providing Fencing Systems Services for twenty-four (24) consecutive months from January 23, 2025 through January 22, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$351,410.00. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
  13. Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2023-102, originally obtained through advertised public bidding, with DavEd Fire Systems, Inc., Hackensack, NJ for the purpose of providing Fire Alarm Services for twenty-four (24) consecutive months from February 5, 2025 through February 4, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
  14. 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, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

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There was no question or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Union College of Union County, NJ to rent space for the 2025 Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) education classes for twenty-two (22) IDRC class dates at a rate of \$247.50

per day during the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in the total amount not to exceed \$5,445.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts 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, 2025 through December 31, 2025. This resolution would further authorize 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 their contractual obligation, upon approval by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Boxwood Learning Center Inc. 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 \$215,797.85 for the contract period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Amending Resolution 2024-936, a contract awarded to MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, NY to reflect adjustment to the appropriation accounts only. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement between the County of Union and 28 Prince Street Holdings, LLC (John Rodriguez), Newark, NJ for the rental of 26 parking spaces at \$80.00 per parking spot for the premises known and designated as 28 Prince Street, Elizabeth, NJ commencing on January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$2,080.00 per month, for a total annual amount not to exceed \$24,960.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

#### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Victoria Durbin-Drake, Director

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There was no question or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2024-787, a contract awarded to KS Engineers PC for the provision of professional services for the Galloping Hill Golf Course's Clubhouse, to reflect a change in account number only. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 68-2024) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSa 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation, John R. Knabb & Sons, Kutztown, PA for the purpose of providing straw, for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months that shall commence upon contract execution, in the amount of not to exceed \$156,500.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA# 67-2024) in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSa 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation, Middle Valley Farms, Long Valley NJ, for the purpose of providing hay, for a contract period of twenty-



- four (24) consecutive months that shall commence upon contract execution, in the amount of not to exceed \$399,360.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Cooperative Services Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services in providing the County of Union with a two-year integrated wildlife damage management program aimed at reducing wildlife damage to human health and safety, property and natural resources in Union County, New Jersey for the period of March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2027 an amount not to exceed \$331,095.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
  5. Amending Resolution 2024-976, a contract awarded to Gallen Contracting for the provision of improvements to Mattano Park, to change account number only. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
  6. Authorizing the County Manager to renew the one (1) year residential lease period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026 for the caretaker of the County's Watchung Stables for a total amount not to exceed \$7,800. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
  7. Resolution authorizing the County Manager to renew the one (1) year period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026 residential lease for caretaker of the County's Feltville Village for a total amount not to exceed \$9,600. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
  8. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Tennis Courts Improvements at Esposito Park, Clark, NJ in the amount of \$100,000.00 **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
  9. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Shade Tree Department, LLC West Orange, New Jersey for professional services and assessment of trees within the proposed area of the Warinanco Ice Rink, Roselle in the amount of not to exceed \$21,000.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**Dennis Burke, Director

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There was no question or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with TriTech Software Systems (CentralSquare Technologies LLC), Lake Mary, FL, for maintenance/support renewal for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) for the Department of Public Safety and the Sheriff's Office for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$206,421.96. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with 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, 2025 through December 31,

2025, in a total amount not to exceed \$225,000.00. (**Commissioner Alexander Mirabella**)

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**

Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Gann Law Books, Newark, NJ for the purchase of law books and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional offices and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$51,850.00 (**Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon**)
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with LexisNexis, a division of RELX Inc., Philadelphia, PA for the purchase of law books, internet services and materials as is necessary for various departments, constitutional offices and agencies within the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$65,000. (**Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon**)

Commissioner Mirabella asked Counsel Bergen if these resources were available in a digital format.

Counsel Bergen confirmed that many of these legal resources were available in digital format, but the Department opted to purchase hard copies of certain materials to facilitate quick reference and transport as needed.

County Manager Oatman added that hard-copy legal materials were often purchased to ensure they were available for off-site work done by the County.

3. Authorizing the Office of the County Counsel to engage and compensate experts such as court reporters, expert witnesses, examining physicians and other litigation support and specialists which are essential to the defense of the County of Union in amount not to exceed \$28,000.00. (**Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon**)

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**

Edward T. Oatman, County Manager

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There was no question or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Lerch, Vinci and Bliss LLP, to provide financial advisory services for the period of December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00. (**Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams**)

**COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

2025 Board of County Commissioners, Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon

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**OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE BOARD**

James Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board

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There was no question or comments by the Board.

1. Reappointing the following members to the Advisory Council on Aging for a term starting January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027: Elizabeth A. Fennik, Ellen Staunton, and Eugene Rosner. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
2. Appointing Nicole Schichnes and Ingrid Floyd to the Human Services Advisory Council to a three-year term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027; reappointing Katia Theodore, Peter Jacob, and Sarah Webb to a three-year term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027; and reappointing Alison Milian to a one-year term ending December 31, 2025. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. Re-appointing Clara Fernandez, Nancy Piwowar, and Veronica Sala-Baez to the Cultural & Heritage Advisory Board for a term starting January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

#### **OFFICE OF OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION**

Victoria Durbin-Drake, Director

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There was no question or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant application from the NJDEP/Green Acres Program to carry out a historic restoration and landscape improvement project at the Deserted Village of Feltville, Watchung Reservation, Berkeley Heights in the amount of \$500,000.00 **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant application from the NJDEP/Green Acres Program to carry out an all-inclusive playground improvement project at Unami Park, in the Borough of Garwood and the Town of Westfield, NJ in the amount of \$1,333,000.00 **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant application from the NJDEP/Green Acres Program to carry out a park development improvement project at the Wheeler Spray Park in the City of Linden, NJ in the amount of \$2,100,000.00 **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

#### **LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE**

1. Congratulating NAACP Elizabeth Branch President Shawn McClain upon receiving the Presidential Gold Award at the New Destiny Community Development Corporation Annual Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony, hosted by Assemblyman Reginald Atkins and Dr. Cynthia Atkins. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
2. Congratulating Retired Detective Darin Williamson upon receiving the Presidential Gold Award at the New Destiny Community Development Corporation Annual Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony, hosted by Assemblyman Reginald Atkins and Dr. Cynthia Atkins. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
3. Recognizing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Elizabeth Branch as they induct their 2025-2027 Executive Board & Committee-at-Large. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**

4. Recognizing and congratulating former Elizabeth Boys Basketball Coach and current Elizabeth Public Schools Athletic Director, Ben Candelino, who was selected for the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Hall of Fame Class of 2024. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, & The Entire Board)**
5. Congratulating Geleen Donovan on her retirement as Executive Director of Family Promise. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
6. Congratulating Atlantic Health System Overlook Medical Center on the completion of their major expansion and renovation of Overlook Medical Center's East Building. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairwoman Leon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Delisfort, and Commissioner Kowalski absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 P.M.

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

**REORGANIZATION MEETING - MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM**  
**Union County Courthouse - 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07207**

**AGENDA SETTING SESSION**

Thursday, January 23, 2025  
Thursday, February 6, 2025  
Thursday, February 27, 2025  
Thursday, March 13, 2025  
Thursday, March 27, 2025  
Thursday, April 17, 2025  
Thursday, May 15, 2025  
Thursday, June 12, 2025  
Thursday, July 24, 2025  
Thursday, August 21, 2025  
Thursday, September 4, 2025  
Thursday, September 18, 2025  
Thursday, October 16, 2025  
Thursday, November 13, 2025  
Thursday, December 4, 2025  
Thursday, December 18, 2025

**REGULAR MEETINGS**

Monday, January 13, 2025\*  
Thursday, January 23, 2025  
Thursday, February 6, 2025  
Thursday, February 27, 2025  
Thursday, March 13, 2025  
Thursday, March 27, 2025  
Thursday, April 17, 2025  
Thursday, May 15, 2025  
Thursday, June 12, 2025  
Thursday, July 24, 2025  
Thursday, August 21, 2025  
Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025  
Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025  
Thursday, October 16, 2025  
Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025  
Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025  
Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025

\*Special Meeting

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings are to be regularly held on Thursday evenings. These meetings are scheduled to be held on the same evening, with the Agenda Setting Session to commence at 6:00 PM 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.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

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