



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Leon presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:06PM

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD

Chairwoman Leon asked Commissioner Williams to join her for the Resolution Presentation.

A Resolution Presentation will be made by the Board to Charlotte Diakite, recognizing the month of May as "Lupus Awareness Month" throughout the County of Union.

Commissioner Williams noted that the Board was proud to present a resolution recognizing May 2025 as Lupus Awareness Month in Union County. She spoke relative to the serious, and sometimes debilitating effects of lupus, adding that many individuals often go undiagnosed or misdiagnosed for years. She highlighted the efforts of the Lupus Foundation of America in increasing awareness, education and research and providing continued support and advocacy for individuals living with lupus. She recognized Charlotte Diakite and her guests and thanked them for their continued efforts at the Lupus Foundation.

Charlotte Diakite, of the Lupus Foundation, thanked God, Chairwoman Leon, Commissioner Williams, and the Board for the recognition. She recognized her colleagues Lenore Sneed, from

Roselle, and Larry Graham, from Summit, noting that they were grateful for all the Board's support. She noted the importance of raising awareness and continuing to make strides in the fight against lupus to ensure meaningful quality of life for all those suffering from the condition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

County Counsel Bergen stated that pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public body may enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing certain enumerated subjects.

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-client privileged communications concerning the potential settlement in the matter entitled Andrea Simmons v. Union County.

He stated that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be separated from the minutes of the Open Public Session and that the minutes of the Executive Session, redacted as appropriate and necessary, shall be available in approximately 30 days. He stated that the Clerk of the Board shall retain the original minutes until such time as the confidential limitations have been removed, at which time they shall be made available.

He stated that upon affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Board may enter Executive Session and upon the Board's return may or may not take formal action on the matters discussed.

Chairwoman Leon called for a motion to Enter Executive Session.

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

1. To the extent known, the Board of County Commissioners has a need to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items:
 - 1) Attorney-client privileged communications concerning the potential settlement in the matter entitled Andrea Simmons v. Union County.

Chairwoman Leon called for a motion to return from Executive Session.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Chairwoman Leon called upon Counsel Bergen to address the outcome of Executive Session.

Counsel Bergen advised that as a result of Executive Session, an additional resolution for a settlement in the matter of Andrea Simmons v. Union County would be added to his Office's items.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

NOTE AND FILE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 17, 2025 - Agenda Setting Session
April 17, 2025 - Regular Meeting

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

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

NICOLE DiRADO, ADMINISTRATOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Elections Systems & Software, Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of purchasing back-up batteries required for the fleet of voting machines in an amount not to exceed \$230,060.00. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR

WILLIAM DANIEL, COUNTY PROSECUTOR

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Trinitas Regional Medical Center/RWJ Barnabas Health, Elizabeth, NJ for 24/7 on-call Mental Health Critical Incident Consultation for the period of March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$105,284.00. **(Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner)**

Commissioner Granados asked Prosecutor Daniel to elaborate on this item.

Prosecutor Daniel advised that the County of Union had been participating in the Arrive Together Program for approximately three years. Under this program and partnership with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, he advised that this 24/7 resource would allow mental health specialists to respond with law enforcement and provide on-site mental health crisis intervention. He added that health specialists would assist with de-escalation efforts, noting that since the program's inception, the Office had received no excessive use of force complaints from these types of calls. He further advised that this funding from the State would allow for the expansion of this resource to include barricade and other critical situations.

Commissioner Granados highlighted the benefits of the Arrive Together Program, adding that it was a transformative and beneficial resource to all residents of Union County.

Prosecutor Daniel thanked the Board for their partnership and continued support of the Arrive Together Program.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with UCNJ Union College of Union County to award college credits to graduates from the John H. Stamler Police Academy. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman)**

Commissioner Mirabella thanked Prosecutor Daniel for his efforts in securing this great partnership with Union College of Union College to award credits to graduates from the John H. Stamler Police Academy.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded echoed Commissioner Mirabella's sentiments, noting that she was happy to be able to offer this resources to graduates from the John H. Stamler Police Academy.

Commissioner Baker echoed the sentiments of his Commissioner colleagues and asked if this opportunity was extended to all police academy graduates. He also asked if these credits would be replenished annually.

Prosecutor Daniel advised that this opportunity was offered exclusively to John H. Stamler Police Academy graduates, contingent on them continuing their education at Union College of Union County. He added that each graduate would receive 18 credits in total.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AMY CRISP WAGNER, DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER/DIRECTOR

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award an open ended contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq, to Johnston GP Inc., Springfield, NJ for a period of twenty-four (24) months with an option to renew for twenty-four (24) months to provide telephone/associated services systems equipment, installation, maintenance services, for various County Departments, in an amount not to exceed \$650,220.00. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman)**
2. Amending Resolution 2025-382, to adjust summer youth work experience program participant numbers and United Way funding allocations. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman)**

Commissioner Granados asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on the summer youth work experience program.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this program, funded by the State of NJ and administered by United Way of Greater Union County, would provide youth with the necessary resources to secure summer employment. She noted that this specific item was meant to increase the number of participants from 480 to 485.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CGI, Technologies and Solutions, Inc., Fairfax, VA, through a Request for Competitive Contracting process, (RCCP # 1-2025) for the provision of technical services for the Bureau of Information Technology for a contract period of June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2027, with an option to extend one additional 24 consecutive month period, in an amount not to exceed \$567,999.84. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**JOSEPH POLICAY, DIRECTOR**

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2024-895, a contract with Grade Construction of Paterson, New Jersey for the Replacement of Lower Road Minor Bridge, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey, to reflect the additional language as required by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. **(Michèle Delisfort, Commissioner)**
2. Supporting the Borough of Mountainside in applying for and receiving a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant for streetscape improvements to Mountain Avenue from New Providence Road to the county park trail near Tanglewood Lane, inclusive of the trail on County property within the Borough of Mountainside. **(Michèle Delisfort, Commissioner)**
3. 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 Underground Utilities Corporation of Linden, New Jersey for Replacement of Caldwell Place Minor Bridge, Township of Springfield, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$712,062.00. **(Michèle Delisfort, Commissioner)**
4. Supporting the Township of Hillside in applying for and receiving a Transportation Alternative Program Set-Aside Grant (TAP Set-Aside) for streetscape improvements to Liberty Avenue within the Township of Hillside. **(Michèle Delisfort, Commissioner)**
5. 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., to GPC Inc., Millburn, NJ for Fire Suppression Remediation at the Froehlich Building, 400 North Avenue East, Westfield, NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$925,000.00. **(Michèle Delisfort, Commissioner)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's option to extend the open ended contract pursuant to Resolution 2023-382, originally obtained through advertised public bidding, with Waste Management of NJ, Inc., Elizabeth, NJ for the purpose of providing construction debris disposal services for twenty-four (24) consecutive months from May 11, 2025 through May 10, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. **(Michèle Delisfort, Commissioner)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with W. E. Timmerman Co. Inc., Whitehouse, NJ, to purchase a 2024 Cab & Chassis Truck with a Grapple Saw in an amount not exceed \$460,695.00. **(Michèle Delisfort, Commissioner)**
8. Authorizing the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner on Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from October 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025 to promote the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad Membership Drive. **(Michèle Delisfort, Commissioner)**

9. Authorizing the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner on Park Avenue from May 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025 to promote Mental Health Awareness Month. **(Michèle Delisfort, Commissioner)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**BIBI TAYLOR, DIRECTOR**

1. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$16,401 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Right To Know (RTK) Grant. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**

Commissioner Williams noted that she was pleased to see so many beneficial grants being awarded to the County of Union. She asked Director Taylor to elaborate on the Right to Know Grant.

Director Taylor advised that funding for Right to Know Grant, as required by law, would acquaint public emergency responders and employers with related provisions. She added that the Right to Know Act also encouraged employees to exercise their rights and learn more about the chemicals and other biological agents they are exposed to in the workplace.

2. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$10,292.46 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
3. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$336,284 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a program entitled: Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) Grant. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
4. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$125,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Union County Improving Library Shared Services Grant. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
5. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$4,669 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
6. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$401,344.61 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE - 2025 Early Voting Grant. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
7. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$83,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation for a program entitled: East Front Street Intersection Improvements Project- City of Plainfield. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**

8. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$38,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Grant. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
9. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$267,153.81 as a result of notification received from the National Opioid Settlements for a program entitled: Opioid Litigation Recovery Funds. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**

Commissioner Baker asked Director Taylor to elaborate on this item.

Director Taylor advised that the County had participated in a class action lawsuit, noting that the County would receive these monies on a semi-annual basis as a result. She added that to date, the County had received approximately \$3 million in funding. She advised that these monies were designated for the County's opioid recovery services.

10. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$35,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Recreational Opportunities For Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) Grant. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
11. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$61,776 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP). **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
12. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$18,136 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) CWA Administration Grant. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
13. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$45,454 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children & Families for a program entitled: Sexual Assault, Abuse & Rape Care (SAARC)-Coronavirus State & Local Recovery Funds (SLFRF). **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
14. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$10,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Grant. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICESDEBBIE-ANN ANDERSON, DIRECTOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2024-954, a contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, NJ, for the operation of the Union County Children's Shelter, to reflect a change in the appropriation account only. **(Sergio Granados, Commissioner)**
2. Amending Resolution 2025-329, to reflect an increase in the original Area Plan Contract Spending Plan in the amount of \$335,395.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$5,915,967.00. **(James E. Baker, Jr. , Commissioner)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, New Jersey, for the provision of the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention Program, for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **(Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner)**
4. Authorizing the use of the Competitive Contracting Process, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq., for the provision of remote video translation services for the Department of Human Services, including language interpretation services through a digital platform and document transcription services as necessary. **(Sergio Granados, Commissioner)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) in the approximate amount of \$18,136.00, for the purpose of LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) CWA Administration for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. **(Sergio Granados, Commissioner)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATIONVICTORIA DURBIN-DRAKE, DIRECTOR

There were no questions 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, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Parks & Recreation: AA Berms LLC, Belleville NJ, for the purpose of Galloping Hill Golf Course Driving Range Improvements, in the amount of not to exceed \$288,165.00. **(Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2024-187, 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 CMS Construction Inc, Plainfield, NJ for the Nomahegan Pedestrian Bridge Replacement, approving Change Order Number 1 (final) decreasing the contract amount by \$23,243.53 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$659,306.47. **(Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner)**

3. Amending Resolution Number 2024-57, a contract with CME Associates, Parlin, NJ to provide professional engineering services for the Clark Reservoir Project, to reflect a change in account number only. **(Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner)**
4. Amending Resolution Number 2024-551, a contract with Taylor Law Group, New Providence, NJ to provide litigation services for the Clark Reservoir Project, to reflect a change in account number only. **(Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to sell County property to the NJDOT for the Rt. 82 Bridge Replacement, subject to conditions, in the amount of \$9,500. **(Bette Jane Kowalski, Commissioner)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETYDENNIS BURKE, DIRECTOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Enforsys, Inc., Millburn, NJ, to provide maintenance and support for a cloud-hosted information sharing and Records Management System (RMS) for the Union County Dispatch Center and affiliated agencies for the contract period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$74,200.00. **(Alexander Mirabella, Commissioner)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's final option to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2023-378 with Coronis Health RCM, LLC, Morganville, NJ for the provision of EMS billing and collection services, for the contract period of 12 months commencing June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. **(Alexander Mirabella, Commissioner)**
3. Amending Resolution 2024-647, a contract awarded pursuant to advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., with Continental Hardware, Inc., Newark, NJ, for the provision of providing lumber and associated materials, to reflect an additional account number only. **(Alexander Mirabella, Commissioner)**
4. Amending Resolution 2024-243, a contract to Wireless Edge Towers II, LLC., for radio antennas, equipment shelter, and stand-by generator, to reflect a new account number only. **(Alexander Mirabella, Commissioner)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSELBRUCE H. BERGEN, COUNTY COUNSEL

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Letter of Engagement with The Keefe Law Firm, Red Bank, NJ to investigate and pursue litigation against manufacturers of PFAS for chemical contamination and other damages within and to the County of

Union for the period March 15, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman)**

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 award contracts obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq to Level Up Retail Services of Hurricane, UT (Lot 2) for Fitness Court Equipment Installation, in an amount not to exceed \$72,680.00. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award funding for the 2025 Capital Projects Municipal Aid Grant Program to the municipalities listed in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.00, for the contract period of May 16, 2025 through September 30, 2026. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Alamo Insurance Group Inc. Secaucus, NJ, to provide Pharmaceutical Procurement Consulting Services for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, in a total amount not to exceed \$600,000.00. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2025 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON

OFFICE OF OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

VICTORIA DURBIN-DRAKE, ADMINISTRATOR

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Syncretic Press, LLC of Wilmington, DE for the purchase of four (4) sets of sixteen (16) metal displays and four (4) bilingual stories to create four (4) story book trails in the Union County Park system in the amount of not to exceed \$32,074.00. **(Sergio Granados, Commissioner)**

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded asked Administrator Durbin-Drake to elaborate on this item.

Administrator Durbin-Drake advised that the County would install semi-permanent platforms throughout Union County Park systems that would consist of bilingual, interchangeable stories for children.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

JAMES E. PELLETTIERE, CLERK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Re-appointing Priscilla Garces to the Disabilities Advisory Board (DAB) for a two-year term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026; and re-appointing the following members for a three-year term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027:

Aaron Cohen, Sean Dineen, Alfredo Gonzalez, Ed Heaton, and Sherri Heskeyahu. **(Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner)**

2. Sponsoring the Township of Berkeley Heights in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 in support of their Downtown Summer Block Party on June 8th, 2025. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
3. Sponsoring the Portuguese Instructive Social Club in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 in support of their Outdoor Cultural Festival on June 14, 2025. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
4. Sponsoring the General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 in support of their St. Theresa's Polish Heritage Festival/Flag Raising, Polish 5k Run, and Polish Flag Raising in Linden on June 28, 2025. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
5. Sponsoring the Township of Scotch Plains in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 in support of their 2025 Independence Day Celebration on June 28, 2025. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
6. Sponsoring the Westfield FMBA Local 30 in an amount not to exceed \$500 in support of their 150th Anniversary Celebration held on June 21, 2025.
(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)
7. Sponsoring Groundwork Elizabeth Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 in support of their Tour de Elizabeth held on May 18, 2025.
(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)
8. Sponsoring Community Access Unlimited in an amount not to exceed \$750 in support of their Ira Geller Family Fun Day held on May 31, 2025.
(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)
9. Sponsoring the Central Jersey Road Runners in an amount not to exceed \$500 in support of their 3rd Annual Red, White, & Blue 5K Run held on June 28, 2025.
(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)
10. Sponsoring the Berkeley Heights Business & Civic in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 in support of their Annual Berkeley Heights Downtown event held on June 8, 2025.
(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)
11. Sponsoring Citizens Going Forward in an amount not to exceed \$750 in support of their Goodwill Festival 2025 held on June 7, 2025. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**

12. Sponsoring the NJ Sharing Network in an amount not to exceed \$1,500, in support of their 5K Celebration of Life held on June 8, 2025. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
13. Sponsoring the City of Plainfield in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, in support of their Pride Flag Raising Event on June 4, 2025 and their Pride Paint Party on June 21, 2025. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
14. Sponsoring the Elizabeth Portugal Committee in an amount not to exceed \$4,000, in support of their Elizabeth Portugal Day Parade held on June 1, 2025. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

1. Congratulating the following honorees of the RWJBH Annual Spring Gala: Dr. Richard Mackessy and Dr. Mina Abdelshahed of Union County Orthopaedic Group, a Division of OrthoNJ; Roseminda N. Santee from the Trinitas School of Nursing; Dr. Michael Gistrak from Rahway Pathology, P.A.; and IGEA Brain, Spine, Pain & Orthopedics. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman)**
2. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Jean B. Anderson during this time of sorrow. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner)**
3. Congratulating Sean Wiliam Hanna, Arthur John Hrycak, Eric Mason Kimball, and Tadas Simone upon earning the highest rank of Eagle Scout at the Scouting America Troop 75 of Cranford's Eagle Scout Court of Honor, held on Sunday, May 25, 2025. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman)**
4. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Marsha Garay, of Rahway, during their time of sorrow. **(James E. Baker, Jr. , Commissioner)**
5. Congratulating Officer Charles Lawson Jr., Officer Carlos M. Morales, Officer Alberto Soto, Officer Brandon Hart, Officer Emily Sabo, Officer Jeremy Vargas, Officer Peter McTernan, and Officer Matthew Melody upon receiving the Two Hundred Club of Union County Valor Award for their determination, bravery and dedication. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman, Sergio Granados, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**
6. Congratulating Kean University, Carlos N. Sanchez, Union Township Education Association, Bubbles & Baskets Laundromat, The Pink Room Shapewear & Wellness, Lincoln Technical Institute, and Union Pharmacy upon being honored at the 68th Annual Greater Union Township Chamber of Commerce Gala held on Thursday, May 8, 2025. **(Sergio Granados, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**
7. Declaring the month of May 2025 as "Jewish American Heritage Month" throughout the County of Union. **(Sergio Granados, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**
8. Recognizing the celebration of Eid al-Adha, one of the most important festivals in the Muslim faith, throughout the County of Union. **(Sergio Granados, Commissioner)**

9. Proclaiming the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month throughout the County of Union, recognizing and celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of individuals of Asian and Pacific Islander descent, whose heritage spans the Asian continent and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman, Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**
10. Recognizing Francisco (Frank) J. Cuesta for his outstanding leadership as the founder and President of Elizabeth's Promise Awards. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman, Sergio Granados, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**
11. Congratulating Superintendent Dr. Olga Hugelmeyer upon being honored as the 2025 Elizabeth Promise Awards Honoree on May 16, 2025. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman, Sergio Granados, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**
12. Congratulating Juan Pablo Duarte - Jose Julian Marti School No. 28 upon the installation of the first outdoor classroom in the Elizabeth Public School District. **(Lourdes Leon, Chairwoman, Sergio Granados, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**
13. Recognizing the month of May as Haitian Heritage Month in the County of Union. Haiti is the world's first independent Black nation; May commemorates Haiti's independence and is designated for Haitian Flag Day. The Haitian Flag Day Planning Committee of New Jersey, Inc., (HFDPCNJ) is holding its annual flag-raising ceremony on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 in Union, New Jersey. **(Sergio Granados, Commissioner, Michèle Delisfort, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**
14. Congratulating Jeissy Chevez, UmaSofia Srivastava, Yohan Parraga, Zachary Yabut, and the Breaking Barriers Initiative Host Committee upon being awarded at the 2025 Breaking Barriers Youth Conference held on Thursday, May 1, 2025. **(Sergio Granados, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**
15. Congratulating Kendall James, Dr. Brittany Marie Kirkland, Marita Parham, and Carl Hokanson upon being awarded the 2025 Community Service Award at the 2025 Community Excellence Awards & Scholarship Banquet held on Thursday, May 15, 2025. **(Sergio Granados, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**
16. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Emma Warren during this time of sorrow. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**
17. Recognizing May 2025 as Lupus Awareness Month throughout Union County; and further congratulating the Lupus Foundation of America for all of their efforts in raising awareness and establishing a comprehensive program of research, education, support services and advocacy to improve the quality of life for all people affected by lupus. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**

18. Recognizing the life accomplishments of Dr. Inez Phillips Durham upon being honored with the dedication of the Dr. Inez P. Durham Tennis Courts on Friday, May 16, 2025. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**
19. Congratulating the City of Linden upon celebrating its 100th anniversary at the City of Linden 100th Anniversary Street Fair on Saturday, May 17, 2025. **(Joseph C. Bodek, Vice-Chairman, and the Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Leon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, Jr. , roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 AT 6:00 PM
Union County Courthouse- 2 Broad Street. Elizabeth**

Agenda Setting Session

Thursday, January 23, 2025
Thursday, February 6, 2025
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Thursday, March 13, 2025
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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

*** Special Meeting added

Regular Meeting

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, September 4, 2025
Thursday, September 18, 2025
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Thursday, December 18, 2025



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Clerk of the Board

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings, with the exception of the January 13, 2025 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 p.m. 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.