



UNION COUNTY Board of County Commissioners

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 858-2025

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: 7/24/2025

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BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$58,443,808 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$43,186,098 OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$43,186,098 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Union (the "County"), State of New Jersey is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new additional furnishings, new communication and signal systems equipment, new information technology and telecommunications equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said County, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements and acquisitions includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements and acquisitions described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the State grants and the down payment appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements and acquisitions shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements and acquisitions is not a current expense of said County.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which

said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the State grants hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Office of the County Clerk – Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new information technology and telecommunication equipment consisting of (i) record book preservation sleeves and (ii) computer servers.

	Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$	206,900
	Down Payment Appropriated \$	10,345
	Bonds and Notes Authorized \$	196,555
Period of Usefulness		7 years

B. Department of Economic Development, Bureau of Information Technologies – Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment for the use of various County departments, offices and agencies, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

	Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$	707,000
	Down Payment Appropriated \$	35,350
	Bonds and Notes Authorized \$	671,650
Period of Usefulness		5 years

C. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of road, intersection, bridge and culvert improvement projects at various locations, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

	Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$	8,518,250
	State Grants Appropriated \$	8,433,911
	Down Payment Appropriated \$	4,217
	Bonds and Notes Authorized \$	80,122
Period of Usefulness		10 years

D. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of road, intersection, bridge, culvert, parking lot, storm sewer and other sewer and transportation infrastructure improvement projects at various locations, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

	Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$	3,030,000
	Down Payment Appropriated \$	151,500
	Bonds and Notes Authorized \$	2,878,500
Period of Usefulness		10 years

E. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering – Undertaking of various engineering, architectural and other services in

connection with various infrastructure and building projects.

	Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$	500,000
	Down Payment Appropriated \$	25,000
	Bonds and Notes Authorized \$	475,000
Period of Usefulness		15 years

F. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology and telecommunications equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of (i) traffic equipment, (ii) computer equipment and (iii) pickup trucks.

	Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$	151,500
	Down Payment Appropriated \$	7,575
	Bonds and Notes Authorized \$	143,925
Period of Usefulness		5 years

G. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management – Acquisition of new furniture, flooring, window treatments and various equipment for use in various public buildings.

	Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$	101,000
	Down Payment Appropriated \$	5,050
	Bonds and Notes Authorized \$	95,950
Period of Usefulness		5 years

H. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Undertaking of various engineering, architectural and other services in connection with various building and infrastructure projects.

	Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$	750,000
	Down Payment Appropriated \$	37,500
	Bonds and Notes Authorized \$	712,500
Period of Usefulness		15 years

I. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Facilities Management - Undertaking of various renovations and improvements to County buildings. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

	Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$	17,675,000
	Down Payment Appropriated \$	5,883,750
	Bonds and Notes Authorized \$	11,791,250
Period of Usefulness		15 years

J. Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, Division of Engineering – Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of pickup trucks.

	Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$	494,900
	Down Payment Appropriated \$	24,745
	Bonds and Notes Authorized \$	470,155
Period of Usefulness		5 years

K. Department of Human Services – Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle (with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) in excess of 15,000 pounds), including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of a paratransit bus.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 235,835
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 11,792
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 224,043
Period of Usefulness 10 years

L. Department of Parks and Recreation – Funding either the acquisition of real property in the County for use as a park or the payment to the State of New Jersey, as required by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"), in order to construct an indoor ice rink at Warinanco Park on property subject to NJDEP Green Acres regulations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 1,515,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 75,750
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 1,439,250
Period of Usefulness 40 years

M. Department of Parks and Recreation – Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 830,500
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 41,526
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 788,974
Period of Usefulness 5 years

N. Department of Parks and Recreation – Undertaking of various park and recreation improvements consisting of (i) undertaking of the West Branch of the Elizabeth River Project at Galloping Hill Golf Course and (ii) undertaking of the Clark Reservoir Project, including various engineering, architectural and other services in connection therewith.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 7,615,252
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 380,763
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 7,234,489
Period of Usefulness 15 years

O. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance – Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 898,600
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 44,931
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 853,669
Period of Usefulness 5 years

P. Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Park Maintenance – Undertaking of various park and recreation improvements consisting of (i) sidewalk replacement at various locations and (ii) replacement of guardrails at Lenape Park.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 181,800
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 9,090
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 172,710
Period of Usefulness 10 years

Q. Prosecutor's Office - Acquisition of new information technology and telecommunications equipment, new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of (i) computer database equipment, (ii) binoculars, (iii) computer and telecommunications equipment, (iv) tasers and (v) portable lights and sirens.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 650,471
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 32,524
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 617,947
Period of Usefulness 5 years

R. Prosecutor's Office – Construction of an evidence vault.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 20,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 1,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 19,000
Period of Usefulness 15 years

S. Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services - Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of ambulances.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 606,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 30,300
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 575,700
Period of Usefulness 5 years

T. Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County – Conversion of a garage located at 151 Grant Street in Berkeley Heights into a meeting room and storage area.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 15,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 750
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 14,250
Period of Usefulness 10 years

U. Sheriff's Office – Renovation, expansion and improvement (including equipment upgrades) of the Dispatch Room and the Evidence/Property Room in the County Administration Building. It is hereby determined and stated that said public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 181,800
Down Payment Appropriated \$ 9,091
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 172,709
Period of Usefulness 15 years

V. Surrogate's Office - Acquisition of various new information technology and telecommunications equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 25,000

Down Payment Appropriated \$ 1,250
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 23,750
Period of Usefulness 5 years

W. Union County College – Undertaking of the following improvements: (i) replacement of the roofs on the McKay Library (Cranford Campus) and the Annex Building (Plainfield Campus); and (ii) paving and trenching of parking lots on the Cranford Campus. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Trustees of Union County College and the Board of School Estimate of Union County College in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed, (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-19(2)(b), (C) Union County College may apply for debt service aid from the State of New Jersey pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1971 of New Jersey (N.J.S. 18A:64A-22.1 et seq.) for the improvements described in the preceding sentence, and (D) if such Chapter 12 State Aid is received, it shall be applied to the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the County for such projects.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 4,040,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 4,040,000
Period of Usefulness 10 years

X. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools – Undertaking of the following improvements: (i) upgrading of fitness centers (district-wide); (ii) various renovations and improvements to facilities (district-wide); (iii) upgrading of the Courtyard and (iv) roof replacement at various buildings. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed, (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31 and (C) such public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 404,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 404,000
Period of Usefulness 15 years

Y. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools – (i) Undertaking of various safety and security upgrades (district-wide) and (ii) acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of (a) instructional equipment and machinery for various educational programs and (b) non-instructional equipment. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 909,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 909,000
Period of Usefulness 10 years

Z. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools –Acquisition of new additional furnishings consisting of classroom furniture (district-wide). It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to

raise funds for the aforesaid purpose have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 101,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 101,000
Period of Usefulness 5 years

AA. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools – Renovation of and construction of an addition to Baxel Hall. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of County Commissioners to raise funds for the aforesaid purpose have been filed, (B) no down payment is required for such purpose pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31 and (C) such public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$ 8,080,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$ 8,080,000
Period of Usefulness 15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$58,443,808
Aggregate State Grants Appropriated \$ 8,433,911
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated \$ 6,823,799
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes
Authorized \$43,186,098

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$8,551,676 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The aggregate sum of \$8,433,911 received or to be received as grants from the New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the infrastructure improvements authorized in Section 4.C above.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$6,823,799, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said County, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$6,823,799 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bonds of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$43,186,098 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 9. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said County of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$43,186,098 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 10. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one

year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, by the County Manager and by the County Treasurer and shall be under the seal of said County and attested by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 13.82 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said County, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$43,186,098 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 13. Any funds received from private parties, the State of New Jersey or any of its agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the State grants hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 14. The County intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements and acquisitions described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the County incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the County hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the County, and the County shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the County for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and is available for public inspection.

Section 17. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

INTRODUCTION				RECORD OF VOTE				FINAL ADOPTION							
COMMISSIONER	Aye	Nay	Abs	Pass	Ord	Sec	NP	COMMISSIONER	Aye	Nay	Abs	Pass	Ord	Sec	NP
BAKER, JR.	X							BAKER, JR.							
DELISFORT	X							DELISFORT							
GRANADOS	X							GRANADOS							
KOWALSKI							X	KOWALSKI							

MIRABELLA	X					X		MIRABELLA							
PALMIERI- MOUDED	X							PALMIERI- MOUDED							
WILLIAMS	X					X		WILLIAMS							
BODEK VICE CHAIRMAN	X							BODEK VICE CHAIRMAN							
LEON CHAIRWOMAN	X							LEON CHAIRWOMAN							

APPROVED AS TO FORM 	I hereby certify that the above is an original ordinance approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union on the aforementioned date. _____ CLERK
COUNTY ATTORNEY 	I hereby certify that the above is an original ordinance adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union on the aforementioned date. _____ CLERK
	I hereby certify that the above is a certified copy of an original ordinance adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union on the aforementioned date. _____ CLERK