

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Leon presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

A resolution presentation will be made by the Board to the 2025 NAACP Elizabeth Branch Executive Board for their dedicated advocacy throughout the community.

Chairwoman Leon was joined by Commissioners Baker, Delisfort, and Williams as well as the NAACP Elizabeth Branch Executive Board and Committee Members.

Chairman Leon noted that the Board was honored to be able to recognize the NAACP Elizabeth Branch, a driving force in equity, justice and opportunity in the Union County community. She advised that for decades, this organization had been a powerful advocate for civil rights, social justice and economic empowerment, working tirelessly to uplift individuals and families in the greater Elizabeth area. She noted that tonight the Board would be recognizing the newly appointed 2025 - 2027 Executive Board of the NAACP Elizabeth Branch, adding that these dedicated leaders were poised to carry this esteemed organization forward towards greater progress and meaningful change in the community. She thanked the organization for their efforts and extended the Board's deepest gratitude for their ongoing efforts. Commissioner Williams recognized the incredible work done by the NAACP Elizabeth Branch, adding

that under the leadership of Shawn McClain, the NAACP Elizabeth Branch was one of the most active branches in the State of NJ.

NAACP Elizabeth Branch President, Shawn McClain, thanked the Board for the recognition. He also recognized the NAACP Elizabeth Branch Executive Board, adding that they were committed to working together and alongside the County of Union to continue working to uplift families and be the best NAACP branch in New Jersey.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

Note and File

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 15, 2025 - Agenda Setting Session
2. May 15, 2025 - Regular Meeting
3. May 15, 2025 - Executive Session

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

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF

PETER CORVELLI, COUNTY SHERIFF

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2021-319, to approve a Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Union and the County of Essex to house adult inmates for an additional 18 months from July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$20,770,750.00, for a new contract value not to exceed \$92,360,785.66. (Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.)

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

LAURA SCUTARI, DIRECTOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2025-24, a Professional Services Contract with Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren, NJ to provide legal services to represent the County in connection with personnel matters for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to

increase funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 for a new total contract not to exceed \$425,000.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**

2. Awarding a contract to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Newark, NJ for Individual Stop-Loss Insurance Services for the Employee Medical and Prescription Self-Insured Program for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for an estimated amount not to exceed \$4,450,000.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to execute Addendum No. 4 to the Master Service Agreement with the State of New Jersey, Administrative Office of the Courts for Mailroom Services, for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (revenue generating). **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**
4. Declaring various goods as surplus and no longer needed for use by the County, and further authorizing the County Manager to advertise and hold a public auction for said surplus goods. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with PBA 108A - Sheriff Superior Officers, effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2027. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AMY CRISP WAGNER, DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER/DIRECTOR

County Manager Oatman represented the Department.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Apply for and receive a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) County Coordinator Fellowship Grant from the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, to enhance focus on and interest in the procurement of shared services opportunities across local units, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**
2. Amending Resolution 2024-617, a resolution funding the Home Investment Partnerships Program to the Esterbrook Senior Housing LLC for the project titled, "Esterbrook Senior Residences", to include a new account number and reallocate funds with no change to the overall contract amount. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**
3. Rescinding Resolution Number 2024-192, a resolution amending Resolution Number 2020-479 authorizing the inclusion of Home Funds and exercising and expending funds for the Passaic Affordable Housing Coalition for the 211 South Avenue East, Westfield, New Jersey Project. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**
4. Concurring with the Workforce Development Board to extend the agreement with the Union County Department of Human Services through September 30, 2025, and authorizing

the use of program year 2024 carry-over funds in an amount not to exceed \$340,488. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**

5. Concurring with the Union County Workforce Development Board authorizing the transfer of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) expenses from program year 2024 to program year 2023, not to exceed \$103,306.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**
6. Concurring with Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution 2025-20 adopting the program year 2025, quarter one Union County Workforce Development local area budget in an amount not to exceed \$210,880. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, and to expend funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development funds; further authorizing approval of the FY 2025–2029 5-Year Consolidated Action Plan and the FY 2025–2026 (Year 51) Annual Consolidated Action Plan including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program application. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**
8. Concurring with Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution 2025-24 to extend contracts with UCNJ, Union College of Union County, NJ and Workforce Advantage for Work First New Jersey Services - no cost extension - total not to exceed \$1,040,000, extending the contract period from June 30, 2025 to September 30, 2025. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**
9. Concurring with Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution 2025-23 amending agreement with UCNJ, Union College of Union County, New Jersey to revise Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding account allocations and provide a no-cost extension. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

JOSEPH POLICAY, DIRECTOR

1. Authorizing the County Manager to conduct the 2025-2026 Deer Management Program for Union County relative to the reduction of the white-tailed deer population within certain areas of the County and to restrict areas when conditions necessitate in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Commissioner Michèle Delisfort)**

Commissioner Mirabella recognized Director Policay and Ray Szpond for their efforts relative to deer culling in Union County. He noted that the program was non-invasive, safe, and resourceful, adding that game meat was donated to feed the homeless.

Commissioner Kowalski echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Mirabella. She also asked if every municipality was participating.

Director Policay advised that a majority of the municipalities in Union County participated in this program.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division for a Joint Funding Agreement for the period of October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$26,840.00. **(Commissioner Michèle Delisfort)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Henderson Products, Inc., Kenvil, NJ, to purchase snow plow and salt spreader parts and accessories for a 24-month contract period in an amount not to exceed \$38,250.00. **(Commissioner Michèle Delisfort)**
4. Expressing the County of Union's support of the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation project for the Route 1 & 9, Dennis Place to Grand Street improvements. **(Commissioner Michèle Delisfort)**

Commissioner Baker asked Director Policay to elaborate on this item.

Director Policay advised that this was related to topical road reconstruction in Elizabeth.

5. Authorizing the County Manager to amend Resolution 2024-811, a contract awarded to Fai Gon Electric, Inc., Piscataway, NJ for the East Front Street Intersection Improvements, City of Plainfield, to extend a no-cost project completion date to December 13, 2025 as per NJDOT request. **(Commissioner Michèle Delisfort)**
6. Amending Resolution 2022-163, a contract with T & M Associates, Middletown, NJ for the East Front Street Intersection Improvements, City of Plainfield, for an additional amount of \$83,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$503,298.72. **(Commissioner Michèle Delisfort)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for the 2024 NJDEP Recycling Enhancement Act Grant in the amount of \$526,500.00 and to execute all necessary documents and adopt the proposed spending plan. **(Commissioner Michèle Delisfort)**
8. Authorizing the Town of Westfield to close portions of North Avenue, Central Avenue and West Broad Street on Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 11:00am to 12:00pm for the purpose of hosting a parade in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Westfield Fire Department. **(Commissioner Michèle Delisfort)**
9. Exercising the option to extend the contract with Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc., North Branch, NJ, as per Resolution 2022-794, for the operation and maintenance of the Union County Conservation Facility ("Quarry"), for a two-year period of October 15, 2025 through October 14, 2027. **(Commissioner Michèle Delisfort)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCEBIBI TAYLOR, DIRECTOR

1. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$84,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Local Recreation Improvement 2025 Grant. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
2. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$526,500 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Recycling Enhancement Act Grant (REA). **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
3. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$80,037.27 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Clean Communities Grant. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
4. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$264,000 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. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
5. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$304,981 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) Grant. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
6. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$6,073,792 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: SuperNOFO Continuum of Care (COC) Grant. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
7. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$490,459 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
8. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$444,087.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Victim Witness Advocacy Grant (VOCA). **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**

Commissioner Williams noted all the grants being received by the County of Union, noting that these grants were a testament to the County's efforts to offset costs for essential resources for the residents of Union County.

Director Taylor advised that to date in 2025, the County had applied for and accepted \$28.8 million in grant funding to offset various program costs.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DEBBIE-ANN ANDERSON, DIRECTOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contracts as specified on the 2025 Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) spending plan for the period of July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$389,200.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and enter into an agreement with New Jersey Transit to secure grant funding in the amount of \$402,000 with a 100% cash match in the amount of \$402,000 for a total of \$804,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 for NJ Transit's Consolidated NJ- Job Access and Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC Round 12) Grant Program for SY2026. **(Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contracts as specified in the 2025 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) spending plan for the period of July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$93,600.00 **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the United Way of Greater Union County, Elizabeth, NJ to provide services under the 2025-2026 Union County Family Support and Prevention (FSP) Program for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the total amount not to exceed \$267,500.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager enter into a contract with SAGE, Eldercare, Inc., Summit, NJ to administer the State Health Insurance Program (S.H.I.P.) for the provision of information and assistance regarding Health insurance benefits to Union County residents 60 and older and/or their caregivers for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2025 GAPA Spending Plan and enter into agreements with various agencies to deliver services to Union County residents 60 years of age or older and/or their caregivers under the 2025-2027 GAPA contract for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, representing contract year one (1) of a three (3) year cycle, in the total not to exceed amount of \$475,000.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to accept FY2024 SuperNOFO Continuum of Care (CoC) program competitive grant award funds in the amount not to exceed \$5,515,109.00 from U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and to enter into subcontracts with various agencies as specified in the Spending Plan. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATIONVICTORIA DURBIN-DRAKE, DIRECTOR

1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding (BA # 4-2025) for the Deserted Village Roof Replacement, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-a et seq.: Nela Carpentry and Masonry, Saddle Brook NJ, in the amount of not to exceed \$205,000.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked Director Durbin-Drake inquired about a master plan for the structures at the Deserted Village.

Director Durbin-Drake advised that she would provide the site plans to the Board following the meeting. She advised that it was costly to renovate structures under the New Jersey Register of Historic Places, adding that the Department planned to use State Grant funding when available to offset these costs.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, allowing them to utilize the Walter E. Ulrich Memorial Pool during off hours for swim practice and other programs through May 31, 2026. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Amending Resolution 2024-263, a contract with Mast Construction Services Inc, Little Falls, New Jersey, to provide Construction Management Services for the WSC Indoor Ice Rink, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth NJ, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$978,750.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$1,099,750.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Vice-Chairman Bodek asked Director Durbin-Drake to elaborate on the cited increase.

Director Durbin-Drake advised that these costs would fund the construction management phase of the project.

4. Amending Resolution 2024-262, a contract with USA Architects, Somerville, New Jersey, to provide architectural design services for the WSC Indoor Ice Rink, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth NJ, to increase the appropriation amount for this purpose in an amount not to exceed \$230,000.00 for Phase V, for a new total amount not to exceed \$1,030,000.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Enabling Resolution for a grant of \$500,000 from the State of New Jersey to fund the Playground at Rahway River Park. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Baker asked if these monies were for the existing playground on site.

Director Durbin-Drake confirmed that this funding from Green Acres would be used to re-imagine and revitalize the existing playground.

6. Amending Resolution 2023-421, a contract with USA Architects, Somerville, New Jersey to provide additional design, construction administration and professional services to the Ash Brook Golf Course Clubhouse in the amount not to exceed \$24,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$116,000.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
7. Amending Resolution 2024-264, a contract originally obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.: Grove Contracting LLC, Verona, New Jersey for the Ashbrook Golf Course to increase the amount of the contract by \$222,156.25, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$4,329,156.25. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
8. 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 Union Paving & Construction Company located at 1140 Globe Avenue Mountainside, NJ 07092 for the Clark Reservoir Improvement Project, (BA 26-2025), in the amount not to exceed of \$38,410,439.01. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

DENNIS BURKE, DIRECTOR

1. Authorizing the County Manager to accept used Fire equipment donated by the City of Rahway. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked if this donated equipment would be used for the County's Fire Academy.

Director Durke advised that the City of Rahway had recently placed a new fire engine in service and would be donating the used equipment to the County's Fire Academy for training purposes.

2. Amending Resolution 2025-109, a contract with TriTech Software Systems (CentralSquare Technologies LLC), Lake Mary, FL to reflect an increase to the contract in the amount of \$11,700.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$218,121.96 for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

BRUCE H. BERGEN, COUNTY COUNSEL

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2024-551, a contract with Taylor Law Group, LLC, New Providence, NJ, as Special Counsel on matters related to the Clark Reservoir, to increase the appropriation by an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed

\$75,000.00 for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to execute and record a Declaration of Conservation Restriction/Easement to impose a deed restriction upon County property designated on the tax map of Berkeley Heights as Block 101, Lot 1, and Block 501, Lots 1, 2 and 3 (735 Springfield Avenue) to establish a Stormwater Management Area pursuant to municipal and NJDEP approval. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to execute a License Agreement with the Borough of Roselle to have its annual Music Fest at the County's Warinanco Park on Saturday, July 12, 2025, rain or shine. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2025 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

JAMES E. PELLETTIERE, CLERK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park in an amount not to exceed \$500 in support of their Annual Festival of India held on October 4, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
2. Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park in an amount not to exceed \$500 in support of their Annual Mischief Night Concert and Program held on October 30, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
3. Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 in support of their Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Winter Market held on December 5, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
4. Sponsoring the Roselle Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$500, in support of their Community Cooldown event held on July 23, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
5. Sponsoring the Township of Springfield in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 in support of their 4th of July Celebration held on July 4, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
6. Sponsoring the Frank O. Mazza Civic Association in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 in support of their Peterstown Cultural Festival/Festa Di San Vito on July 24 - 28, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
7. Sponsoring the Puerto Rican Alliance of Elizabeth in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 in support of their Puerto Rican Flag Raising, Family Festival and Parade on July 12 & 13, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
8. Sponsoring the Township of Cranford in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 in support of their 4th of July Celebration being held on July 2, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**

9. Sponsoring WallynZavy's Autistic Kids in an amount not to exceed \$500 in support of their Autism Walk and Car Show being held on July 12, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
10. Sponsoring the Township of Hillside in an amount not to exceed \$750 in support of their Hillside House Music Festival held on August 2, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
11. Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 in support of their Independence Day and Fireworks Celebration held on July 1, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
12. Sponsoring the Township of Union in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 in support of their 4th of July Celebration held on July 4, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
13. Sponsoring the Township of Hillside in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 in support of their Juneteenth Celebration held on June 21, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
14. Sponsoring the Independent Authors Book Experience in an amount not to exceed \$500 in support of their 12 Annual Independent Authors Book Expo held on September 6, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
15. Sponsoring the City of Plainfield in an amount not to exceed \$500 in support of their Jazz at the Mount held on September 14, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams)**
16. Re-Appointing Bibi Taylor as County Treasurer for a three (3) year term commencing August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2028. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
17. Reappointing Peter Jacob to the Human Services Advisor Council (HSAC) for a one-year term starting on January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, and appointing Desiree Tindell to a three-year term starting on January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
18. Joining with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) in opposing the reconciliation bill (H.R. 1) as cuts to Medicaid, SNAP and other critical public services threaten to destabilize state and local budgets and will diminish public services and hurt working families. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon)**

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

1. Congratulating the following individuals of the NAACP Elizabeth Branch's 2025 Executive Board Members, and further commending each Board Member for their dedicated advocacy throughout the community: Shawn McClain, President; Khalil Johnson, 1st Vice-President; Darin Williamson, 2nd Vice-President; Yolander Hill, Secretary; Lavern Diggs, Assistant Secretary; Lillian Gourdine, Treasurer; Alicia Jackson, Assistant Treasurer; Monique Randolph, Membership Chair; John Brown, Press & Publicity Chair; Rev. Reginald W. Atkins, Religious Affairs Chair; Loren Artis, Health Committee Chair; Monica Green, Executive Member At-Large. **(Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr., Commissioner Michèle Delisfort, Commissioner Rebecca Williams, and the Entire Board)**

2. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Madeline Spitz, a longtime Cranford community activist and member of the Friends of the Cranford Library, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski and the Entire Board)**
3. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Jeff Torborg, who passed away on January 19, 2025. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
4. Congratulating the Westfield Fire Department as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella and the Entire Board)**
5. Recognizing July as Disability Pride Month and highlighting the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner Sergio Granados, and the Entire Board)**
6. Recognizing Board members Eric Graham, Mariline Acosta, Colin Rozario, Joesph B. Fuirita, Justin Gentles, Danielle McLeer, Jasmin Lee, Eugene Mitchell, Capt. Johnny Henderson, Lucia Hernandez, Gabriel Nino, Perle Almeida, Towanda Hawk, Simon Philips, and George Epps of the Plainfield Salvation Army upon being honored at the Community Appreciation Board Dinner on Thursday, May 29, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams and the Entire Board)**
7. Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Schockeall Linda Neineta Rivera, who passed away on Monday, May 26, 2025. **(Rebecca Williams, Commissioner, and the Entire Board)**
8. Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Bettie Jean Sears, who passed away on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams and the Entire Board)**
9. Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Agurs Linward Cathcart, Sr., who passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca Williams and the Entire Board)**
10. Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Manuel V. Garcia de Rojas, who passed away on Saturday, May 31, 2025. **(Vice-Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
11. Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Emerito Ruiz, Jr., who passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2025. **(Vice-Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
12. Congratulating Michael Sarracino of Boy Scout Troop 73 in Springfield, on recently achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon and the Entire Board)**
13. Congratulating Stacia French, Union County Savings Bank (UCSB), and Manuel R. Grova Jr. upon being recognized at The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless 8th Annual Gala & Silent Auction on May 21, 2025. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon and the Entire Board)**

14. Congratulating Ms. Nancy Zimmerman, Ms. Tammy Jones, Ms. Dina Harby, Jennifer Schiff, Mr. Nelson Jacinto, Mrs. Grace Serralheiro, Mrs. Jennifer Blanco, and Ms. Shawn Shumbris upon being awarded the Elizabeth High School Teacher of the Year 2025 at the 32nd Annual Academic Excellence Awards Dinner held on Thursday, May 22, 2025. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon, Commissioner Sergio Granados, and the Entire Board)**
15. Recognizing the Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee for all the contributions their organization has made to the Portuguese community and Union County. This Board further recognizes the prominence and importance of this county's Portuguese community and aims to honor the culture by hosting events such as the Union County Portuguese Flag Raising on May 27, 2025 and Caravan Parade that will tour the streets of Elizabeth on June 1, 2025. Furthermore, this Board wishes to officially recognize June 10, 2025 as Portugal Day. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon, Vice Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Sergio Granados, and the Entire Board)**
16. Congratulating Zandy Zhao of Boy Scout Troop 73 in Springfield, on recently achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon and the Entire Board)**
17. Congratulating Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste upon being honored at the New Jersey Reentry Corporation (NJRC) Community Awards reception on Tuesday, June 3, 2025. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon and the Entire Board)**
18. Congratulating coaches Zachary Marzano and Eric Kulick and players Alexander Bento, Payton Calixto, Rafael Torres, and Olivia Garcia of the Elizabeth High School Varsity Golf Team upon being named the Union County Conference (UCC) Divisional Champions on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. **(Commissioner Lourdes Leon and the Entire Board)**
19. Recognizing June 19, 2025, as "Juneteenth Independence Day" throughout Union County in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date on which news of the end of slavery reached the slaves in the Southern States. **(Chairwoman Lourdes Leon 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 Kowalski, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Granados absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

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

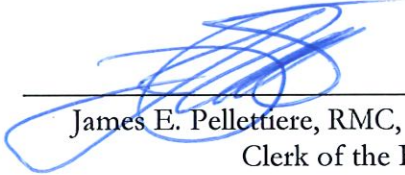
**REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 AT 6:00 PM
Union County Courthouse- 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth**

Agenda Setting Session

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Regular Meeting

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Thursday, May 15, 2025
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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



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

***** Special Meeting added**

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 6:00pm and the Regular Meeting to commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session, unless otherwise noted. All meetings are to be held in the Commissioner Meeting Room within the Administration Building, 6th floor located at 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth New Jersey, 07207. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.