

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 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 Michèle Delisfort, Commissioner Sergio Granados, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner Rebecca Williams were present, with Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski absent.

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Bruce H. Bergen Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

### PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board 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.

### PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

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1. A resolution presentation was made by the Board to Lauren Barr, recognizing and congratulating her as the newly elected Board President of the JCC of Central New Jersey.

Chairwoman Leon was joined by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded recognized Lauren Barr for her leadership and unwavering commitment to community service, noting her previous roles at JCC of Central NJ and her work as Editor-in-Chief of the Westfield Leader and Union County Hawk. Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded congratulated Lauren Barr on her new role as Board President, adding that she looked forward to Ms. Barr carrying forward JCC's mission of education and inclusion for generations to come.

Board President Lauren Barr thanked the Board for the recognition, adding that she looked forward to serving as Board President and continuing to do great work throughout Union County.

2. A certificate presentation was made by the Board to the UC Summer Theater Scholars, congratulating them on a successful Summer Camp.

Chairwoman Leon was joined by Commissioner Granados.

Chairwoman Leon noted that the Board was proud to recognize the outstanding students that participated in the County's 2025 Summer Theater Camp, presented by the Theatrical Artist Prep and the Union County Performing Arts Center. She added that this program, started by Commissioner Granados in 2023 and continued through her 2025 initiatives, provided scholarships to UC students interested in the arts. She congratulated the scholarship attendees on all their efforts and handwork relative to their upcoming production.

The following students were recognized for their participation in the County's 2025 Summer Theater Camp:

Cristal Valencia  
Madison Bichao  
Sahura Hester  
Gabriella Garcia  
Gabriel Bautista  
Mia Rico  
Kylie Piersall  
Avrielle Smith  
Sydney Figueroa  
Phoenix Lacovara  
Christian Bautista  
Alison Palaguachi  
Jaylynn Worilds  
Sophia Rivas  
Eliana Gallego-Xavier  
Zoe Givens  
Melissa Galarza  
Keilany Gonzalez Vargas  
Mia Villalta  
Gresha Bhattacharjee  
Imani Green

Commissioner Granados congratulated the scholarship recipients, adding that the Board was proud to be able to continue supporting the arts in Union County. He thanked Director Durbin-Drake, Executive Director Danni Newbury of UCPAC, and Angelica Cedeno for their efforts.

3. A certificate presentation was made by the Board to the NJAC Scholars, congratulating them on their selection by the New Jersey Association of Counties as recipients of their tuition grants.

Chairwoman Leon was joined by Commissioner Mirabella and NJAC Executive Director John Donnadio.

Commissioner Mirabella recognized Executive Director John Donnadio and thanked him for his partnership, generosity, and continued advocacy for counties throughout Union County.

Executive Director John Donnadio thanked Commissioner Mirabella and the Board for their continued partnership over the years. He noted the NJAC Foundation's mission was to raise money for vocational and technical school students attending higher education in NJ, adding that this year, under Mirabella's leadership on NJAC's Board of Trustees, the organization would be awarding over \$110,000 in scholarships to NJ students.

The following students received scholarships:

Siena Maria DePalma – Amazon

Daniel Tlatenco – AT&T

Christine Donnelly – Citibank

Leslie Phillips – Citibank

Makayo Mathew – PSE&G

David Bolivar – SHI International

Richard Howard – South Jersey Industries

PSEG Scholarship Recipient, Makayo Mathew, thanked his family for their continued support as well as PSEG for their generosity. He added that he looked forward to his next four years at Rutgers University.

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#### **APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Note and File

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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

1. June 12, 2025 - Agenda Setting Session

2. June 12, 2025 - Regular Meeting

County Counsel Bergen addressed the public:

*As we have for the last couple of meetings, based upon the number of people appearing tonight to address the Board, to ensure everyone who wishes to speak has an opportunity to do so, the amount of time each public member will be allowed during tonight's meeting will be three minutes. As always, please note the one-minute warning sign and the red stop sign and please stop your remarks at that time; no additional time is allowed. Also, to maintain the decorum of the meeting and to allow all speakers to be heard by the Board, no telephone use is allowed in the meeting room and any in-person conversations should be taken out into the hallway so as not to disturb other members of the public or the Board. Also, please do not call out from the audience or make any comments other than your own speaking time. During your remarks, please refrain from profanity or vulgar comments. Do not make any personal comments or attacks. Anyone violating these rules or disrupting the meeting in any way, or the Board's ability to conduct its business, may be removed from the meeting. Once again, to avoid safety issues and assist in the speaking process, we will have handed out numbers and when it's time to speak, people will be called on in groups of five. Please line up down that center aisle only after your number is called so remaining aisles can stay clear. Please also, try not to block other people by standing in the aisle. Thank you Chair.*

#### **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

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Chairwoman Leon advised that the Ordinances would be introduced later during the Regular Meeting.

1. **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. (Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
2. **CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$10,000,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE COUNTY. (Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR**WILLIAM A. DANIEL, PROSECUTOR

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First Assistant Prosecutor James O. Tansey represented the Office.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Violence Intervention and Victim Assistance, Office of Victim Support and Assistance Administration for FFY24 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program, Project Title: County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy, in the amount of \$45,686.00 in federal funds with a required match of \$15,229.00, for a total project cost in an amount of \$60,915.00 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., d/b/a Life Technologies Corporation, Waltham, MA to purchase proprietary reagents supplies, equipment, validation services and service agreements for instrument maintenance for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$189,569.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**LAURA SCUTARI, DIRECTOR

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1. Increasing the bid threshold for the County of Union to \$53,000.00 effective July 1, 2025 as set forth by the Division of Local Government Services, LFN 2025-08, with a Qualified Purchasing Agent. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Baker asked Director Scutari to elaborate on the increase.

Director Scutari advised that every five years, the State of NJ would increase the threshold amount for going out to bid. She added that the current bid threshold was \$43,000 and this resolution was meant to coincided with the State's increase to reflect the new threshold amount of \$53,000.

2. Amending Resolution 2024-389, a contract with Pennoni Associates Inc., Newark, NJ, to provide Workplace Health and Safety Compliance and Consulting Services to increase the contract by \$50,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$260,000.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**AMY CRISP WAGNER, DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER/DIRECTOR

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1. Amending Resolution 2024-615, under the FY 2024-2025 (Year 50) Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding utilizing contingency funds to cover the cost to complete an existing project, Sister2Sister Inc. by installing Professional Kitchen Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$2,250.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$22,250.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
2. Amending Resolution 2024-615, under the FY 2024-2025 (Year 50) Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding utilizing Program Income funds to cover the cost to complete the existing project, Plainfield Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program housing project, in the amount of \$60,000.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$275,000.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
3. Amending Resolution 2024-615, under the FY 2024-2025 (Year 50) Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding for the Plainfield Neighborhood House Association Facility Project utilizing contingency funds to cover the cost to complete the existing project, in the amount of \$22,000.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
4. Amending Resolution 2022-132 to increase ARP HOME Allocation in the amount of \$6,662.00, for a new total not to exceed \$4,462,994.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
5. Amending Resolution Number 2024-617 and Resolution Number 2025-551 related to the Esterbrook Senior Housing, LLC Project to include a reallocation of funds. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Baker asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on this item. He also asked if the property was located in the City of Rahway.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item was meant to reallocate funding from administrative costs to project costs, adding that no funding was needed for administration. She confirmed the property was located in the City of Rahway.

6. Amending Resolution 2025-207, a contract with Community Health Law Project using HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant funds for the provision of legal services for individuals at risk of homelessness, to reflect a change in the contract period to August 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, with the potential option for a (12) twelve-month extension. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

Commissioner Granados asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on the cited services.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item would provide legal service resources and assistance to individuals with disabilities and chronic health issues and or elderly individuals to prevent homelessness.

7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with A & T Housing LLC, Hillside, NJ for the construction of seven (7) affordable rental units under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, to be designated for very low to low income tenants, in an amount not to exceed \$1,636,116.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

Chairwoman Leon asked Deputy County Manager Wagner to elaborate on this item.

Deputy County Manager Wagner advised that this item related to the construction of eight affordable housing units on Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth. She added that seven units would be funded through the Home Investment Partnership, with the remaining unit being funded by the City of Elizabeth.

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

**JOSEPH POLICAY, DIRECTOR**

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2022-957, 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 Fai Gon Electric, Piscataway, NJ for the East Front Street Intersection Improvements, City of Plainfield, New Jersey, for Change Order No. 2 increasing the contract by \$16,340.45, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,427,692.04. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Black Rock Enterprises LLC, of Old Bridge, New Jersey for the 2025 Road Resurfacing Project, Various Municipalities, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$8,031,202.78. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
3. Authorizing the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner on Plainfield Avenue to promote Restaurant Month from August 15, 2025 through September 30, 2025. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
4. Authorizing the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Plainfield Avenue from June 18, 2025 through August 1, 2025, promoting their 2025 Summer Concert Series. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
5. Authorizing the City of Plainfield to close West 7th Street between Grant Avenue and Lee Place on Friday, June 20th, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm to accommodate the Graduation Ceremony of Queen City Academy Charter School. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
6. Authorizing the Township of Scotch Plains to hang a banner across Park Avenue from August 1, 2025, to September 2, 2025, to promote the Annual UNICO / St. Bart's Italian Festival. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
7. 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.: Paul Otto Building Company, Clark, New Jersey for an Elevator Modernization Project in the Old Jail section of the County-owned Courthouse Complex at 2 Broad Street in Elizabeth, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$973,000.00. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**
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: Eagle Building Services, LLC, Newark NJ, for the purpose of providing Window Cleaning Services

for twenty-four (24) months, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, in an amount not to exceed \$150,521.60. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**

9. 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: Sonny Electric, Inc., Kearny NJ, for the purpose of providing Electrical Systems Repairs, Maintenance, & Installation Services for twenty-four (24) months, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, in an amount not to exceed \$377,092.00. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

**BIBI TAYLOR, DIRECTOR**

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1. 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: Statewide Respite Care Program. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
2. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$50,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Paratransit Aging Grant. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
3. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$2,800 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of State for a program entitled: UCBOE - ADA Training. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
4. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,000,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Digital Equity Training Grant. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
5. 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 Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: WorkFirst New Jersey (WFNJ) Grant. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**

Commissioner Williams asked Director Taylor to elaborate on Item No. 4 & Item No. 5.

Director Taylor advised that these items would be modifying the County's budget to accept grant funding for various resources.

Relative to Item No. 4, Director Taylor noted that this resource would help foster equal opportunity, enhance upwards mobility and ensure economic fairness by providing digital literacy skills to WorkForce NJ clients in Union County.

Relative to Item No. 5, Director Taylor advised that this resource would benefit job seekers, laid-off workers, new workforce entries, veterans, and persons with disabilities as well as employers.



6. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$187,277.50 as a result of notification received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a program entitled: Subregional Transportation Planning Program (STP). **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**

Commissioner Delisfort asked Director Taylor to elaborate on this item.

Director Taylor advised that this funding would be used for the transportation planning program and related administrative activities as support for local and regional aids.

7. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$45,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health and Middlesex County for a program entitled: Comprehensive Cancer Control Grant. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
8. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$255,766.18 as a result of notification received from the National Opioid Settlements for a program entitled: Opioid Litigation Recovery Funds. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
9. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$6,662 as a result of notification received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: Home - ARP Funds. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
10. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$30,980 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Jersey Assistance For Community Caregivers Program (JACC). **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
11. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$395,000.00 as a result of notification received from New Jersey Transit for a program entitled New Jersey Job Access/Reverse Commute Grant (NJ-JARC). **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
12. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$255,694 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Local Core Capacity of Public Health Emergency Preparedness - LINCS Grant Program. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
13. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$12,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for a program entitled: Paratransit - Veterans Grant. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
14. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$189,482 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children & Families for a program entitled: Child Advocacy Development Grant-Treatment Services, Programs, Technology and Capital Improvement. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**

15. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$45,686 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
16. Modifying the 2025 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$373,010 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Childhood Lead Exposure and Prevention Grant (CLEP). **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
17. Authorizing Governing Body Certification of the 2024 Audit. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
18. Canceling Capital Balances to Capital Surplus and Deferred Charges Unfunded. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**

Commissioner Baker asked Director Taylor for a total of monies being received through grant funding.

Director Taylor advised that for the items being presented that evening, the total was \$2,984,357.68.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

DEBBIE-ANN ANDERSON, DIRECTOR

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Geographic Solutions, Inc., Palm Harbor, FL to provide the necessary services for the American Job Center in the form of a Workforce Information Management and Data Exchange System for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$29,550.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Urban League of Union County, Elizabeth, NJ for the Reconnections Program to assist persons returning to the community from incarceration to access services designed to assist in successful reintegration into the community and reduce recidivism, for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

Commissioner Delisfort asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this resolution would provide funding to the Urban League of Union County for the reconnections program, providing resources to ex-offenders returning from prison.

3. Amending Resolution 2024-773, authorizing the 2024-2025 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant program, to reflect a three (3) month extension for a new subcontract period of August 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
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 Home Delivered and Congregate Meals to the older adults of Union County. **(Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.)**

5. Amending Resolution 2024-914, authorizing the 2025-2027 Aging Respite Care Program, to reflect an increase in the original Statewide Respite Contract Spending Plan in the amount of \$10,000.00 to reflect a new total of \$274,000.00, with no other changes to the terms or conditions. **(Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.)**

Commissioner Williams asked Director Anderson to elaborate on this item.

Director Anderson advised that this resource assisted caregivers, including unpaid caregivers, by providing occasional relief to those providing long-term care, including respite care. She recognized the County's great community partners, noting this as an invaluable resource.

6. Amending Resolution 2025-508, authorizing the 2025 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan, to reflect an increase in the amount of \$175,110.00 for a new total not to exceed \$268,710.00, with no change to the grant term or terms and conditions of the agreement. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth, New Jersey to provide various services to strengthen resources and access to resources for persons with disabilities and at-risk youth in Union County for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
8. Amending Resolution 2024-937, a contract awarded to MPC Bus Corporation, Garden City, NY for the provision of Transportation Services for the Paratransit system, to reflect an adjustment in the appropriation accounts and an increase in the contract amount not to exceed \$169,783.44 for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$5,315,442.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.)**

Commissioner Baker asked Director Anderson to elaborate on the increase.

Director Anderson advised that the increase in funding would offset the County's budgetary responsibilities relative to the Paratransit. She added that the County was responsible for \$2.6 million of the cited costs, with most of the remaining monies being funded through grants.

9. Authorizing the County Manager to approve the 2025 County of Union Opioid Settlement Fund Grant Spending Plan in the total amount not to exceed \$251,783.00, for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of August 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Vice-Chairman Bodek asked Director Anderson to elaborate on the services being provided.

Director Anderson advised that this funding, through the County's Opioid Settlement Fund, would help fund two new organizations to provide resources and treatment to adults and adolescents affected by the opioid epidemic

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION**

**VICTORIA DURBIN-DRAKE, DIRECTOR**

1. Amending Resolution 2025-418, 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 Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., for construction waste disposal services, for Change Order No. 1 increasing the contract by \$15,000, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$165,000.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
2. Amending Resolution 2025-192, authorizing the allocation of funds received from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts to 44 Union County agencies and organizations under the New Jersey State Council on the Arts grant, to reallocate funds to six (6) arts organizations with no change in the total award. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**

Commissioner Delisfort asked Director Durbin-Drake to elaborate on this item.

Director Durbin-Drake advised that the founder of one of the organizations that had received the grant had passed away and in accordance with protocol, that funding was being reallocated to other organizations with similar agendas.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

DENNIS BURKE, DIRECTOR

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Civil Solutions through State Contract 19-TELE-00872, for the purpose of purchasing NextGen911 GIS Support for the Union County Regional Communications Center, in an amount not to exceed \$218,777.00. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella)**

#### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**

BRUCE H. BERGEN, COUNTY COUNSEL

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren, NJ, as Litigation Counsel for the County of Union in the matter of Keira Davis v. Union County et al., in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

#### **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**

EDWARD T. OATMAN, COUNTY MANAGER

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Eyman Partners LLC, to provide County Option Medicaid Hospital Program Consulting for the twelve-month period of August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

#### **COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**

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2025 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON

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**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**JAMES E. PELLETTIERE, CLERK OF THE BOARD

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Sponsoring the Winfield Fire Department & Ambulance Squad in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 in support of their Annual Winfield Carnival being held July 30, 2025 through August 2, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
2. Sponsoring the Kimberly Anne Wilson Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 in support of their Berkeley Heights 5K Race for Mental Health being held on September 21, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
3. Sponsoring the Township of Hillside in an amount not to exceed \$500 in support of their Shuffle on the Hillside being held on October 4, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
4. Sponsoring Prevention Links in an amount not to exceed \$500 in support of their Red Ribbon Drug Prevention Walk and Family Fun Day being held on October 11, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
5. Sponsoring Queen City Film & Television Workshop in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 in support of their 8th Annual Queen City Film Festival, held October 16-20, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams)**
6. Appointing Joseph Venezia and Caroline Aubrey to the Workforce Development Board for unexpired terms starting July 25, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027 and June 30, 2026, respectively and appointing Antoinetta LaVecchia for a term starting July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028; and reappointing the following members each for a term starting July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028: Kamran Tasharofi, James R. Brady, Gloria Durham, Timothy McConway, Margaret McMenamin, Alan Rutan, Courtney Villani, and Roshan White. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

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**LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE**

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1. Commending Mrs. McFadden for her leadership at Roosevelt Elementary School in Rahway during the nationwide celebration of Autism Awareness Month in April 2025, through a series of thoughtful and inclusive activities aimed at promoting understanding, kindness, and support for students with autism and their families. **(Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.)**
2. Recognizing the exemplary students of Franklin School following their April Student of the Month program. **(Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr.)**
3. Recognizing the rededication of the Donald M. Payne, Jr. Park in Hillside; honoring Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr. for his lifelong dedication to public service, tireless advocacy for New Jersey families, and significant contributions to our

communities. **(Commissioner Michèle S. Delisfort, Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board)**

4. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Dorothy Louise Frederick Pickett, who passed away on June 7, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board)**
5. Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of James Martin Jones, who passed away on Friday, June 6, 2025. **(Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board)**
6. Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Dorothy Judith Horne Johnson, who passed away on Thursday, June 12, 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 Lubia Esteves, who passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. **(Vice-Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

County Manager Oatman advised that this item should reflect Vice-Chairman Bodek and the Entire Board.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere confirmed this change would be made to reflect the appropriate sponsorship Commissioner.

8. Recognizing Joseph Schott for his inspiring participation in the Union County Senior Art Exhibit at 103 years old. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**
9. Recognizing Gregory Ruffa for his inspiring participation in the Union County Senior Art Exhibit at 100 years old. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**
10. Extending the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Margaret Lewis, who passed away on July 6, 2025. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**
11. Congratulating and recognizing Lauren Barr on being named the new Board President of the JCC of Central New Jersey. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
12. Recognizing Coach Chris Roof upon winning the NJSIAA Group 2 state championship for a second consecutive year and further recognizing his winning the High School Division II National Coach of the Year Award, and being honored with a flag raising at Berkeley Heights Municipal Complex on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**
13. Recognizing the Governor Livingston Baseball Team, the Highlanders, upon winning the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Group 2 state championship for a second consecutive year, and being honored with a flag raising at Berkeley Heights Municipal Complex on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**

14. Congratulating Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin upon being awarded the 2025 Beacon of Light Award, as she was honored at the Union College Foundation 10th Annual Close the Gap Cocktail Reception on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**
15. Congratulating Deborah Enix-Ross upon being awarded the 2025 Distinguished Volunteer of the Year Award, as she was honored at the Union College Foundation 10th Annual Close the Gap Cocktail Reception on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**
16. Recognizing the Elizabeth Colombian Lions Club and Latin District Association for all the contributions their organizations have made to the Colombian community and Union County. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Sergio Granados, and the Entire Board)**
17. Recognizing Peruvians for Progress, Inc. upon celebrating the 204<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Peru's Independence as they host the Peruvian Flag Raising Ceremony at Elizabeth City Hall on Thursday, July 24, 2025. **(Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairwoman Leon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 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  
Thursday, February 27, 2025  
Thursday, March 13, 2025  
Thursday, March 27, 2025  
Thursday, April 17, 2025  
Thursday, May 15, 2025  
Thursday, June 12, 2025  
Thursday, July 24, 2025  
Thursday, August 21, 2025  
Thursday, September 4, 2025  
Thursday, September 18, 2025  
Thursday, October 16, 2025  
Thursday, November 13, 2025  
Thursday, December 4, 2025  
Thursday, December 18, 2025

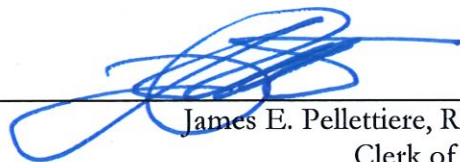
**Regular Meeting**

Monday, January 13, 2025\*\*\*  
Thursday, January 23, 2025  
Thursday, February 6, 2025  
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Thursday, December 18, 2025

\* Meeting canceled

\*\* Meeting rescheduled to Wednesday, September 4, 2024

\*\*\* Special Meeting added



James E. Pellettieri, RMC, QPA  
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 6:00pm 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.