

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bodek presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:28 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Vice-Chair Rebecca Williams, Commissioner James E. Baker, Jr., Commissioner Lourdes Leon, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner Stanley Neron, and Commissioner Joseph Signorello III were present, with Commissioner Michèle Delisfort 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Bodek advised that the Board had a need to enter Executive Session. He turned the meeting over to Counsel Bergen to offer his remarks.

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

He stated that the Board wished to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-client privileged communication concerning the potential settlement in the litigation matter by the State of New Jersey against Dupont and 3M.

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

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

To the extent known, the following item was discussed in Executive Session:

Attorney-client privileged communication concerning the potential settlement in the litigation matter by the State of New Jersey against Dupont and 3M.

Chairman Bodek called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. 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 Delisfort absent.

Chairman Bodek called for a motion to return from Executive Session. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort absent.

Counsel Bergen had nothing to report following Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chair Williams, roll call showed eight members voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort absent.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. March 26, 2026- Agenda Setting Session
2. March 26, 2026 - Regular Meeting

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Vice Chair Williams, roll call showed eight members voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort absent.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

Clerk of the Board Pelletiere read Ordinance No. 866-2026 by title.

866-2026 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING PART II- POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION: CHAPTER 115, SAFETY CODE, ARTICLE VI, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, AND CHAPTER 140, CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was opened for public comment on Ordinance number 866-2026 only.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, asked for additional information relative to the revisions being made.

County Manager Oatman advised that this ordinance would raise the fee penalties for public urination and related activities. He added that it would also raise the pay rate for off-duty law enforcement officer jobs.

Final Reading Statement

Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, Policy Committee Chair, will move Ordinance number 866-2026 for Final Reading and authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

Vice-Chair Williams moved Ordinance No. 866-2026 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

On a motion made by Vice-Chairman Williams and seconded by Commissioner Signorello, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026 COUNTY BUDGET

Chairman Bodek advised that the Union County 2026 had been introduced at the Commissioner Board's March 26, 2026. He further advised that upon the approval of that budget resolution, the Clerk of the Board had published the notice for the official public hearing to be held tonight, April 30, 2026, in accordance with the law. He thanked Finance Director Taylor and her staff, County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, and the Fiscal Committee for their efforts relative to the budget.

Prior to opening the public comments portion on the budget, Chairman Bodek turned the meeting over to Fiscal Chairwoman, Commissioner Palmieri Mouded, to say a few words.

Fiscal Chair, Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, addressed the public:

Good Evening. As Fiscal Chairwoman, over the last several weeks, the committee had conducted a thorough review of the 2026 executive budget in collaboration with County Manager Edward Oatman, Dept of Finance, and our Department Heads. This process included a careful review of revenue projections, fixed costs and departmental needs to ensure the long-term fiscal stability of Union County. Tonight we adopt the Union County 2026 Executive Budget in the amount of \$559,192,647.06, reflecting careful planning during a time of significant fiscal pressure. This year's budget includes a modest increase in the tax levy, driven largely by the rising, fixed costs, most notably a 21% increase in health and prescription benefits. This budget is being presented during a time when federal funding that supports essential services has already been reduced; SNAP funding alone is down several million dollars this year, with additional reductions anticipated for next year. Further federal cuts remain possible. At the same time, rising health care costs and inflation continue to place pressure on local governments across the country. These are real challenges and they require thoughtful, disciplined financial decisions. Despite these pressures, this budget reflects our continued commitment to maintaining the services our residents rely on every single day. Union County has consistently responded to fiscal challenges without reducing core services. When residents faced food-insecurity related to SNAP disruptions, the County acted quickly to support vulnerable households. Because we have maintained strong, fiscal discipline, we are able to respond when circumstances demand it. We will continue to pursue shared services and operational efficiencies to protect tax payer resources while sustaining the services our municipalities and residents depend on. I would like to thank the Department of Finance, Director Bibi Taylor, and her team for their hard work and dedication throughout

this process. I would also like to thank my fellow Fiscal Committee members, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Mirabella, and Commissioner Léon for their time and commitment during this review. And finally, thank you to our Department Heads and staff whose input helped shape a budget that helps meet today's needs while planning for our future. Thank you.

The meeting was opened to the public for the official Public Hearing on the 2026 Union County Budget.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to the 2026 County Budget, relative to monies in surplus, budget sheets, county operational costs, and the Union County Improvement Authority.

Director Taylor advised that the compensated balances on sheet 3d were essentially capped per statute at \$15,000 for all retirees, adding that many retirees that qualified for retirement used this form to disclose any known liabilities. She added that the County could pay a maximum of \$1,500 in sick-leave payout. Relative to the tax cap bank, Director Taylor advised that this financial planning tool was only used as needed under exigent circumstances, adding that the County had not employed the cap bank in almost ten years. She noted an increase in employee benefits of over \$25 million, advising that even with the increase and all the other varied increases in the budget as well as federal funding cuts, the County was only seeking a 2% increase in the tax levy to maintain operations. She added that many other counterparts throughout the State were faced with double-digit tax levy increases. She noted the County's commitment to ensuring present and prospective tax stabilization, while adhering to statutory obligations and investing in the County's infrastructure.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open for the purpose of commenting on resolutions being offered for adoption and on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

Daniel McCaffery, of Clark, spoke relative to the Clark Reservoir Project. He expressed his concerns about how the wildlife had been removed from the area, noting several dead turtles found along the shore. He also noted the accumulation of garbage and debris along the waterfall on Madison Hill Rd following drainage of the area.

County Engineer Matias advised that the County was working with a set of professionals as well as Fish and Wildlife, noting that nearly 4,000 fish had already been relocated. He noted that an assessment of the area was being conducted to determine conditions.

Dennis Allocco, of Summit, expressed his concerns relative to the Ash Brook Golf Course and its facilities. He advised that despite the County's remediation project efforts, conditions continued to worsen, adding that the full 18 holes were no longer playable. He noted that flooding continued to be an issue even after moderate rain, adding that critical waterways remained unaddressed.

Frank Wilson, of Roselle Park, and President of the Ash Brook Men's Association, expressed his concerns relative to the Ash Brook Golf Course. He noted that conditions had worsened over the last three years and asked for a status on the remediation efforts.

Doreen Frega, of Saddle Brook, and the Animal Protection League of NJ, expressed her concerns relative to Union County's employment of lethal gas to cull the geese population. She encouraged the County to adopt a more humane alternative, suggesting habitat modification.

Valerie Devine, of the Animal Protection League of NJ, encouraged Union County to implement a non-lethal solution to deal with the geese population. She recommended a feeding ban and habitat modifications. She provided reference material to the Clerk of the Board.

Chuck Schneider, of Union, expressed his concerns relative to Ash Brook Golf Course. He asked why the remediation project had been broken down into phases.

Bob Cascone, of Westfield, expressed his concerns relative to Ash Brook Golf Course. He also inquired about senior discounts for 14-day cards, comparing Union County pricing with out-of-county golfing facilities' prices.

Relative to the Ash Brook Golf Course, County Manager Oatman confirmed that work had been conducted as DEP permitting allowed. He advised that additional permit requests had been submitted and once approved, the County would continue their efforts to rectify the issues at Ash Brook.

Ron McCray, of Rahway, expressed his concerns relative to speeding on East Hazelwood Ave in Rahway.

County Manager Oatman advised that the County would coordinate with Rahway Police to increase enforcement in the area. He noted that any changes to the speed limit on that road would have to go through the City of Rahway first, with a concurring resolution passed by the County.

Matthew Loughlin, of Westfield, expressed his concerns relative to Ash Brook Golf Course.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to several resolutions. He also asked for additional information relative to the earlier Executive Session.

County Manager Oatman advised that the Executive Session was related to PFAs chemicals from fire extinguishers that had polluted the ground and waterways over the years.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption.

- 2026-261 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Miner LTD, DBA N.J. Door Works, Hillside, NJ for the purpose of Overhead and Door Systems installation and repairs in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

- 2026-262 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** Concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights Planning Board Ordinance No. 18-2024 regarding "Turn Prohibitions" relative to the intersection of Twin Falls Road and Diamond Hill Road.

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

- 2026-263 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** Amending Resolution 2024-129, a contract with PS&S, Warren, NJ, to provide design and construction administration services for the expansion of the Union County Dispatch Center, Froehlich Building, Westfield, NJ, increasing the contract in an amount not to exceed \$27,625 for a new contract total amount not to exceed \$837,038.00.

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

- 2026-264 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** Amending Resolution 2024-454, a contract obtained through the public bidding process, with Persistent Construction Inc., approving Change Order Number 1 (final) for the Replacement of the Bi-County Passaic Street Bridge Project in the Borough of New Providence to reflect an increase in the contract amount by \$148,007.67 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$3,602,257.67.

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

- 2026-265 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to adopt the Union County Complete Streets Policy that will implement projects that provide a safe, accessible, healthy, environmentally friendly and economically beneficial transportation system within Union County for all users.

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

- 2026-266 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., Bridgewater, NJ to provide Professional Engineering Services for the Rahway Valley Rails to Trails Project in an amount not to exceed \$940,405.77, with the amount of \$750,000 being provided by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

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

2026-267 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to adopt an Action Plan for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program.

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

2026-268 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept a grant for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant, a U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Funding Program.

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

2026-269 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and enter into an agreement with the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the following two Grant Programs: "Leaf Composting 2025" and "Green Streets & Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping 2025."

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

2026-270 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Amending Resolution 2022-832, a contract with Dewberry Engineers, Inc., Bloomfield, NJ to provide Construction Administration and Inspection Services for Intersection Improvements — West Seventh Street Intersection Improvements (C.R. 601) Corridor Project, City of Plainfield, to reflect an additional amount not to exceed \$106,219.55 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$368,455.34.

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

2026-271 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Amending Resolution 2025-947, a contract awarded to MPC Bus Corporation, Brooklyn, NY to reflect a change in appropriation accounts.

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

2026-272 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Shaw Sports Turf, Calhoun, GA 30701, for the provision of synthetic turf in various county parks in an amount not to exceed \$59,509.00.

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

2026-273 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Amending Resolution 2022-179, a Shared Services Agreement for Public Health Services between the County of Union and the Borough of Roselle, Board of Health to reflect an increase to the contract in the amount of \$209,830.93 for a new total amount not to exceed \$1,896,065.93.

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

2026-274 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Amending Resolution 2020-129, a Shared Services Agreement for Public Health Services between the County of Union and the Township of Berkeley Heights, Board of Health to reflect an increase to the contract in the amount of \$139,077 for a new total amount not to exceed \$796,053.

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

2026-275 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Amending Resolution 2020-227, a Shared Services Agreement for Public Health Services between the County of Union and the Township of Hillside, Board of Health to reflect an increase to the contract in the amount of \$216,412 for a new total amount not to exceed \$469,096.

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

2026-276 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to qualify and authorize towing operator licenses for C.E.S. Towing & Recovery, Inc., DeFalco Instant Towing, Inc., Highway Service Corp., and Sisbarro Towing & Recovery, LLC for the 36-month license period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029.

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

2026-277 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-278 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Coronis Health RCM I, LLC, Holmdel, NJ, to provide ambulance billing and collection services for Union County Emergency Medical Services for the initial 24-month period of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2028 with options to extend for one 24-month period and one final 12-month period at a service fee rate of 7% in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

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

2026-279 Commissioner Michele S. Delisfort: Appointing Geoff Cleveland to serve as Cranford Township's delegate to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2026; and appointing Ben Cohen to serve as alternate delegate to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2026.

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

2026-280 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon: Appointing the following member to the Workforce Development Board (WDB): Matt Beyerstedt for a term ending June 30, 2028.

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

2026-281 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron: Amending Resolution 2026-72, a contract with Geographic Solutions, Inc., Palm Harbor, FL to provide necessary services for the American Job Center in the form of a Workforce Information Management and Data Exchange System, to extend the contract for two (2) months through May 31, 2026 in the amount of \$9,850.00 for a new contract not to exceed \$24,625.00.

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

2026-282 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the FY2027 Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) contract from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children & Families (NJDCF) for the purpose of providing Support and Prevention Services to residents of Union County for the grant period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$336,284.00 with a required County Match not to exceed \$15,900.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$352,184.00.

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

2026-283 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) in an amount not to exceed \$18,161.00 for the purpose of LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) CWA Administration for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

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

2026-284 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) in the amount of \$11,611.00 for the County Welfare Administration (CWA) Administration Grant of the 2025 Universal Service Fund for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

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

2026-285 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Salary Reimbursement Agreement with Rutgers Cooperative Extension for the provision of State and Federal-mandated agriculture and resource management, family and community health sciences, and 4-H youth development programs in an amount not to exceed \$154,644 for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

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

2026-286 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Amending Resolution 2026-10 updating authorized County Signatories.

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

2026-287 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Determining that the 2026 Union County Budget shall be read by title and declaring that the public hearing conditions set forth pursuant to N.J.S.A.:40A: 4-8(1a)(1b) have been satisfied.

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

2026-288 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Approving the COLA to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).

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

2026-289 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Adopting the 2026 County of Union Budget.

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

2026-290 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Authorizing the combining of several authorizations of bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and bond form thereof for \$19,980,000 General Improvement Bonds of 2026 Dated June 1, 2026.

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

2026-291 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Authorizing the combining of several authorizations of bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and bond form thereof for \$1,270,000 County Vocational-Technical School Bonds of 2026 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act) dated June 1, 2026.

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

2026-292 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Prescribing the details and bond form thereof for \$4,000,000.00 County College Bonds of 2026 (Series A) (Chapter 12 State Aid) dated June 1, 2026.

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

2026-293 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Authorizing the combining of several authorizations of Bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and Bond form thereof for \$4,000,000.00 County College Bonds of 2026 (Series B) dated June 1, 2026.

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

2026-294 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Authorizing the publication, printing and distribution of a notice of sale and the publication of a summary notice of sale and prescribing the forms thereof for \$29,250,000 Bonds consisting of \$19,980,000 General Improvement Bonds of 2026, \$1,270,000 County Vocational-Technical School Bonds of 2026 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act), \$4,000,000 County College Bonds of 2026 (Series A) (Chapter 12 State Aid) and \$4,000,000 County College Bonds of 2026 (Series B), each issue dated June 1, 2026, approving the preparation, distribution and execution of a preliminary official statement for such Bonds, undertaking to provide continuing disclosure of financial information, covenanting to comply with the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, and authorizing various matters in connection with electronic bidding for the Bonds.

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

2026-295 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$336,284 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a program entitled: Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC).

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

2026-296 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$18,161 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

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

2026-297 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$11,611 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Universal Service Fund - CWA Administration Grant.

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

2026-298 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$7,744.33 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Data-Driven Decision Making - Organizational Enhancement Program (3DM-OEP).

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

2026-299 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$47,099 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 (VAWA).

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

2026-300 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$420,684.00 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).

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

2026-301 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$8,480.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund (LEOTEF).

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

2026-302 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$30,548.00 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.

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

2026-303 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$304,894 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.

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

2026-304 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$349,120.00 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Justice for a program entitled: DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program.

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

2026-305 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: Sponsoring Groundwork Elizabeth in the amount of \$2,000 towards their 23rd Annual Union Tour de Elizabeth to be held on May 17, 2026.

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

2026-306 Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board: Supporting and encouraging the New Jersey Legislature to pass Senate Bill S384 which provides for the spaying and neutering of stray or feral cats and establishes a fund therefor, designated as 'Compassion for Community Cats Law.'

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

2026-307 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract with Prevention Links, Kenilworth, NJ for the Operation Helping Hand program for the period of September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$63,686.00.

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

2026-308 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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 Criminal Justice, Division of Administration, under the SFY 2026 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund (LEOTEF) Grant Program, for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$8,480.00.

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

2026-309 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Amending Resolution 2025-751, grant funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for Fiscal Year 2026 Child Advocacy Development Grants - Treatment Services, Programs, Technology and Capital Improvement, to reflect an additional award amount of \$30,548.00 for a new total amount not to exceed \$220,030.00.

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

2026-310 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the BJA FY 25 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Formula Grant Program, in the amount of \$349,120.00, for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027.

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

2026-311 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-312 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Authorizing the County Manager to award HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant funds to the Gateway Family YMCA, Union, NJ to provide case management and serve as landlord/tenant liaison to qualifying populations, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 for the period beginning May 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

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

2026-313 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Adopting the revised Memorandum of Understanding between the Union County Workforce Development Board and the Union County Board of County Commissioners governing the administration of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Programs.

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

2026-314 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Authorizing a Public Auction for the possible sale of Union County-owned real property known as the Oriscello Correctional Facility, 15 Elizabethtown Plaza (a portion of Block 338, Lot 1 on the tax map of the City of Elizabeth), Elizabeth, New Jersey, subject to a deed restriction prohibiting use of the property as a jail, detention or correctional facility.

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

2026-315 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Residency waiver for various County employees.

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

2026-316 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the Management Enhancement Review Program (MERP).

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

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

2026-317 Commissioner Michele S. Delisfort, Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: Recognizing the month of May 2026 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month.

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

2026-318 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: Congratulating the City of Elizabeth Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program upon celebrating its 52nd Anniversary on Friday, April 10, 2026.

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

2026-319 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: Recognizing the month of May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month (MHAM).

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

2026-320 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: Congratulating Mrs. Diane Bilicska Pereira on receiving the 2026 Union County Volunteer of the Year Award at the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Annual Volunteer of the Year Recognition Ceremony on May 5, 2026.

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

2026-321 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board: Extending the Board's deepest condolences in this time of sorrow to the family of Mary Beth Spirk, who passed away on April 10, 2026.

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

2026-322 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board: Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Nicole M. Torella, who passed away on April 3, 2026.

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

2026-323 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board: Extending the Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Joan Jessup Eddy, who passed away on April 3, 2026.

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

2026-324 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board: Offering this Board's sincerest condolences to the family of retired Hillside Fire Chief, Frank Caswell, during their time of sorrow.

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

2026-325 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: Congratulating Reverend Joe L. Pickett, Jr. on his Pastoral Installation to Second Macedonia Baptist Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey on April 18, 2026.

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

2026-326 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: Recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week from April 12-18, 2026, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our citizens safe; further acknowledging four telecommunicators for their outstanding service.

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

2026-327 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: Congratulating the honorees of the Union County Human Relations Commission's 2026 Unity Achievement Awards, to be held on May 12, 2026.

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

2026-328 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: Recognizing the following honorees of the Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth (HACE) Foundation at their 4th Annual Scholarship Gala Sneaker Ball on May 1, 2026: the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center; Antoine Nelson; Curtis Myers Sr.; and the Elmora Youth Little League.

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

2026-329 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: Congratulating Union County Savings Bank, Union County Commissioner Michele S. Delisfort, Midpoint Roofing, Hook and Reel Cajun Seafood and Bar, Penstock Coffee Roasters, TAPinto Kenilworth, and Blue Ribbon Bakery upon being honored at the Greater Union Township Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

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

2026-330 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: Congratulating the Union County Fatherhood Initiative Coalition, Inc. for hosting their 14th Annual Fatherhood Conference at Kean University STEM Building, taking place on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

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

2026-331 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Recognizing Danuta Lisowska upon being named the Contingent Marshal of the General Pulaski Memorial Parade of St. Theresa of Linden, New Jersey at their 45th Annual Sashing Banquet on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded invited senior residents 60 and older and their caregivers to the County's upcoming Aging Services Kiosk (ASK) through the County's Human Services Department. She advised that attendees could receive in-person guidance from seasoned professionals relative to available resources and services for aging residents, including respite care, adult day care, and caregiver support services. She added that bilingual assistance would be available. She noted two upcoming ASK events on May 5th and May 13th at Union Public Library and Clark Public Library, respectively. She added that no appointment or registration was required to attend. On another note, she recognized the public speakers and their concerns relative to Ash Brook Golf Course, adding that the Board consistently prioritized the concerns of residents relative to a variety of issues. She confirmed that the County was committed to rectifying the issues at Ash Brook.

Commissioner Baker advised that the County's Fresh Start mobile unit would be at the Elizabeth Public Library on Thursday, May 7th. Launched in 2021 through the Department of Human Services, he noted that this important resource provided bathroom, shower, and laundry resources to residents in need in addition to resources available through the County and its community partners, including housing and employment assistance as well as mental health services.

Commissioner Mirabella announced various upcoming events in June in honor of Pride Month, including the annual Pride Flag Raising on June 1st at the Union County Courthouse as well as the County's Third Annual Pride 5K Color Run on June 6th at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. He invited residents of all ages and abilities to attend, noting that the event would also include resource tables, giveaways, and various family-friendly activities. He thanked Robert Charkowsky, Office Coordinator of the Office of LGBTQ Affairs, for his efforts relative to the County's LGBTQ programs. On another note, Commissioner Mirabella spoke relative to the concerns of public speaker Daniel McCaffery, Clark NJ, adding that he was also concerned about the wildlife and the debris that has accumulated at the Clark Reservoir. Relative to Ash Brook Golf Course, he echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, adding that the Board was committed to working with DEP to secure the necessary permitting to rectify the issues on site. He noted his personal commitment to ensuring improved playability as Ash Brook Golf Course, adding that he would also look into the potential for senior discount rates.

Commissioner Neron confirmed the Board's commitment to addressing the issues at Ash Brook Golf Course. On another note, he thanked the County for supporting the UC's Fatherhood Initiative Coalition's recent Annual Conference. He recognized Parks Director Durbin-Drake and the Department of Parks and Recreation relative to the expansion and beautification of Mattano Park in Elizabeth and the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony. He also noted the 2026 Autism Acceptance Celebration and Resource Fair that took place at Warinanco Park on April 25th in recognition of Autism Acceptance Month. To close, he invited residents to attend the County's 3rd Annual Haitian Flag Raising Ceremony at the Union County Courthouse on May 1st. He added that the Board of Commissioners would also be showcasing a collection of artwork from local artists in the Commissioners Gallery, on the 6th floor of the Administration Building. To close, he confirmed that the County was committed to working with the City of Rahway to address the speeding issues noted by public speaker, Ron McCray.

Commissioner Signorello announced that 44 organizations had been awarded funding through the 2026 Union County Local Arts Grant Program, for a total re-grant totaling \$300,500, awarded to the County's Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs by the State's Council on the Arts. He noted that this annual program aimed to support a wide range of arts initiatives throughout the County as well as expand access to cultural programming. On another note, he confirmed that the Board was committed to rectifying the issues at Ash Brook Golf Course. To close, he made comments relative to the County's AAA bond rating surplus and fiscal health.

Commissioner Leon echoed the sentiments of her Commissioner colleagues and confirmed that the County was committed to rectifying the issues at Ash Brook Golf Course. On another note, she announced the return of the County's 2026 Women Mean Business Summit on May 27th at the Galloping Hill Golf Course in Union, featuring keynote speaker, Margo Chaly, Acting Secretary of Higher Education for the State of NJ.

Through the County's Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Vice Chair Williams invited residents to attend a special historical lecture, "New Jersey's Revolutionary Rivalry: The Untold Story of Colonel Tye and Captain Huddy" on May 13th at the Elizabeth Public Library, featuring author Rick Geffken. She added that this program was part of Union County's ongoing efforts to

commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution by highlighting lesser-known stories that shaped both local and national history. She encouraged residents to visit the County's website to learn more about upcoming programs.

On behalf of the Board of Elections, Chairman Bodek reminded residents that Tuesday, May 12th was the deadline for voter registration for the 2026 Primary Election on Tuesday, June 2nd. He added that voter registration could be completed online, by mail, or in person at the County's Board of Elections Office in Elizabeth. He noted that 17 year old citizens who would be 18 on or before the election were also eligible to apply. Chairman Bodek further advised that the BOE was seeking poll workers, including republican and bilingual poll workers. He encouraged residents to visit the County's website to learn more. To close, Chairman Bodek reaffirmed the County's commitment to rectifying the issues at Ash Brook Golf Course.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bodek asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

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2026 MEETING SCHEDULE**

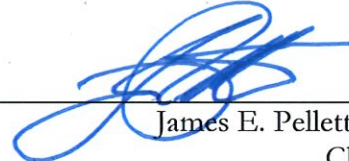
**REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026 AT 11:00 AM
UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE- 2 BROAD STREET. ELIZABETH**

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Clerk of the Board

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings, with the exception of the January 13, 2025 meetings, are to be regularly held on Thursday evenings. These meetings are scheduled to be held on the same evening, with the Agenda Setting Session to commence at 6:00pm 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.