

## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bodek presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

### ROLL CALL

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

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

### PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

### PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD

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1. A Resolution Presentation will be made by the Board recognizing and honoring the Haitian Flag Day Planning Committee of New Jersey, Inc., also known as Kilti Lakay, for its longstanding commitment to preserving, promoting, and uplifting Haitian heritage, culture, and identity throughout the State of New Jersey.

Chairman Bodek was joined by Commissioner Delisfort and Commissioner Neron for the resolution presentation.

Chairman Bodek highlighted the efforts of the Haitian Flag Day Planning Committee of NJ for their long standing commitment to preserving, promoting, and uplifting Haitian heritage and culture throughout NJ. He added that their work continued to strengthen community, celebrate traditions, and educate future generations.

Commissioner Delisfort thanked the HFDPCNJ for their continued efforts, highlighting their phenomenal work. She congratulated them on being recognized that evening.

Commissioner Neron thanked Chairman Bodek and the Board of Commissioners for recognizing the HFDPNJ and their continued efforts in honoring and promoting Haitian culture.

2. A Certificate Presentation will be made by the Board recognizing the Union County Vocational Technical School A Cappella Ensemble group upon their outstanding performance at the New Jersey Association of Counties 2026 Conference.

Chairman Bodek was joined by Commissioner Leon and Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded for the resolution presentation.

Chairman Bodek highlighted the wonderful performance of UCVTS A Cappella Ensemble group at NJ Association of Counties' 2026 Conference.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded highlighted the amazing talent of UCVTS A Cappella Ensemble.

Commissioner Leon recognized UCVTS Superintendent Ryan and welcomed the A Cappella Ensemble, noting their phenomenal performance at NJAC's 2026 Conference.

The students of UCVTS' A Cappella Ensemble performed.

3. A Certificate Presentation will be made by the Board congratulating students upon having their artwork presented at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Winter and Fall Exhibits.

Chairman Bodek was joined by Commissioner Baker for the certificate presentations.

Commissioner Baker noted that the Board was proud to highlight the outstanding artistic talents and achievements of the students featured in NJ's Performing Arts Center Exhibits. He encouraged the students to continue their artistic pursuits and encouraged the parents and teachers to continue nurturing these talents. He added that the Board was proud to continuing investing and supporting in these programs.

The following students were recognized:

Adam Garcia

Jack Anderson

Ellie Yung

Adalyn Moriarty

Joseluis Torres

Joshua Wetzel

Eda Hatipoglu

Analia Valenzuela

Olive Zeigler  
Kamila Gonzalez  
Diya Patel  
Rakim Thomas  
Maya Anderson  
Antoinette Evans  
Nuno Cavalho  
Isaiah Pierre  
Bianca Lynch  
Kayla Ponce  
Leah Benitez  
Sharick  
Maria A  
Janie Sully  
Rayne Cruz  
Osayuki Obasuyi  
Abigail S. Tuckler

The following teachers were recognized:

Carrie Russoniello  
Jana Ortiz  
Jill Rible  
Maria Polyviou  
Mira Septimus  
Rachel Mifsud  
Rachel Therres

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**APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS**

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Chairman Bodek advised that the Communications would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Chairman Bodek advised that the Minutes would be approved later during the Regular Meeting.

1. April 30, 2026 - Agenda Setting Session
2. April 30, 2026 - Regular Meeting
3. April 30, 2026 - Executive Session

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**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

WILLIAM A. DANIEL, COUNTY PROSECUTOR

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County Manager Oatman represented the Office.

Prosecutor Daniel arrived at the meeting.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2026-175, an agreement with Trinitas Regional Medical Center/RWJ Barnabas Health for the provision of 24-7 on-call ARRIVE Specialized Consultants, to extend the contract period from March 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026 and to further reflect a change in the account number. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, for FFY25 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program, Project Title: County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy, in the amount of \$47,099.00 in federal funds with a required match of \$15,700.00, for a total project cost in an amount not to exceed \$62,799.00 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, for FFY25 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for a project titled County Office of Victim Witness Advocacy in the amount of \$420,684.00 in federal funds with a required match of \$105,171.00, for a project total cost in the amount of \$525,855.00 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

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**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF**

PETER CORVELLI, COUNTY SHERIFF

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CFG Health Systems LLC, Mount Laurel, NJ for the provision of comprehensive institutional healthcare services for incarcerated adults at the Union County Correctional Hub for the contract period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$1,154,772.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
2. Amending Resolution 2021-319, a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Union and the County of Essex for the relocation of Union County inmates to the Essex County Correctional Facility for a period of five (5) years, commencing on July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026 to reflect an increase to the amount covering the months of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 by an amount not to exceed \$655,129.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

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

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to sign any and all documents necessary to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Supervisors' Association, for a new Labor Agreement between the parties effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Scarinci Hollenbeck LLC, Little Falls, NJ to serve as Labor and Personnel Counsel for the contract period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

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

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and to accept funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2026-2027 (Year 52) Annual Action Plan on behalf of the Union County Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program so that projects as listed therein may be undertaken within the County of Union. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
2. Amending Resolution 2025-556, approving the PY 2025-2026 (Year 51) Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding utilizing contingency funds to cover the cost to complete the Hillside Senior Center Generator Upgrade, in the amount of \$25,000.00, for a new total not to exceed \$65,000.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
3. Amending Resolution 2025-556, the PY 2025-2026 Consolidated Action Plan to increase CDBG funding utilizing contingency funds to cover the cost to complete the

New Providence ADA Accessible Ramp project, in the amount of \$6,590.00, for a new total not to exceed \$46,490.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

4. Concurring with Resolution No. 2026-09 of the Executive Committee of the Union County Workforce Development Board authorizing the payment of Indirect Costs for Program Year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$245,306.91. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

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

JOSEPH POLICAY, DIRECTOR

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for the 2025 NJDEP Recycling Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$502,200.00 and to execute all necessary documents and adopt the proposed spending plan. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to conduct the 2026-2027 Deer Management Program for Union County, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

Commissioner Mirabella commended Director Policay and Ray Sponz for their efforts in the County's deer management program. He noted that this program made communities safer by managing the deer population.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design, Hampton, New Jersey to provide enterprise GIS services on an as-needed basis to assist the County's GIS Bureau in an amount not to exceed \$13,275.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with River North Transit, LLC, Inc of New York, New York through a Request for a Competitive Contracting Process to provide On-Demand Micro-Transit Services for the initial period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$723,002.64, with an option to extend for either one additional twelve (12) month period or one additional twenty-four (24) month period. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
5. Amending Resolution Number 2025-240, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding, to Paul Otto Building Company, Clark, NJ, approving Change Order #1 for various restorations at the property located at 921 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth. This change order will increase the original contract amount by \$748,167.31 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$5,031,167.31. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

BIBI TAYLOR, DIRECTOR

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$16,401 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a

- program entitled: Right to Know (RTK). **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$187,600 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: County Environmental Health Act (CEHA). **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
  3. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$3,277,005 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: Continuum of Care (COC) Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
  4. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$74,516.11 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Clean Communities Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
  5. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$502,200.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Recycling Enhancement Act Grant (REA). **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
  6. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$61,776.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for a program entitled: Personal Attendant Services Program (PASP). **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
  7. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$38,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
  8. Modifying the 2026 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 (STP) Program. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
  9. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,479,806 as a result of notification received from Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health as a pass through grant award through the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Pediatric Mobile Van: Pediatric Screenings - Community Health Projects. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
  10. Title and Text Adjustment for Department of Public Safety-Division of Medical Examiner to accommodate the change in the delivery of service for medical examiner operations from in-house to the Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner via a formal Memorandum of Agreement. This resolution will modify the salary and

operating expenses budget lines for the Department of Public Safety-Division of Medical Examiner. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

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

**DEBBIE-ANN ANDERSON, DIRECTOR**

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Assistant Director Karen Dinsmore represented the Department.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2026-169, adopting the 2026 Union County Youth Services Commission spending plan, to include an additional award to the United Way of Greater Union County, Rahway, NJ for the provision of individual and family counseling services, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 for the contract period of June 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for a new spending plan total not to exceed \$424,345.15. **(Commissioner Joseph Signorello III)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, New Jersey, for the provision of the Special Child Case Management and Early Intervention Program, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Voyce, Inc., Sunrise, FL to provide remote video translation services for the Department of Human Services, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$53,000.00. **(Commissioner Stanley J. Neron)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care, Marlboro, NJ to provide professional services for the Union County Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center (IDRC) for the period of June 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$84,400.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to accept FY2025 SuperNOFO Continuum of Care (CoC) program competitive grant award funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,100,929.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and to enter into subcontracts with various agencies as specified in the Spending Plan. **(Commissioner Stanley J. Neron)**
6. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept, and enter into an agreement with New Jersey Transit to secure grant funding in the amount of \$415,000.00 with a 100% cash match for a total amount not to exceed \$830,000.00 for NJ Transit's Consolidated NJ Job Access and Reverse Commute (NJ-JARC) Grant Program for SY2027, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

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

**VICTORIA DURBIN-DRAKE, DIRECTOR**

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1. Amending Resolution Number 2025-90, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding, to Challenger Fence, Inc., Paterson, NJ approving Change Order #1 for fencing services to reflect an increase in the original contract amount by \$80,000.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$431,410.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

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

Director Durbin-Drake advised that the increase related to the replacement of guardrails at Lenape Park. She further advised that capital funding for this project had been previously approved.

2. Amending Resolution Number 2025-349, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding to Terminal Construction Company, Wood Ridge, NJ for the construction of Warinanco Sports Ice Rink, to approve Change Order #1 for additional construction-related services to reflect an increase in the original contract amount by \$1,311,471.95, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$27,909,471.95. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

Commissioner Mirabella asked Director Durbin-Drake for an update on this project.

Director Durbin-Drake advised that while there had been a slight delay in the project due to enforcement policies through NJDEP, the ice rink was still expected to be completed by June or July of 2027.

3. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding with Green Valley Group, Inc., Pearl River, NY, for the purpose of the construction of a playground at Rahway River Park, Clark, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$1,233,957.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

#### **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 Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Union and the Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner to allow the Northern Regional Medical Examiner Office to absorb and conduct all of Union County's medical examiner operations for a term of five (5) years commencing August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2031, for a total amount not to exceed \$9,887,676.24. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
2. Amending Resolution Number 2025-384, a contract with Johnston GP Inc., Springfield, NJ, for the provision of providing Electronic Network Equipment, Security, and Cabling for various County Departments, to reflect an increase to the contract in the amount of \$3,739.05 for a new total amount not to exceed \$675,339.05. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Essex County Office of Public Health Management for CEHA Program Support for the period of May 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding: Department of Public Safety, Don Brown Bus Sales, Inc., for the purpose of purchasing a mobile health unit van in an amount not to exceed \$415,890.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**BRUCE H. BERGEN, COUNTY COUNSEL

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There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2026-22 to accurately reflect that a contract to the law firm of Genova Burns, LLC is being awarded through a non-fair and open process, without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law and to increase the contract by an additional amount of \$100,000.00, for a new contract amount total not to exceed \$200,000.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Frantz Law Group, APLC, San Diego, CA, to investigate and pursue litigation against manufacturers and PBMs concerning insulin and GLP-1 prescription drugs, as to damages suffered by the County of Union. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
3. Approving an additional list of Qualified Litigation, Defense and General Counsel for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
4. Approving an additional list of Qualified Labor and Personnel Counsel for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Scarinci Hollenbeck LLC, Little Falls, NJ, to serve as Litigation, Defense and General Counsel for the contract period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

**COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**2026 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CHAIRMAN JOSEPH C. BODEK

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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 Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee in the amount of \$4,000 towards the following events: Portugal Day Walk-A-Thon on May 31, 2026; Portugal Day Flag Raising on June 5, 2026; Portugal Day Parade on June 7, 2026; and Portugal Day Fishing Derby on September 12, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Sponsoring the Portugese Instructive Social Club (PISC) in the amount of \$2,500 towards their Outdoor Cultural Festival held on June 6, 2026, June 7, 2026, and September 19, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Sponsoring the Sharing Network in the amount of \$1,500 towards their 5K Celebration of Life to be held on June 7, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
4. Sponsoring the NAACP Elizabeth Branch in the amount of \$1,000 towards their Pre-Father's Day Walk, BBQ, and Health Fair held on June 14, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
5. Sponsoring the Puerto Rican Alliance of Elizabeth (PRAE) in the amount of \$800 towards the following events: the PRAE Flag Raising on June 18, 2026; PRAE Festival on July 18, 2026 & July 19, 2026; and PRAE Parade on July 19, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
6. Sponsoring the Township of Hillside in the amount of \$500 towards their Hillside Juneteenth Celebration to be held on June 20, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
7. Sponsoring the Portuguese-American Civic Association, Inc. (PACA) in the amount of \$500 towards their Portugal Day Weekend Festival to be held on June 26, 2026 & June 27, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
8. Sponsoring the Township of Scotch Plains in the amount of \$3,500 towards their Scotch Plains Fireworks Celebration held on June 27, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
9. Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park in the amount of \$3,500 towards their Independence Celebration and Fireworks held on July 1, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
10. Sponsoring the Township of Cranford in the amount of \$3,500 towards their Independence Day Fireworks held on July 2, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
11. Sponsoring the Township of Springfield in the amount of \$3,500 towards their 4th of July Celebration held on July 4, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
12. Sponsoring the Township of Union in the amount of \$3,500 towards their 4th of July Spectacular held on July 4, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**

13. Sponsoring the Frank O. Mazza Civic Association in the amount of \$4,000 towards their Peterstown Festa Di San Vito Festival held on July 23, 2026 through July 26, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
14. Sponsoring the City of Plainfield in the amount of \$3,500 towards their 4th of July Concert and Fireworks Celebration held on July 4, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
15. Sponsoring the American Cancer Society in the amount of \$1,000 towards their Relay for Life held on June 13, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
16. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the Union County Arts Center, Inc., d/b/a Union County Performing Arts Center, Inc., a New Jersey non-profit corporation, Rahway, NJ, for the Union County Arts Center and adjoining parking lot, for the rental sum of one dollar (\$1.00) per year for the period of June 5, 2026 through June 4, 2046. **(Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams)**
17. Appointing the following individuals to the Union County Construction Board of Appeals: Joseph Signorello, Jr. (Fire Official), George Aleu (Fire Sub-code), Michael Scanio (Fire Official, Alternate) and Joseph Popolo (Fire Sub-code, Alternate). **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
18. Re-appointing the following members to the Workforce Development Board (WDB): Caroline Aubrey, Bernadette Griswald, Erich Peter, Richard Capac, Hillary McCarron, Debbie Ann Anderson, Juanito Chiluisa, Craig Coughlin, Daryl Palmieri, Gwen Ryan, and Morgan Thompson to a three-year term starting July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2029; and appointing Kate Kerpchar to an unexpired vacancy ending June 30, 2027. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

**OFFICE OF OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION**VICTORIA DURBIN-DRAKE, ADMINISTRATOR

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Peters Todd's Incorporated through New Jersey State Contract #24-GNSV1-108525/T0465 for tree services throughout the Union County Park system for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to execute an agreement with the Gateway Family YMCA for the administration and implementation of swim lessons at the Walter E. Ulrich Memorial Pool for the period of July 7, 2026 through September 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$9,702.00. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella)**
3. Amending Resolution 2009-877, to award a Preserve Union County grant to The Historical Society of Plainfield, Nathaniel Drake House Museum, by and through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in a total amount not to exceed \$25,065.00. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella)**

4. Amending Resolution 2011-886, to award Preserve Union County Grants to The Historical Society of Plainfield, Nathaniel Drake House Museum, by and through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in a total amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella)**
5. Amending Resolution 2013-849, to award a Preserve Union County Grant to The Historical Society of Plainfield, Nathaniel Drake House Museum, by and through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in a total amount not to exceed \$20,850.00. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella)**

Vice Chair Williams asked Administrator Durbin-Drake to elaborate on this item.

Administrator Durbin-Drake advised that this item related to reallocation of funding into different accounts for a previously awarded grant.

#### LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

1. Recognizing May 27, 2026, as Crisis Professionals Day. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**
2. Recognizing May 10, 2026, as Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Mental Health Day. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**
3. Recognizing the Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club on their mission to empower local volunteers to serve their communities as well as encourage peace and promote international understanding; and further recognizing the impact the Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club has had on our local Union County residents as they celebrate the Cuban community and culture with a Cuban Flag Raising Ceremony on May 20, 2026. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**
4. Recognizing May 10 through May 16, 2026 as National Skilled Nursing Care Week, as designated by the American Health Care Association, with the 2026 theme "Moments in Bloom." **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**
5. Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Luis Nuno Rodrigues Afonso during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**
6. Congratulating Dan Weiss upon his retirement after over 28 years of service at the Fanwood Memorial Library. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board)**
7. Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Issam Mouded during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded thanked her Commissioner colleagues for honoring her late father-in-law. She noted that he was a wonderful man that would be dearly missed.

8. Congratulating Lisa Roskos, Esq., Maritza Darch Escuderos, Aisha B. Campbell, Kimberly Best-Parris, Michele Lefkowitz, Esq., Honorable Katherine Dupuis (Ret.), and Suzy Groisser upon being honored at the YWCA's Champions for Family Justice Awards Breakfast held on Friday, May 8, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
9. Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Nicholas Nigro during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
10. Recognizing June 14, 2026 as "Bris Avrohom Day of Unity and Trust." **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
11. Congratulating Sayuri Nakanishi upon being recognized by the New Jersey State Board of Education for the State Board Recognition Program. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
12. Recognizing and honoring the Haitian Flag Day Planning Committee of New Jersey, Inc., also known as Kilti Lakay, for its longstanding commitment to preserving, promoting, and uplifting Haitian heritage, culture, and identity throughout the State of New Jersey. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Michele S. Delisfort, Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board)**
13. Recognizing the month of May as Haitian Heritage Month in the County of Union. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Michele S. Delisfort, Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board)**  
  
Recognizing and congratulating the Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee as they host their annual Flag Raising on June 5, 2026 and their annual Portugal Day Parade on June 7, 2026.
15. Recognizing former State Senator Raymond Lesniak on the celebration of his 80th birthday. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board)**

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bodek asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
2026 MEETING SCHEDULE**

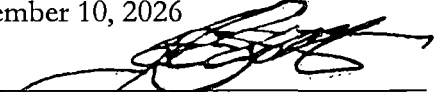
**REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M.  
UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE- 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH**

**AGENDA SETTING SESSION**

Thursday, January 29, 2026  
Thursday, February 26, 2026  
Thursday, March 26, 2026  
Thursday, April 30, 2026  
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Thursday, June 25, 2026  
Thursday, July 30, 2026  
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Thursday, September 24, 2026  
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**REGULAR MEETING**

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Clerk of the Board

Please note that the County Commissioners' 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.