



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bodek presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:45 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.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded roll call showed nine members voted in the affirmative.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

On a motion made by Commissioner Neron and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed eight members voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Delisfort abstaining.

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.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-333, Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, commented on the increased contract amount and asked how this would affect the forecasted savings. He asked for additional information relative to Reso No. 2026-337. Relative to Reso No. 2026-338, he inquired about the changes to benefits and salaries. Relative to Reso No. 2026-343, he asked how the County would be billed. Relative to Reso No. 2026-382, he inquired about the associated costs. Relative to Reso No. 2026-390, he inquired about the spending. Relative to Reso No. 2026-391 & 2026-392, he asked what legal services would be provided. He also inquired about the Aries Linden Biosolids Gasification Facility in Linden. He also made comments relative to Reso No. 2026-341.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-333, County Manager Oatman advised that the increase was due to an increase in prisoners. He noted that the initial projected savings were estimated at \$21 million annually, adding that even with the increase, the County anticipated savings of approximately \$19 million.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-337, County Manager Oatman advised that this related to shuttle transportation services on Route 22.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-338, County Manager Oatman noted a 3% salary increase, adding that employees would also receive a retroactive check dating back to when the original agreement expired.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-343, County Manager Oatman advised that the County's Medical Examiner was expected to retire and due to the difficulties in filling the position, the County had opted to enter into a shared services agreement with the State to provide these services. He added that the State provided said shared services to other medical examiner offices throughout the State. He noted that billing would be contingent on the quantity of cadavers received.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-382, County Manager Oatman confirmed that the County owned the UCPAC parking lot and would be leasing it to the Arts Center for \$1 annually. He added that the County would be responsible for the repairs and upkeep.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-390, County Manager Oatman advised that this item was regulated by the federal government, adding that related documents could be requested through OPRA for review.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-391, Counsel Bergen advised that the law firm represented the County in a number of substantial litigation matters. He noted that the vendor was paid hourly and funds replenished as needed, to cover costs.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-392, Counsel Bergen advised that this item was related to a contingency fee agreement, adding that the vendor would only be paid if the County was successful in collecting money.

Relative to the Aries Linden Biosolids Gasification Facility in Linden, County Manager Oatman confirmed that the County had not guaranteed the debt and was in no way involved in the project.

Nancy Piwovar, of the Plainfield Historical Society, thanked the Board of Commissioners for Resolution Nos. 2026-352 through 2026-354. She also thanked Director Durbin-Drake for her assistance with these Resolutions. She noted various events related to the United States' upcoming Semiquincentennial Celebration and the rich history of NJ and Union County in the conflict.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption.

2026-332 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-MouDED, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2026-333 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-MouDED, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2026-334 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-MouDED, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2026-335 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to conduct the 2026-2027 Deer Management Program for Union County in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-MouDED, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2026-336 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-337 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-338 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-339 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-340 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-341 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-342 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-343 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-344 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-345 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-346 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-347 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-348 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon: 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.

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

2026-349 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon: 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.

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

2026-350 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella: 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.

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

2026-351 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella: 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.

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

2026-352 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella: 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.

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

2026-353 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella: 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.

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

2026-354 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella: 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.

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

2026-355 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron: 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.

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

2026-356 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron: 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.

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

2026-357 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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).

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

2026-358 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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).

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

2026-359 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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

2026-360 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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

2026-361 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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).

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

2026-362 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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).

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

2026-363 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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

2026-364 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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

2026-365 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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

2026-366 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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 Leon abstaining.

2026-367 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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 Leon abstaining.

2026-368 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: Sponsoring the Sharing Network in the amount of \$1,500 towards their 5K Celebration of Life to be held on June 7, 2026.

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

2026-369 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

2026-370 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

2026-371 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: Sponsoring the Township of Hillside in the amount of \$500 towards their Hillside Juneteenth Celebration to be held on June 20, 2026.

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

2026-372 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

2026-373 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: Sponsoring the Township of Scotch Plains in the amount of \$3,500 towards their Scotch Plains Fireworks Celebration held on June 27, 2026.

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

2026-374 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park in the amount of \$3,500 towards their Independence Celebration and Fireworks held on July 1, 2026.

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

2026-375 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: Sponsoring the Township of Cranford in the amount of \$3,500 towards their Independence Day Fireworks held on July 2, 2026.

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

2026-376 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: Sponsoring the Township of Springfield in the amount of \$3,500 towards their 4th of July Celebration held on July 4, 2026.

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

2026-377 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: Sponsoring the Township of Union in the amount of \$3,500 towards their 4th of July Spectacular held on July 4, 2026.

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

2026-378 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

2026-379 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

2026-380 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: Sponsoring the American Cancer Society in the amount of \$1,000 towards their Relay for Life held on June 13, 2026.

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

2026-381 Commissioner Joseph Signorello III: 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.

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

2026-382 Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams: 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chairman Bodek and Commissioner Mirabella abstaining.

2026-383 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-384 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, 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.

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

2026-385 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, 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.

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

2026-386 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-387 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-388 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-389 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-390 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-391 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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 Chairman Bodek abstaining.

2026-392 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-393 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Approving an additional list of Qualified Litigation, Defense and General Counsel for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

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

2026-394 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Approving an additional list of Qualified Labor and Personnel Counsel for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

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

2026-395 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-396 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-397 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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).

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 Signorello abstaining.

2026-398 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

2026-399 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: Recognizing May 27, 2026, as Crisis Professionals Day.

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

2026-400 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: Recognizing May 10, 2026, as Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Mental Health Day.

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

2026-401 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

2026-402 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: 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."

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

2026-403 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Luis Nuno Rodrigues Afonso during their time of sorrow.

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

2026-404 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board: Congratulating Dan Weiss upon his retirement after over 28 years of service at the Fanwood Memorial Library.

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

2026-405 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Issam Mouded during their time of sorrow.

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

2026-406 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

2026-407 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Nicholas Nigro during their time of sorrow.

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

2026-408 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Recognizing June 14, 2026 as "Bris Avrohom Day of Unity and Trust."

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

2026-409 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Congratulating Sayuri Nakanishi upon being recognized by the New Jersey State Board of Education for the State Board Recognition Program.

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

2026-410 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Michele S. Delisfort, Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire 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.

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

2026-411 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Michele S. Delisfort, Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: Recognizing the month of May as Haitian Heritage Month in the County of Union.

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

2026-412 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, 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.

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

2026-413 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board: Recognizing former State Senator Raymond Lesniak on the celebration of his 80th birthday.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Neron reminded residents that the Primary Election would take place on Tuesday, June 2nd and encouraged residents to take advantage of the many options they had to vote. He noted that residents could vote early, in-person, Monday through Sunday at select locations. He added that voters would also have the opportunity to vote on Election Day at their assigned polling locations from 6AM to 8PM. He also advised that mail-in ballot voters could return their ballots in person to the Board of Elections or County Clerk's Office, adding that they could also drop off their ballots at one of the many secure lock boxes throughout the County. He advised that the last day for mail-in ballot requests was June 1st by 3PM.

Commissioner Signorello announced various upcoming events in June in honor of Pride Month, including the County's annual Pride Flag Raising on June 1st at the Union County Courthouse as well as the 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 encouraged residents to visit the County's website to register for the color run and or to learn more about the County's programming for Pride Month.

Commissioner Leon invited residents to join the County and the Commissioner Board in celebrating Portuguese Heritage Month at the County's annual Portuguese Flag Raising Ceremony

on Wednesday, June 2, at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth as well as the Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee's Portugal Day Parade on June 7th. She noted that the County was proud to celebrate generations of Portuguese-Americans and their contributions to the history and future of Union County. She added that the Union County Courthouse dome would be illuminated in green, red and gold from June 1st through June 7th. She encouraged residents to visit the County's websites to learn more.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded announced that Moody's Ratings had once again affirmed the County's prestigious AAA bond rating, a rating that the County has maintained for almost a decade. Achieved through years of careful budgeting, strong oversight, responsible reserve management and adherence to sound financial policies, she noted that this prestigious rating allowed the County to secure lower borrowing costs and more favorable financing terms, helping to reduce long-term expenses for taxpayers while also supporting critical capital projects and countywide improvements. She thanked County Manager Oatman, Finance Director Taylor and all the County Admin, Staff, and Financial Advisors for their efforts in helping make this achievement possible. On another note, she congratulated all the students that were recognized that evening, highlighting the incredible talents of students in Union County. On another note, Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded announced the return of the 2026 Union County Senior Art Exhibit, featuring over 180 original works created by Union County artists ages 60 and above. She advised that this exhibit would be featured through May 27th at Union College of Union County in Scotch Plains. She also noted the recent Women Mean Business Summit at Galloping Hill Golf Course. To close, she wished Clerk of the Board Pelletiere a Happy Birthday.

Commissioner Delisfort invited residents to the Lightning Brook Park Community Day on June 6th in Union, noting a day filled with music, games, crafts, snacks and community fun for all ages. She noted recent improvements done on site, including: multipurpose turf fields, bleachers, basketball courts, a playground with sensory friendly equipment, and a splash pad among other features. She thanked Director Taylor and Parks and Recreation Director Durbin-Drake for their efforts to this end. To close, she wished Clerk of the Board Pelletiere a Happy Birthday.

Commissioner Baker reminded residents that the 2026 seasonal recycling events would continue into June, noting a variety of programs being offered to assist residents with proper disposal of unwanted, expired or hazardous items. He noted two upcoming paper shredding events on June 3rd in Clark and June 14th in Plainfield as well as two scrap metal recycling events on June 4th and June 20th in Cranford and Rahway. He also noted a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal event on June 7th at Union College of Union County in Cranford. He encouraged residents to visit the County website for a complete schedule and more information on all recycling programs hosted by Union County.

Commissioner Mirabella invited residents to attend the County's upcoming 2026 Native Plant Swap & Shop on June 11th at the Scout Camping Area in Mountainside at the Watchung Reservation. He noted that this special event gave Union County residents the opportunity to swap up to three invasive plants from their own gardens for three native plants at no charge. He added that the plant swap was limited to the first 100 participants, with pre-registration required for the event. He also advised that attendees would also have the opportunity to shop native plants from Toadshade Wildflower Farm & Native Plant Nursery. On another note, he invited residents to attend Rhythm and Blues by the Brook on May 30th at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield. He also congratulated the

local graduates and wished Sheriff Corvelli, Chairman Bodek, and Commissioners Delisfort and Leon good luck on their upcoming Primary Election run. To close, he thanked Robert Charkowsky, Coordinator of the Office of LGBTQ Affairs, for his efforts relative to the County's LGBTQ programming.

Vice Chair Williams invited residents to attend a free, special presentation titled "*The American Revolution in Union County: Using Maps, Pension Records and Archeological Finds to Illuminate the Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield*," on June 24th at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. She noted that this program would feature presentations from historian Nicole Skalenko, geosciences lecturer, Geoffrey Fouad, Monmouth University Provost and anthropology professor, Dr. Richard Veit, and Kean University history professor, Dr. Jonathan Mercantini. She added that this presentation would explore how modern research methods and technology helped uncover new perspectives on New Jersey's Revolutionary War history. She encouraged interested residents to visit the County's website for more information. To close, she wished everyone a Happy Pride Month.

Chairman Bodek announced that the Union County Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) would be accepting 500 new applications on June 1st, 2026. He advised that applicants were required to submit their applications online, with only one application per household being accepted. He added that duplicate application submissions could result in disqualification. He encouraged interested residents to visit the County's website for more information. On another note, he reminded residents about the upcoming Primary Election and encouraged residents to use the Board of Elections' secure, lock boxes to return their ballots and ensure their vote counts, warning about recent changes made to postmark requirements. To close, he wished Clerk of the Board James Pellettiere and Public Safety Director Dennis Burke a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bodek asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

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

**REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026 AT 11:00 AM
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
Thursday, May 28, 2026
Thursday, June 25, 2026
Thursday, July 30, 2026
Thursday, August 27, 2026
Thursday, September 24, 2026
Thursday, October 15, 2026
Thursday, November 12, 2026
Thursday, December 10, 2026

Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 29, 2026
Thursday, February 26, 2026
Thursday, March 26, 2026
Thursday, April 30, 2026
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James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA
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.

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