



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 27, 2026 - Agenda Setting Session
2. August 27, 2026 - Regular Meeting

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR

WILLIAM A. DANIEL, COUNTY PROSECUTOR

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Child and Adolescent Outpatient Unit, Department of Psychiatry for licensed clinician / therapist services for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$39,000.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Catherine Vulcano, RN, FN-CSA, to serve as an independent contractor as the Forensic Nurse Consultant for the period of October 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

LAURA SCUTARI, DIRECTOR

1. Amending Resolution 2025-373 to increase the allowed amount for Administration fees to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey by \$60,000.00 for Union County Vocational and Technical Schools for a new amount not to exceed \$185,000.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

2. Amending Resolution 2026-464 to reflect a reduction of funds by \$60,000.00 from claims payments for Employee Health and Prescription Self-Insurance Program to the County's contracted Third Party Administrators, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield and CAREMARKPCS, L.L.C. for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, for a new not to exceed amount of \$345,115,000.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AMY CRISP WAGNER, DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER/DIRECTOR

1. Concurring with Resolution No. 2026-18 of the Union County Workforce Development Board (UCWDB), and hereby temporarily extending the agreement with the County of Union, Department of Human Services as American Job Center Operator, together with a temporary Program Year 2025 budget, for October 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$25,000. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
2. Concurring with Resolution No. 2026-19 of the Union County Workforce Development Board (UCWDB), and hereby temporarily extending the agreement with the County of Union, Department of Human Services as Provider of Career Services, together with a temporary Program Year 2025 budget, for October 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$300,000. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
3. Concurring with Resolution No. 2026-20 of the Union County Workforce Development Board (UCWDB), and authorizing a temporary Program Year 2025 budget, not to exceed \$231,000, for Union County Workforce Development Board staff salaries and fringe benefits from October 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with MicroSystems-NJ.com, LLC, Bridgewater, NJ to provide software maintenance and support services to the County of Union for the contract period of November 11, 2026, through November 10, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$53,300.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
5. Concurring with Resolution No. 2026-21 of the Union County Workforce Development Board (UCWDB) authorizing the payment of indirect costs for Program Year 2025 Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and General Assistance/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (GA/SNAP) Administration and Program accounts, in an amount not to exceed \$68,817.77. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
6. Concurring with Resolution No. 2026-22 of the Union County Workforce Development Board (UCWDB), and hereby extending the agreement with the Union County Vocational Technical School as the Affiliate American Job Center Provider for Out-of-School Youth Services, together with a temporary Program Year 2025 budget, for September 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$124,000. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Zayo to provide Data Communications Network Services procured through State Contract 22-TELE-80913 (T1776), for the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$172,656.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

RICARDO MATIAS, ACTING DIRECTOR

1. Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract with Pennetta Industrial Automation, Little Ferry, NJ, pursuant to Resolution 2024-721, for the purpose of providing pipefitting and heating system repair services for twenty-four (24) months, in an amount not to exceed \$534,000.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
2. Amending Resolution 2025-154, to approve Change Order #1 for the contract awarded through advertised public bidding with Elevator Maintenance Corporation, Kearny, New Jersey for the repair of the elevator system dedicated to the Union County Courthouse, increasing the contract by \$41,000.00 for a new final contract amount not to exceed \$704,100.00, and a reallocation of account numbers. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
3. Amending Resolution 2025-864, to approve Change Order #1 for the contract awarded through advertised public bidding with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, Totowa, New Jersey, for Fire Suppression Inspections, Maintenance, Testing and Repair Services, increasing the contract by \$300,000.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$900,000.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
4. Concurring with the Borough of New Providence's Ordinance 2026-08, to temporarily convert Academy Street to a one-way roadway, operating southbound from Elkwood Avenue to Springfield Avenue. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
5. Concurring with the Township of Scotch Plains's Resolution 2026-162, allowing the installation of two Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Pedestrian Crosswalk Systems at the intersections of Front Street (CR 620) and Willow Avenue and Front Street (CR 620) and Farley Avenue. The systems will be purchased, installed and maintained by the Township of Scotch Plains. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
6. Amending Resolution 2026-336, to increase the contract amount with Colliers Engineering & Design, Holmdel, New Jersey, to provide enterprise GIS services to the County of Union on an as-needed basis in an additional amount of \$4,875.00, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$18,150.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with RSC Architects, Hackensack, NJ, to provide architectural services for renovations and alterations to existing space and for the creation of an additional Family Court courtroom at the Union County Family Courthouse, Cherry Street Annex, located at 2 Cherry Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, commencing approximately October 1, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$365,000.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

8. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. Newtown, PA, for the purpose of providing Waste Disposal Services for twenty-four (24) months commencing upon execution of the contract, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, in an amount not to exceed \$562,192.57. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
9. Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding to HBC Company, LLC of Lodi, New Jersey for the East Coast Greenway Bikeway, New York Connects to County of Union, Borough of Roselle and Township of Cranford, in an amount not to exceed \$2,460,056.50. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
10. Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the County's option to extend the contract, pursuant to Resolution 2024-648, with Taurus Advisory Group, Madison, NJ for a term of twenty-four (24) months commencing upon full execution of the contract for energy consulting and procurement services related to electricity and gas. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCEBIBI TAYLOR, DIRECTOR

1. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$191,965.11 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,211,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for a program entitled: Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$15,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, for a program entitled: Statewide Respite Care Program. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$35,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Safety for a program entitled: Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DEBBIE-ANN ANDERSON, DIRECTOR

1. Amending Resolution 2026-433 to reflect a change in the Coordinated Community Program Contract Spending Plan to the appropriation accounts. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
2. Amending Resolution 2026-574 to reflect a change in account numbers only for Year 2 of the 2025-2027 Area Plan Contract Spending Plan. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept and execute the CY2027 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse (A/DA) Grant funding from the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), for the provision of prevention education/early intervention and treatment program for medically indigent residents of Union County in the amount of \$958,797.00 with a County Cash Match requirement not to exceed \$132,877.00, for the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with PowerDMS, Inc., a Digital Management Software Company, El Segundo, CA for the provision of a policy and compliance management platform to create, edit, organize, and distribute content from a secure, cloud-based site for the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services commencing on January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$28,476.30. **(Commissioner Stanley J. Neron)**
5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into contracts for all burial costs for the indigent, unidentified or unclaimed deceased persons of Union County with the funeral homes identified in the attached list at a burial rate not to exceed \$1,550.00, in a total amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027. **(Commissioner Stanley J. Neron)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

VICTORIA DURBIN-DRAKE, DIRECTOR

1. Amending Resolution 2026-36 to reflect a change in Cooperative Purchasing by increasing the budgetary allocations for Ciocca Ford Lincoln, Flemington, NJ (NJ State Contract No. 24-FLEET-88820) in an amount not to exceed \$173,553, for a total amount not to exceed \$673,553.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
2. Amending Resolution 2024-977, a contract with Neglia Engineering Associates, Lyndhurst, New Jersey, to provide engineering services for Mattano Park Improvements for an additional amount of \$19,880.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$659,604.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
3. Amending Resolution Number 2025-797, a contract awarded through a Request for Competitive Contract Proposals to Town & Country Veterinary House Calls PC, dba Town & Country Veterinary Service. This change order #2 will increase the contract amount by \$17,000.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$282,000.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Vollers Excavating & Construction Inc., North Branch, NJ, for wood disposal and processing services necessary due to the influx of wood from tree removals within the Union County park system, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**DENNIS BURKE, DIRECTOR**

1. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the FY 2025 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to provide equipment and training to the UASI region to prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, in an amount not to exceed \$1,211,000.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and expend the FY 25 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant funds from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to provide equipment and training to Union County First Responders to prepare for, respond and recover from acts of terrorism, in an amount not to exceed \$191,965.11. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
3. Rescinding Resolution 2026-501, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Rahway for expanded dispatching services. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

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

1. Amending Resolution 2024-992 to increase the contract amount to Ruderman Roth, LLC, of Springfield, NJ for continued representation to the County of Union in connection to general legal matters, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**EDWARD T. OATMAN, COUNTY MANAGER**

1. Consenting to the undertaking of the 2026 Capital Project Grant Program by the Union County Improvement Authority. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award subcontracts to various agencies under the Social Services 2026 Grant Spending Plan in the amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027, with the potential option to extend/renew for one (1) nine-month period of October 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

2026 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CHAIRMAN JOSEPH C. BODEK

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

1. Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park's Annual Mischief Night Concert and Program to be held on October 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$500. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
2. Sponsoring the Queen City Film & Television Workshop's 9th Annual Queen City Film Festival being held between October 15 - 18, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
3. Sponsoring the Borough of Kenilworth's Carve It Out Kenilworth event being held on October 26, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$500. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
4. Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park's Annual Festival of India to be held on October 3, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$500. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
5. Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Winter Market being held on December 5, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
6. Sponsoring Prevention Links' 2026 Red Ribbon Drug Prevention Week and Family Fun Day on October 10, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$500. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

1. Honoring and congratulating the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce (GECC) and its Sustaining Members on the occasion of the GECC Annual Boat Cruise commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and commending their commitment to bringing the business community together in a spirit of historical reflection, partnership, and shared purpose. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr., Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board)**
2. Offering this Board's deepest condolences in this time of sorrow to the family of Angelo DiMeglio, who passed away on August 30, 2026. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board)**
3. Congratulating Sean Conway (concluding his service as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for the 2025-2027 term); Lauren Albrecht (appointed Chairperson Elect of the Board of Trustees for the 2027-2029 term and taking the Trustee's Oath); Mona Miles and Harsh Roy (appointed Trustees and taking the Trustee's Oath); and Johanna Garcia (appointed Vice Chairperson Elect of the Board of Trustees for the 2026-2029 term and taking the Trustee's Oath) for the House of Hearts Network Foundation on September 18, 2026. **(Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board)**

4. Offering this Board's deepest condolences in this time of sorrow to the family of Edwin Jovanny Lopez Cornejo, who passed away on August 1, 2026. **(Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board)**
5. Offering this Board's deepest condolences in this time of sorrow to the family of Eduardo R. Gittens, who passed away on August 24, 2026. **(Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board)**
6. Offering this Board's deepest condolences in this time of sorrow to the family of Charles L. McRae, who passed away on September 11, 2026. **(Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board)**
7. Recognizing and celebrating Pastor Wallace's 10th Pastoral Anniversary at the Mount Olive Baptist Church. **(Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board)**
8. Congratulating the Greater Union County Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. as they celebrate their commitment to "Legacy, Leadership & Service" at their 40th Anniversary Ruby Jubilee Gala on October 3, 2026. **(Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board)**
9. Offering this Board's deepest condolences in this time of sorrow to the family of Harry James Lambert, Jr., who passed away on July 16, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
10. Congratulating Dr. Bibi Taylor (Community Partner Award); Leslie Anderson (Ella S. Teal President's Award); Brielle Lewis (Whitney M. Young Jr. Young Professional Award); KOBO (Corporate Partner Award); the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (Corporate Partner Award); and Roy Maynard (Donna L. Alexander Urban League Award), upon being honored at the Urban League of Union County 82nd Anniversary Gala - An Emerald Era, held on October 9, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
11. Congratulating Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director - Union County Department of Human Services (Making Inroads Award); Assemblywoman Annette Quijano - New Jersey Legislative District 20 (Champion of Change Award); Khia Davis, Giving Garden Director - Wagner Farm Arboretum and Kear French, MSW, Newark Board of Education Supervisor of High Schools - Office of Special Education (Community Partnership Award); Ann Ballard and Jenna McSam (Unsung Hero Award); Dale Drisker (Staff Lifetime Achievement Award); and Reverent Kip Wright, Pastor - Agape House of Worship (Arnold W. Rintzler Memorial Impact Award) upon being honored at the 2026 Inroads to Opportunities Casino Night Fundraiser & Awards Dinner held on September 18, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
12. Congratulating Carlos Torres, Lily Duran; Louis Guerra, Nelson Báez, Joshua Perez, Nancy Carrero-Muñoz, Kristen M. Leber, Carlos Cedeño, Dr. Carlos Rodriguez, Ed.D. and Ruth E. Gonzalez upon being honored at the Puerto Rican Alliance of Elizabeth Derby Excellence Awards & Gala, held on October 16, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
13. Congratulating Union County Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon (Public Service for a

- Stronger Community); Carlos Lejnieks (Mentoring Today for a Stronger Tomorrow); Yolanda Garcia (Turning Passion into Opportunity); and Abigail Bernardino Basilio (Building Community through Culture and Food) upon being honored at the Women Economic Forum New Jersey 2026, held on September 19, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
14. Congratulating Dr. Edward “Eddy” Egan, Sam Della Fara, Maria Fuentes, Frank D. Isoldi, Noreen Korner-Andrews, and Commissioner Alexander Mirabella upon being awarded the 2026 Union County Lifetime Achievement Award by Scouting America Patriots' Council on September 22, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
15. Congratulating NJ Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA) President Eddie Donnelly on his retirement as head of the union. A certified plumber who worked in the family plumbing business, he became a professional firefighter in Union Township 26 years ago and took charge of the FMBA a decade and a half ago. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
16. Congratulating Union County Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon (Leadership Award); Caroline Lawlor (Janice C. Lilien Award); Catherine Vulcano (Strength Award); Healing Space - YWCA Northern NJ (Service Award); Union County Savings Bank (Community Impact Award); and NJ CASA (Advocacy Award) upon being honored at the YWCA Shades of Strength Gala held on October 22, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

**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
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
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Thursday, July 30, 2026
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Thursday, September 24, 2026*
Thursday, October 15, 2026
Thursday, November 12, 2026
Thursday, December 10, 2026

* Meeting rescheduled to Wednesday, September 30, 2026

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.