

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bodek presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Stanley Neron, Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and Commissioner Joseph Signorello III were present, with Commissioner Alexander Mirabella absent.

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

IN MEMORIAM: UNION COUNTY CLERK JOANNE RAJOPPI

Chairman Bodek recognized County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, noting her passion and dedication towards public service. He introduced a video tribute in her honor.

Chairman Bodek spoke of his friendship with Joanne Rajoppi over the last 45 years. He recognized her as a tremendous asset, highlighting her vast expertise, specifically in election law and related matters. He offered his condolences to her family, adding that she would be dearly missed.

Commissioner Neron recognized Joanne Rajoppi as a trailblazer, a woman that set the bar high, opening the door for women in politics and public service. He noted her as fair and just in her advocacy for the residents of Union County and nationally over several decades, adding that her legacy would be long-lasting.

Commissioner Signorello recognized County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi as state-renowned, noting her as a welcoming, calming and consistent influence during their campaign trail last year. He noted her as

an authority among County Clerks in the State, noting her Office as an example of competent government and function.

Commissioner Leon recognized County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi as a trailblazer, noting her unwavering commitment to public service. She noted her as a mentor, friend, and a leader among leaders. She offered her condolences to her family, adding that she would be dearly missed.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded recognized County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi as an institution in Union County, noting her unwavering commitment to public service and the residents of Union County. Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded offered her condolences to Joanne Rajoppi's family, including her two sons, her grandchildren, and her staff, adding that she would be greatly missed.

Commissioner Delisfort recognized County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi as a gifted, well-read, phenomenal woman and highlighted her career as a journalist, first female Mayor of Springfield, and County Freeholder. She noted her commitment to honoring Joanne's memory by forging the same paths and embodying and carrying her spirit forward. She offered her condolences to Joanne Rajoppi's family, adding that she would be dearly missed.

Commissioner Baker recognized Joanne Rajoppi as a dedicated and consummate public servant, noting her accomplishments as second to none. He highlighted her affable personality and joyous spirit. He recognized the indelible legacy she would leave behind, adding that she would be missed greatly.

Vice Chair Williams echoed the sentiments of her colleagues relative to County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, highlighting her impact on women and women in public office. She noted the consistent support Joanne Rajoppi received from constituents when running for office and highlighted her efforts as an author and historian outside of public office. She also noted Joanne Rajoppi's oversight of important services like passports, elections, land recordings, etc through the County Clerk's Office. She offered her condolences to her children, grandchildren, and friends.

County Counsel Bergen noted that he had known Joanne Rajoppi for 43 years. He highlighted being running mates for County Freeholder 11 years ago and her tenure as the first female Mayor of Springfield, adding that she would attend their reorganization meeting annually. He closed by saying she would be truly missed by the County, its residents, and him personally.

County Manager Edward Oatman thanked David Pilmenstein for the video presentation honoring County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi. He recognized her as an institution in Union County with over 50 years of service, adding that she would be greatly missed.

PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD

A Resolution presentation will be made by the Board, recognizing the Telecommunicator of the Year Award.

Chairman Bodek was joined by Linden Police Chief David Hart and Dispatcher Kimberly Matos.

Chairman Bodek recognized Kimberly as a 911 training supervisor, State of NJ 911 and crisis intervention team coordinator, and public safety leader with more than 25 years of frontline emergency communication experience. He highlighted her many professional achievements and accolades, including her trip to New Orleans in 2025 in the wake of the New Year's Eve terrorist attack to provide crisis support. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, he thanked her for her service to the residents of Union County and across the State, noting that her efforts have been innumerable and remarkable.

Kimberly Matos thanked the Board for the recognition as well as Linden Police Chief Hart and her department for all their support and encouragement over the last 25 years. She thanked her family and friends, including her CIT Union County Community Team. She highlighted the incredible intervention team in Union County, noting the many lives that had been positively impacted over the years.

A Certificate presentation will be made by the Board, recognizing the New Jersey Association of Counties Scholarship Foundation.

Chairman Bodek was joined by Commissioner Leon, Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and NJAC Executive Director John Donnadio.

Chairman Bodek congratulated the 2026 NJAC Foundation Scholarship recipients. He also recognized the various corporate partners like Amazon, AT&T, Investors Bank, SHI International Corp, PSE&G and others for their generosity.

The 2026 NJAC Foundation Scholarships were presented to the following students:

Brianna Appello

George Suquinagua

Hubens Maturin

Isabella Cortes

Josh Pastor

Brandon Rivera

Samantha Fontanilla

Oscar Ramirez Contreras

NJAC Executive Director, John Donnadio, recognized the County Commissioner Board, specifically Commissioner Mirabella, noting that they had successfully raised \$113,000 this year under his leadership as NJAC's Board of Directors First Vice-President. He also thanked the

various corporate partners for their generosity. He congratulated all the scholarship recipients and wished them well in their future educational endeavors.

A Certificate presentation will be made by the Board, recognizing Union County Vocational-Technical Schools student involvement in decisions regarding an AI search-engine project.

Chairman Bodek was joined by Commissioner Signorello.

As someone with a tech background, Commissioner Signorello noted his commitment to innovating government and making Union County a better, more connected place. He highlighted Samaritan Scout, an AI-powered local volunteering search engine, co-founded by Dvora Inwood and Will Rosenthal. He invited them to join him for the resolution presentation along with developers and volunteers Abdd Sharma, Noah Siffer, and Max Jacobowitz.

Noah Siffer recognized Dvora Inwood's efforts relative to the creation of Samaritan Scout, noting the platform as an important and convenient resource for residents looking for local volunteer opportunities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

County Counsel made his statement relative to Executive Session.

Chairman Bodek called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On a motion made by Commissioner Neron and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Mirabella absent.

1. To the extent known, the following item will be discussed in Executive Session:

Attorney-client privileged communication and potential litigation issues concerning the Union County Board of Elections. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

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

County Counsel Bergen had nothing to report following Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

NOTE AND FILE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. June 25, 2026 - Agenda Setting Session **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

2. June 25, 2026 - Regular Meeting (**Chairman Joseph C. Bodek**)

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Chairman Bodek advised that the Ordinance would also be introduced later during the Regular Meeting.

867-2026 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING PART II- POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION: CHAPTER 41, UNION COUNTY OPTION HOSPITAL FEE PROGRAM.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

CLARA FERNÁNDEZ, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

County Manager Edward T. Oatman represented the Office.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2026-172, a contract with Royal Printing Services, West New York, NJ for printing services for 2026–2027, to reflect an additional Grant account number and additional funding in the amount of \$62,596.00, for a new contract not to exceed \$2,659,477.00, for the 2026 Borough of Roselle Special School Board Election. (**Chairman Joseph C. Bodek**)
2. Amending Resolution 2026-173, a contract with Full Service Mailers, East Rutherford, NJ, for mail fulfillment services for 2026–2027, to reflect an additional Grant account number and additional funding in the amount of \$3,519.29, for a new contract not to exceed \$257,776.00, for the 2026 Borough of Roselle Special School Board Election. (**Chairman Joseph C. Bodek**)
3. Amending Resolution 2026-174, a contract with B & B Press Inc., Lebanon, New Jersey, for print services for Mail-in-Ballots and Provisional Ballots for 2026 and 2027 elections, to reflect an additional Grant account number and additional funding in the amount of \$11,057.42, for a new contract not to exceed \$787,721.66, for the 2026 Borough of Roselle Special School Board Election. (**Chairman Joseph C. Bodek**)

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR

WILLIAM A. DANIEL, COUNTY PROSECUTOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for the Fiscal Year 2027 Child Advocacy Development Grants-Treatment Services, Programs, Technology and Capital Improvement in the amount of \$175,430.00 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. (**Chairman Joseph C. Bodek**)

2. Amending Resolution 2025-752, authorizing the application and acceptance of funding for FFY24 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program for the project titled Sexual Assault Response Team/Forensic Nurse Examiner Program, to reflect the contract project amount of \$173,877.00 in federal funds, the required match amount of \$43,469.00 and an existing budgeted salary and fringe cost of \$196,146.00 for a total project cost of \$413,492.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

Prosecutor Daniel offered his condolences to the family of County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF

PETER CORVELLI, COUNTY SHERIFF

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2024-935, a Memorandum of Agreement with the County of Hudson to reflect an increase in the amount of \$463,105.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$3,149,505.00 for the year 2025, and for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$8,688,065.00, with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the prior resolutions. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AMY CRISP WAGNER, DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER/DIRECTOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Concurring with Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution No. 2026-14, adopting the Program Year 2026 Union County Workforce Development Area Budget under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act in the total award amount not to exceed \$4,875,936. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
2. Amending Resolution 2025-05, concurring with Union County Workforce Development Board Resolution No. 2026-15, to revise the funding allocations among the Adult Literacy Innovations Program partners, reallocating \$50,000 from Workforce Advantage to the Plainfield Public Library with the total allocation remaining at \$450,000. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

JOSEPH POLICAY, DIRECTOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2026-91, authorizing a contract with Artheon, Inc., East Brunswick, New Jersey, for the provision of On-Call Environmental Services, to reflect an increase in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, for a new contract total amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding to Tri-County Termite & Pest Control Inc., Carneys Point, NJ, for the purpose of providing Exterminating and Pest Control Management Services for twenty-

four (24) months, with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, in an amount not to exceed \$143,722.50. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

3. Amending Resolution 2026-36, authorizing the County to enter into various cooperatives for the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment for year 2026, to increase the contract allocation for Nielsen Ford through ESCNJ Co-op 23/24-04 in an additional amount not to exceed \$19,777.76, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$219,777.76. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

BIBI TAYLOR, DIRECTOR

1. Amending Resolution 2026-9 designating County depositories for calendar year 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the final option to extend the contract to Economic Planning Group, to provide Retirement Planning Specialist Services for the Deferred Compensation Plan for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, at no cost to the County of Union. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
3. Authorizing Governing Body Certification of the 2025 Audit. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Rescinding Resolution Number 2026-343, approving the title and text adjustment for the Department of Public Safety, Division of Medical Examiner. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
5. Approving 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. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
6. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$98,129.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: Edward Memorial Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - Multi-Jurisdictional Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Task Force. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
7. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$200,000.00 as a result of notification received from New Jersey Transit for a program entitled: Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
8. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$373,010.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Childhood Lead Exposure and Prevention (CLEP). **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

9. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$66,924.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: County Environmental Health Act (CEHA). **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
10. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$119,372.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health for a program entitled: Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG). **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
11. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$80,000.00 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)**
12. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,468,418.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Adult Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
13. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,971,867.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Dislocated Worker Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
14. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$1,422,680.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Youth Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
15. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$12,971.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor and Workforce Development for a program entitled: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Data Reporting and Analysis Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
16. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$89,197.71 as a result of notification received from the New Jersey Borough of Roselle Board of Education for a program entitled: UCC 2026 Roselle Special School Election Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
17. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$402,000.00 as a result of notification received from New Jersey Transit for a program entitled: New Jersey Job Access Reverse Commute (NJ JARC) Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

18. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$189,718.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Area Plan Contract (Federal) Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
19. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$256,408.76 as a result of notification received from the National Opioid Settlements for a program entitled: Opioid Litigation Recovery Funds. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
20. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$175,430.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children & Families for a program entitled: Child Advocacy Center Grant – Multidisciplinary Team Program. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
21. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$37,500.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: LEAP County Coordinator Fellowship Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
22. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$74,003.84 as a result of notification received from the County of Morris, New Jersey for a program entitled: Passaic Street Bi-County Bridge Replacement. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

Commissioner Baker asked Director Taylor for a total of grant funding being accepted that evening.

Director Taylor advised that the evening's Chapter 159 resolutions totaled \$6,988,803, for a new grant budget total of \$51,065,677.66

23. Amending Resolution 2026-7, establishing change funds for calendar year 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
24. Amending Resolution 2026-8, establishing petty cash funds for calendar year 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
25. Amending Resolution 2026-10, authorizing a change in county signatories. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DEBBIE-ANN ANDERSON, DIRECTOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2026-437, a contract awarded to MPC Bus Corporation, Brooklyn, NY to reflect a change in appropriation accounts with an increase in the amount not to exceed \$402,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$5,149,437.84. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with SAGE, Eldercare, Inc., Summit, NJ to administer the State Health Insurance Program (S.H.I.P.) for the provision of information and assistance regarding health insurance benefits to Union County residents 60 years and older and/or their caregivers for a period of April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATIONVICTORIA DURBIN-DRAKE, DIRECTOR

1. Amending Resolution 2025-518, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding to Grove Contracting LLC, approving Change Order Number 2 for the Ashbrook Golf Clubhouse repairs. This change order will increase the amended contract amount by \$222,549.63, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$4,551,705.88. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Matrix New World Engineering, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture, PC, Florham Park, NJ for professional services to construct tennis courts and pickleball courts at Oak Ridge Park, Clark, NJ, in an amount not to exceed of \$178,900.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

Vice Chair Williams asked Director Durbin-Drake to provide an anticipated completion date for the project.

Director Durbin-Drake advised that the project was in its preliminary stages, adding that the project sought to create tennis and pickle ball courts at Oak Ridge Park in Clark.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETYDENNIS BURKE, DIRECTOR

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Safeware, Inc., through State Contract 25-COMG-131378, for the purpose of purchasing RED XplorIR Gas Identification Systems for use by UASI in an amount not to exceed \$293,056.82. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
2. Adopting the 2026 Union County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Aramsco, Inc., through State Contract 17-FLEET-00729, for the purpose of purchasing specialized Decontamination equipment for UASI in an amount not to exceed \$60,108.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a five (5) year, five (5) month Shared Services Agreement with the City of Rahway for 911 Police, Fire and EMS Dispatching Services, commencing August 1, 2026. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

5. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement among the Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner, the County of Essex, the County of Somerset and the County of Union, to allow the Northern Regional Medical Examiner Office to absorb and conduct all of Union County's medical examiner operations for a term of four (4) years, eleven (11) months, commencing August 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031, for a total amount not to exceed \$9,887,676.24. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

Commissioner Baker asked Director Burke to elaborate on this item.

Director Burke advised that the County was entering into a shared services agreement with the State NJ Northern Regional Medical Examiner's Office to provide all forensic pathology services for Union County. He advised that the County's current Medical Examiner would be retiring, effective August 1st, and the County had opted to enter into a shared services agreement with the State, pending the adoption of this resolution. He noted that Union County was one of five counties being serviced by the Regional Medical Examiner's Office.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

BRUCE H. BERGEN, COUNTY COUNSEL

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2026-391, to increase the appropriation to Genova Burns, LLC, of Newark, NJ to provide legal services to represent the County of Union in connection with litigation, defense and general legal matters for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, for a new total not to exceed \$450,000.00. **(Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams)**
2. Amending Resolution 2025-559, a contract with Taylor Law Group, LLC, New Providence, NJ, as Special Counsel on matters related to the Clark Reservoir, to increase the appropriation by an additional amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, for the period of January 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to take all necessary steps for participation in and to receive payments from the Qualified Settlement Fund, and to expend such monies, pursuant to the Consent Order approving the settlement in the matter entitled NJDEP v. E. I. Dupont de Nemours and Company, et al, Docket No. 2:19-cv-14758, et al. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

EDWARD T. OATMAN, COUNTY MANAGER

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Rescinding Resolution 2026-472, amending Resolution 2026-114, awarding funding from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Shared Library Services Program. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

2. Amending Resolution Number 2026-114, authorizing the County Manager to distribute the Shared Library Services Grant, to clarify the contracts' term ending date of December 31, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Lerch, Vinci and Bliss LLP, to provide financial advisory services for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Eyman Partners LLC, Washington, DC, to provide County Option Medicaid Hospital Program Consulting for State Fiscal year 2027 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with two (2) potential one (1) year options to extend in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00. **(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. PELLETTIERE, CLERK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Sponsoring the City of Rahway's following events in a total amount not to exceed \$10,000.00: In Her Footsteps Immersive Theatrical Experience (March 20, 2026); Artsfest (September 19, 2026); Halloween Spooktacular (October 24, 2026); Winter Wonderland and Tree Lighting Ceremony (November 27, 2026); and Santa Comes to Town (December 4, 2026). **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
2. Sponsoring the Winfield Fire Department and Ambulance Squad in the amount of \$3,000 towards their Annual Winfield Carnival held on July 29, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**
3. Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park in the amount of \$500 towards their Annual Fiesta Hispana y Latina held on September 4, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park in the amount of \$500 towards their 2nd Annual Multicultural & Heritage Music Festival held on September 26, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
5. Sponsoring the Borough of Fanwood in the amount of \$500 towards their Fanny Wood Day held on September 27, 2026. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board)**

6. Sponsoring the City of Plainfield in the amount of \$500 towards their Jazz at the Mount event held on September 13, 2026.

(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)

7. Appointing the following individual to the Union County Construction Board of Appeals: Roshan White (Plumbing). **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

1. Congratulating Reverend Dr. Theodore J. Jenkins upon the occasion of his 93rd birthday and 70 years of ministry as he is being celebrated by the Macedonia Christian Church in Vauxhall, New Jersey on July 25, 2026. **(Commissioner Michele S. Delisfort, and the Entire Board)**
2. Recognizing the Elizabeth Colombian Lions Club & Latin District Association for all the contributions their organization has made to the Colombian community and Union County. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**
3. Offering this Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Ralph E. Checchio, who passed away on July 15, 2026. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board)**
4. Recognizing Hassen Abdellah, Esq. (Unwavering Work in the Field of Law Award), Rev. George Britt (Steadfastness in Spreading the Gospel Award), Johnnie Mac Champagne (Business Woman Award), Deborah Dixon (Educational and Community Excellence Award), Theopfululs & Kim Nesbitt Good (Trailblazers Award), Michael Hunter (Mentoring & Volunteerism Award), and Lakeish Oates (Outstanding Youth Services Award) upon being honored at the Pat Perkins-Auguste Civic Association - 3rd Annual Hoodie Awards Ceremony & Dinner on July 17, 2026. **(Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board)**
5. Offering this Board's deepest condolences in this time of sorrow to the family of Kwadir Tramont Cassett, who passed away on July 15, 2026. **(Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board)**
6. Congratulating the Chestang Family upon holding their 10th Family Reunion, bringing members from across the country to celebrate on July 25, 2026. **(Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board)**
7. Congratulating Jahlalah Shell (Youth Activist Award), Jonathan Green Jr. (Presidential Award), Erica A. Blount (Community Service Award), Arnaz Khalil Johnson (Rev. Garlic Social Justice Award), William D. Jones (Lifetime Achievement Award), Chris Widelo (Corporate Award) and Detective Darin Williamson, Ret. (Rev. Adair Altruism Award) upon being honored at the NAACP Elizabeth Branch Freedom Fund Gala on August 1, 2026, at Kean University. **(Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams,**

Commissioner James E. Baker Jr., Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board)

8. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies during this time of sorrow to the family of retired Union County Hazardous Materials Captain Michael Tharaldsen, who passed away on June 25, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
9. Offering this Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Angelo Bonnano, who passed away on July 9, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
10. Offering this Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, who passed away on July 16, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
11. Recognizing Peruvians for Progress Inc., for all the contributions their organization has made to the Peruvian community and Union County. This Board further recognizes the prominence and importance of this county's Peruvian community and aims to honor the culture by hosting events such as the Peruvian Flag Raising on July 9, 2026 in front of City Hall in Elizabeth, NJ. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board)**
12. Offering this Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Raymond "Ray" Szpond, Jr., who passed away on July 5, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board)**
13. Offering this Board's best wishes to Thomas Alston, of Linden, as he celebrates his 100th birthday on August 29, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
14. Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Kevin M. Konrad during their time of sorrow. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**
15. Congratulating Kimberly Matos upon being recognized as Telecommunicator of the Year. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bodek asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 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**

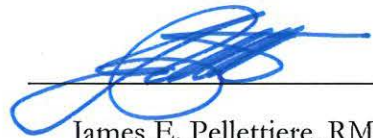
Agenda Setting Session

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Thursday, May 28, 2026
Thursday, June 25, 2026
Thursday, July 30, 2026
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Thursday, September 17, 2026*
Thursday, October 15, 2026
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