



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bodek presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:15 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.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

Note and File

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

On a motion made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed five members voted in the affirmative, with Vice Chair Williams, Commissioner Delisfort, Commissioner Neron abstaining and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

1. June 25, 2026 - Agenda Setting Session

2. June 25, 2026 - Regular Meeting

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read Ordinance 867-2026 by title.

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

1. **First Reading Statement**

Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, Policy Committee Chair, moved Ordinance Number 867-2026 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on August 27, 2026. **(Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams)**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened 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.

Patrick Jones, of Elizabeth, raised concerns relative to the new parking meters being installed in the City of Elizabeth. He also spoke relative to a crosswalk safety campaign and expressed interest in lending his expertise as a trucker for 40 years to the initiative.

County Manager Oatman advised that the parking meters were a municipal issue. He instructed Patrick Jones to provide his contact information to Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to the County's PLA Union work requirement threshold reduction from \$5 million to \$3 million and asked them to reconsider their decision. He asked for additional information relative to Reso Nos. 2026-491, 2026 -492, and 2026-496. Relative to Reso No. 2026-501, he asked for the terms of the contract. Relative to Reso Nos. 2026-534 & 2026-544, he inquired about the cited increase. To close, he spoke of County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, recognizing her support and advocacy in favor of keeping the original Union County seal.

County Manager Oatman advised that Reso No. 2026-491, related to the housing of inmates.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-492, County Manager Oatman advised that the increase related to increased usage.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-496, County Manager Oatman noted the increase was related to additional work needed.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-501, Public Safety Director Burke advised that the contract was a five-year, five-month contract for police, fire, and ems dispatching services in an amount not to exceed \$3.6 million over cost of term.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-534, Counsel Bergen advised that the firm was at present, handling a number of substantial litigation matters on behalf of the County, adding that the cited cost included expert witnesses. He added that the County was billed hourly for these services.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-544, Counsel Bergen advised that this firm was representing the County's interest in ongoing litigation relative to the Clark Reservoir.

There were no additional questions or comments from the public.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption.

2026-491 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-492 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-493 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

2026-494 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: 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.

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

- 2026-495 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

- 2026-496 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

- 2026-497 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

- 2026-498 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

- 2026-499 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** Adopting the 2026 Union County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

- 2026-500 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

- 2026-501 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

- 2026-502 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

- 2026-503 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** Amending Resolution 2026-9 designating County depositories for calendar year 2026.

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

- 2026-504 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** Authorizing Governing Body Certification of the 2025 Audit.

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

- 2026-505 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** Rescinding Resolution Number 2026-343, approving the title and text adjustment for the Department of Public Safety, Division of Medical Examiner.

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

- 2026-506 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** 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.

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

- 2026-507 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** 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.

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

2026-508 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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

2026-509 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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).

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

2026-510 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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).

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

2026-511 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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).

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

2026-512 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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

2026-513 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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

- 2026-514 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** 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.

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

- 2026-515 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** 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.

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

- 2026-516 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** 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.

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

- 2026-517 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** 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.

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

- 2026-518 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** 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.

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

- 2026-519 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** 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.

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

- 2026-520 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** 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.

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

2026-521 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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

2026-522 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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

2026-523 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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

2026-524 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Amending Resolution 2026-7, establishing change funds for calendar year 2026.

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

2026-525 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Amending Resolution 2026-8, establishing petty cash funds for calendar year 2026.

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

2026-526 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Amending Resolution 2026-10, authorizing a change in county signatories.

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

2026-527 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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.

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

2026-528 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: 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).

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

2026-529 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: Sponsoring the Winfield Fire Department and Ambulance Squad in the amount of \$3,000 towards their Annual Winfield Carnival held on July 29, 2026.

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

2026-530 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park in the amount of \$500 towards their Annual Fiesta Hispana y Latina held on September 4, 2026.

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

2026-531 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Sponsoring the Borough of Roselle Park in the amount of \$500 towards their 2nd Annual Multicultural & Heritage Music Festival held on September 26, 2026.

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

2026-532 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, and the Entire Board: Sponsoring the Borough of Fanwood in the amount of \$500 towards their Fanny Wood Day held on September 27, 2026.

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

2026-533 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:

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

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

2026-534 Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams: 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.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Leon, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chairman Bodek abstaining and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2026-535 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-536 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-537 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-538 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-539 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-540 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-541 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-542 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-543 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

On a motion made by Vice Chair Williams and seconded by Commissioner Leon, roll call showed seven members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Palmierti-Mouded abstaining and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2026-544 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-545 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-546 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Rescinding Resolution 2026-472, amending Resolution 2026-114, awarding funding from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Shared Library Services Program.

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

2026-547 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-548 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: 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.

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

2026-549 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Appointing the following individual to the Union County Construction Board of Appeals: Roshan White (Plumbing).

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

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

2026-550 Commissioner Michele S. Delisfort, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

2026-551 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: Recognizing the Elizabeth Colombian Lions Club & Latin District Association for all the contributions their organization has made to the Colombian community and Union County.

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

2026-552 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

2026-553 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: Recognizing Hassen Abdellah, Esq. (Unwavering Work in the Field of Law Award), Rev. George Britt (Steadfastness in Spreading the Gospel Award), Johnnie Mae 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.

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

2026-554 Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

2026-555 Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board: Congratulating the Chestang Family upon holding their 10th Family Reunion, bringing members from across the country to celebrate on July 25, 2026.

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

2026-556 Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, Commissioner James E. Baker Jr., Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: Congratulating Jahlah 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.

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

2026-557 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

2026-558 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Offering this Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Angelo Bonnano, during their time of sorrow.

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

2026-559 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

2026-560 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Offering this Board's best wishes to Thomas Alston of Linden, as he celebrates his 100th birthday on August 29, 2026.

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

2026-561 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Offering the Board's deepest condolences to the family of Kevin M. Konrad during their time of sorrow.

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

2026-562 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Congratulating Kimberly Matos upon being recognized as Telecommunicator of the Year.

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

2026-563 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

2026-564 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board: 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.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Neron invited local businesses owners, entrepreneurs and professionals to attend the County's 2026 Union County Means Business Expo on Wednesday September 9th at Kean University. Established in 2016, he noted that the UC Means Business Expo was created to help local businesses and entrepreneurs expand their networks, promote services and identify new growth opportunities. He advised that admission was free and the event was open to the entire business community, with vendor tables available for \$100. He noted that vendors were required to register by September 1 and would receive a color advertisement in the official Expo program and 10 VIP raffle tickets. He encouraged interested residents to visit the County website to learn more or register. To close, he extend his sincere condolences to the family and friends of Joanne Rajoppi and also recognized the loss of attorney Hassen Ibn Abdellah from the City of Elizabeth.

Commissioner Signorello announced that New Jersey's "Skip the Stuff" law would take effect on August 1, 2026, aimed at reducing unnecessary plastic waste across the state by restricting food service businesses from automatically distributing single-use plastic utensils and condiments, unless specifically requested by the customer. He advised that the law applied to various food establishments across New Jersey, including restaurants, cafes, coffee shops, diners, food trucks, take out, delivery services, drive-thru restaurants, and online ordering platforms. He added that this law would minimize litter, conserve resources, and reduce the significant number of unused single-use items that enter the waste stream each year. He advised that businesses that failed to comply could face increasing fines.

Commissioner Leon invited senior residents 60 and older and their caregivers to the County's upcoming Aging Services Kiosk (ASK) through the County's Human Services Department. She advised that attendees could receive in-person guidance from seasoned professionals relative to available resources and services for aging residents, including respite care, adult day care, and caregiver support services. She added that bilingual assistance would be available. She noted four upcoming ASK events on August 4, 13, 20, 25 at various libraries throughout Union County. She encouraged residents to visit the County website to learn more.

Vice Chair Williams announced that the 2026 Teen Arts Touring Exhibit was now on display at the Linden Public Library and would remain on display through August 14, 2026. She noted that the exhibit featured 38 works selected works from the 2026 Teen Arts Festival held at Union College of

Union County's Cranford Campus. She added that the exhibit would continue traveling throughout UC through early 2027, with additional locations including the UC Commissioners Gallery, public libraries in Elizabeth and Plainfield, and Union College of Union County's Scotch Plains campus. She noted the exhibit was free and open to the public.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded announced that the County's 2026 Summer Arts Series would continue through August at Echo Lake Park, with upcoming performances by The Pink Floyd Project on August 5th and Soul Seduction on August 19th. She advised that performances would begin at 7:30, with a free yoga session available at 6:30. She encouraged residents to attend and bring blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy the show.

Commissioner Delisfort announced the opening of registration for the 2026 Sensory-Friendly Summer Camp at Trailside Nature and Science Center. She noted that this inclusive program, running from August 17 through August 21, offered campers an opportunity to learn and explore their environments, create a sense of belonging, and give individuals with disabilities a comfortable way to spend time outdoors. She advised that submitting an application did not guarantee enrollment, noting an interview prior to acceptance. She added that final placement was at the discretion of the Sensory Friendly Summer Camp Administration based on their ability to meet each camper's level of need.

Commissioner Baker invited residents to attend the County's Family Fun and Flix series, continuing on August 11th and August 18th, with a showing of A Minecraft Movie and Lilo and Stitch respectively at Warinanco Park. He encouraged residents to bring their blankets and lawn chairs, noting that an ice cream truck would be on site for those wishing to purchase refreshments. He advised that festivities would begin at 7:30, with movies starting at dusk. To close, he offered his condolences to the family and friends of attorney Hassen Ibn Abdellah from the City of Elizabeth.

Chairman Bodek announced that the County of Union, through the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, would begin accepting applications for the 2027 Local Arts Program Grant (LAP) tomorrow, July 31st, 2026. He noted that this grant, made possible by funding from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, aimed to support a wide variety of arts programming presented by local organizations by helping to expand access to high-quality arts experiences for residents in the community. He noted that the submission deadline was September 30, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bodek asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

**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**

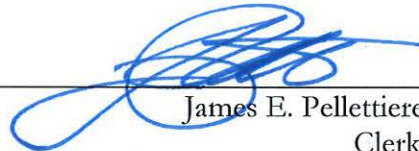
Agenda Setting Session

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 17, 2026*
Thursday, October 15, 2026
Thursday, November 12, 2026
Thursday, December 10, 2026

*Rescheduled from September 24, 2026

Regular Meeting

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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.