

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bodek presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:27 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

Note and File

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

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

ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the ordinance by title.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was opened for public comment on ordinance number 867-2026 only.

There were no questions or comments.

FINAL READING STATEMENT.

Vice-Chair Williams moved Ordinance No. 867-2026 for Final Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law.

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

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.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to the Union County Commissioner Board, Engineering Director Joseph Policay, and the Ashbrook Swamp. He asked for additional information relative to Reso No. 2026-591 and 2026-592.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-591, County Manager Oatman advised of plans to convert the Commissioner meeting room into a back-up courtroom.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-592, County Manager Oatman advised that this item was amending a previously adopted resolution.

Tiffany, of Scotch Plains, and founder of UC Residents Alliance Coalition, shared her concerns relative to data centers and the unintended, negative consequences they could have on the residents of Union County. She encouraged the Board to adopt a moratorium against data centers and requested independent, environmental health and noise studies be conducted prior to approving any new data center facilities.

Rajeeyah Taylor, of Elizabeth, spoke relative to the CWA labor negotiations and implored the Board to consider better financial compensation.

Anne Brucato, of Union, shared her concerns relative to data centers and the seeming lack of regulation and oversight of these facilities. She noted potential health concerns and learning

disruptions resulting from low-frequency noise and asked the Board to pursue restrictions that would hold data centers to a particular standard.

Imani Humphrey, of Garwood, shared her concerns relative to the CWA labor negotiations and asked the Board to support a fair contract, with suitable financial compensation for new and existing employees.

Yovana Ramirez, of Elizabeth, spoke relative to the CWA labor negotiations and asked the Board to support better compensation for social services' employees.

Tim (unintelligible), of Springfield, shared his concerns relative to data centers and asked the Board to pursue legislation to regulate these facilities and mitigate any potential environmental and health disruptions that may result.

Jennifer Colon, of Roselle, spoke relative to the CWA labor negotiations and asked the Board to consider adequate compensation.

Reverend Jimmy Brooks spoke relative to the CWA labor negotiations and asked the Board to do right by their employees and constituents and consider a reasonable raise for social services' employees.

Jeannette Quintero spoke relative to the CWA labor negotiations and asked the Board to prioritize staffing needs and support adequate compensation for social services employees.

Relative to data centers, County Manager Oatman advised that because NJ was a home-rule state, the Board could not pass a moratorium on data centers, adding that municipalities would have to adopt their own respective legislation. He noted that the Governor was working on data center regulations, advising that he would inquire about low-frequency noise.

Relative to the CWA Labor Negotiations, County Manager Oatman confirmed that the County did not negotiate labor contracts publicly. He advised that a 0% increase across the Board was inaccurate information.

There were no additional questions or comments.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption.

2026-565 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to execute a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, Lawrenceville, New Jersey for a Joint Funding Agreement for the period of October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$19,410.00.

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

2026-566 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Amending Resolution 2024-208, a contract with Pennoni Associates Inc., Newark, New Jersey, to provide Professional Engineering Services

for the Emergency Debris Management Plan - Various Locations in Union County for an additional amount of \$15,000.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$34,500.00.

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

2026-567 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Amending Resolution 2021-384, a contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, Secaucus, New Jersey, to provide Engineering Design Services, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Rehabilitation of Trenton Avenue Bridge, City of Elizabeth for an additional amount of \$9,923.52, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$228,218.52.

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

2026-568 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Amending Resolution 2024-73, a contract with Matrix New World of Florham Park, New Jersey, for Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Environmental Compliance Services and Remedial Investigation activities at the following locations: Department of Public Works Complex; Galloping Hill Golf Course; Warinanco Park; Houdaille Quarry; Department of Public Works Complex; Cherry Street Maintenance Garage; (New) Union County Courthouse; and other remediation sites as necessary for additional amount of \$38,170.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,846,475.00.

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

2026-569 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Artheon Inc, East Brunswick, New Jersey to provide Engineering Design, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the 2027 Road Resurfacing Project, County of Union, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$290,374.00.

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

2026-570 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to award the contract obtained through advertised public bidding to CCM Contracting Inc., of Green Brook, New Jersey for the 2026 Road Resurfacing Project, Various Municipalities in Union County, for an amount not to exceed \$11,543,039.97.

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

2026-571 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Resolution authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with SJC Lawncare, Inc. of Scotch Plains, NJ, to supply and plant trees along Union County roadways and throughout Union County Parks as designated by the Bureau of Shade Tree, in an amount not to exceed \$38,250.00.

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

2026-572 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertising public bidding to Sunnyfield Corporation, Ocean NJ for Boiler Replacement Project at the Union County Courthouse, Elizabeth NJ, in an amount not to exceed \$10,637,000.00.

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

2026-573 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and to enter into agreement with the NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCOA) for the Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) Program Grant, in the amount of \$35,000.00 with a required County Match in an amount of \$7,000.00, for a total program not to exceed \$42,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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

2026-574 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Amending Resolution Number 2026-435, to reflect an increase in the Area Plan Contract Spending Plan in the amount of \$317,133.00 for a new total not to exceed \$5,587,525.00 for Year 2 of 3 Area Plan cycle, and to further reflect a change in appropriation accounts.

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

2026-575 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Independence Constructors Corporation of NJ, Chester, PA, for Tree Trimming, Pruning, and Removal Services in various parks in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00.

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

2026-576 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Rutgers University, Miller Center on Policing and Community Resilience, New Brunswick, NJ to provide First Responder Resiliency Training in the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region for the period from September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

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

2026-577 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Spec Rescue International, Virginia Beach, Virginia, to provide exercise support and training to members of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue (MUSAR) Task Force from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region from September 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$214,070.00. (No cost to County of Union)

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

2026-578 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute the FY2027 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) contract from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (NJDCa) for the purpose of providing community programming for low income residents of Union County for the grant period of January 1, 2027 through September 30, 2028 in the amount of \$318,912.00.

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

2026-579 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron: Amending Resolution 2026-445, to reflect an increase in the 2026 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan in the amount of \$156,018.00 for a new grant award of \$464,969.00.

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

2026-580 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron: Authorizing the County Manager to approve the FY2026 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant Program Spending Plan for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027 in the total amount not to exceed \$358,538.00.

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

2026-581 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron: Amending Resolution 2026-164, to reflect a five (5) month extension to the FY2025 HEARTH Emergency Solutions (HES) Grant program spending plan for a new subcontract period of August 1, 2025, to December 31, 2026.

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

2026-582 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$252,834 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

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

2026-583 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$34,800 as a result of notification received from the Roselle Board of Education for a program entitled: UCBOE - Roselle Special School Board Election.

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

2026-584 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$13,670 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers (JACC) Grant.

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

2026-585 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$263,022.64 as a result of notification received from the National Opioid Settlements for a program entitled: Opioid Litigation Recovery Funds.

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

2026-586 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$306,506.34 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Data-Driven Decision Making - Organizational Enhancement Program (3DM-OEP).

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

2026-587 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: 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 Community Affairs for a program entitled: Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID).

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

2026-588 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Amending Resolution 2026-285, authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Salary Reimbursement Agreement with Rutgers Cooperative Extension for the provision of State and Federal-mandated agriculture and resource management, family and community health sciences, and 4-H youth development programs for a revised amount not to exceed \$130,104.00, for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

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

2026-589 Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded: Sponsoring the Kimberly Anne Wilson Foundation in the amount of \$1,200 towards their 5K Race for Mental Health being held on September 20, 2026.

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

2026-590 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development, in the

amount of \$3,000,000.00, for Older Adults Home Modification Grant Program (OAHMP) FY26.

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

2026-591 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with RSC Architects, Hackensack, NJ to provide Professional Architectural Services for the Commissioners' Meeting Room to repurpose the space as a civil courtroom on the 6th Floor of the Union County Administration Building in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

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

2026-592 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Amending Resolution Number 2024-721, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding to Pennetta Industrial Automation, Little Ferry, New Jersey, approving Change Order Number 1 for Pipefitting & Heating System Repair, Maintenance and installation services for New Boiler Installations dedicated to the Warinanco Park Skating Rink and the Houdaille Quarry. This change order will increase the original contract amount by \$87,697.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$551,697.00.

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

2026-593 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a settlement in the matter entitled Union County v. CME Associates, et al., to receive payment of \$80,000.00, in settlement of all claims.

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

2026-594 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek: Authorizing the County Manager to distribute the Shared Library Services Grant to the Linden Free Public Library in a total amount not to exceed \$36,285.79.

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

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

2026-595 Commissioner James E. Baker Jr., and the Entire Board: Commending St. John's Baptist Church of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for its commitment to serving and supporting the community through its annual Back to School Fair and the many community services and programs it provides throughout the year.

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

2026-596 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: Recognizing September 2026 as National Recovery Month (NRM).

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

2026-597 Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board: Recognizing September 2026 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and September 10, 2026 as World Suicide Prevention Day.

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

2026-598 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: Offering this Board's deepest condolences in this time of sorrow to the family of Hassen Ibn Abdellah, who passed away on July 22, 2026.

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

2026-599 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: Recognizing Laforia Dulario, Aisha Thomas-Petit, and Hazel Garlic, whose lives reflect excellence, leadership, service, and dedication to their community as they celebrate their birthdays.

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

2026-600 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: Offering this Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Yoland Walton, who passed away on July 26, 2026.

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

2026-601 Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board: Congratulating and recognizing Michelle McBean on the occasion of her 80th Birthday on August 5, 2026; and further honoring her lifetime of service, leadership, and dedication to the City of Elizabeth and Union County.

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

2026-602 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board: Recognizing Bertha Policay upon the celebration of her 100th birthday on June 28, 2026.

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

- 2026-603 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner James E. Baker Jr., Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board:** Congratulating Anthony Russo upon the celebration of his 100th birthday.

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

- 2026-604 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board:** Congratulating Dr. Jaime M. Segal, Vice President of External Affairs and Government Relations at UCNJ Union College of Union County, NJ, upon being named the 2026 Northeast Regional Professional Board Staff Member of the Year by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).

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

- 2026-605 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 Leticia C. Barden-Frye, who passed away on August 3, 2026.

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

- 2026-606 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Michele S. Delisfort, and the Entire Board:** Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of former Union Township Business Administrator Ron Manzella, during their time of sorrow.

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

- 2026-607 Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences during this time of sorrow to the family of Patricia D. Darrell, who passed away on August 14, 2026.

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

- 2026-608 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board:** Recognizing Elizabeth Police Detective Brian Z. Carvalho for his bravery, professionalism and steadfast dedication to the safety of the public.

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

- 2026-609 Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board:** Recognizing September 18, 2026, as POW/MIA Remembrance Day and encourages all veterans and residents of Union County to observe and honor the service and sacrifice of American Prisoners Of War and those who remain Missing In Action.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Neron thanked all the members of the CWA for attending and sharing their concerns with the Board and committed to working diligently to ensure conditions improved and employees felt appreciated. On another note, he spoke relative to an upcoming educational webinar entitled Pathways to Wellness: Navigating the Road to Recovery & Suicide Prevention on September 16th. Through the County's Department of Human Services and in collaboration with the NJ Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services, he advised that this event, being held in recognition of National Recovery Month and National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, would provide information and resources related to recovery, behavioral health and suicide prevention in a safe, supportive environment. He encouraged interested residents to visit the County's website to register.

In collaboration with RWJBarnabas Health, the NJ Department of Health, and the County's Department of Public Safety's Office of Health Management and Division of Social Services, Commissioner Signorello invited residents to the County's back-to-school children's vaccination and school physical clinic on September 21st at the UC Family Clinic In Elizabeth. He advised that all recommended childhood vaccines and school physicals would be offered to children from Pre-K through age 18, adding that no walk-ins would be welcomed and pre-registration was required. He added that RWJBarnabas Health Community Health Workers and SNAP Navigators would also be available during the event to connect families with community resources and provide guidance on accessing available health and social services. He encouraged qualifying families to take advantage of this important resource.

Commissioner Leon reminded residents that the County's 2026 seasonal recycling events would continue in September and October, with a variety of programs being offered to assist residents with proper disposal of unwanted, expired or hazardous items. She advised that two free, mobile paper shredding events would take place on September 18th and September 26th, in Westfield and Cranford respectively. She noted two upcoming scrap metal recycling events on September 3rd and September 19th in Cranford and Rahway respectively. She also noted the County's last Household Hazardous Waste Disposal event of the 2026 season on October 25th at UC Vo-Tech in Scotch Plains. She encouraged residents to visit the County website for a complete schedule and more information on all recycling programs hosted by Union County. To close, she invited residents to attend the County's Hispanic Heritage Month annual flag-raising event at the Union County Courthouse on September 16th.

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded announced that Union County Clerk's Office would be hosting a Notary Public Training Seminar at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains on September 18th, with UC First Deputy County Counsel Moshood Muftau, Esq. as the featured speaker. She advised that the seminar would cover the Notary Public application process, new legal requirements and responsibilities, proper procedures, and best practices. She noted that space was limited to the first 50 registrants, citing a \$10 registration fee. She encouraged interested residents to visit the County website to learn more or to register. To close, she thanked everyone that attended the meeting, noting that their concerns had been heard and would be considered in negotiations.

Commissioner Delisfort thanked everyone for attending the evening's meeting, echoing the sentiments of her Commissioner colleagues, in recognizing the difficulties faced by the members of

the CWA and confirming that the Board was committed to fair labor negotiations. Relative to data centers, she confirmed that the County could not pass a moratorium, but would follow up with the State regarding low-emission frequencies that could negatively impact the quality of life for Union County residents. To close, she congratulated Commissioner Mirabella on his recent appointments to several national leadership roles with the National Association of Counties (NACo), noting that these appointments were well-deserved and spoke to his experience, knowledge, and leadership.

Commissioner Baker thanked all the members from the CWA for attending the evening's meeting and sharing their concerns. As a former County employee, he advised that he was confident in County Manager Oatman and his team's ability to settle on a fair and equitable labor contract. To close, he 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. He 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. He added that bilingual assistance would be available. He noted various upcoming ASK events in September throughout various libraries in Union County.

Commissioner Mirabella thanked Commissioner Delisfort for the kind words, adding that he was honored to represent New Jersey and Union County on the national level through NACo. On another note, he noted his recent attendance of the 2026 Sheriff Youth Academy graduation, alongside Commissioner Baker. He noted that 120 middle and high school students had completed the program which offered a hands-on introduction to law enforcement and public safety through various trainings. He thanked Sheriff Peter Corvelli, Lieutenant Tara Halpin, Officer Zachary Esparra, Detective Joe Florio and everyone that helped make the program a tremendous success. Commissioner Mirabella confirmed that while the Board did not negotiate labor contracts publicly, he was confident in the County's ability to work through the process and reach an agreement that would satisfy both sides. To close, he wished County Employee Anthony Russo a Happy 100th Birthday and offered his condolences to the family of Ron Manzella, former Business Administrator for Union Township.

Vice Chair Williams invited local business owners, entrepreneurs and professionals to attend the 2026 Union County Means Business Expo on September 9th at Kean University, noting that this free event would connect fellow business owners, community leaders, service providers and industry professionals while highlighting resources and opportunities that could support business growth. She encouraged interested residents to visit the County website for additional information. On another note, she thanked the CWA members for attending the evening's meeting and sharing their concerns, adding that she was confident in a favorable outcome to the labor negotiations. Relative to data centers, she confirmed that NJ was a home-rule state, hence the County could not pass a moratorium. She expressed personal concerns about the subject, adding that the City of Plainfield had recently introduced an ordinance to ban data centers. To close, she congratulated Jaime Segal from Union College of Union County on her earlier recognition, adding that it was well-deserved.

Chairman Bodek thanked everyone for attending the evening's meeting, adding that their concerns had been heard and would be considered during labor negotiations. On another note, he invited residents to attend the County's 25th Anniversary of September 11th Remembrance Ceremony on

September 11th at the UC 9/11 Memorial in Echo Lake Park. He noted that the ceremony would include guest speakers, moments of reflection, and the unveiling of a new memorial plaque. He highlighted the importance of remembering those lost, the lives changed forever, and the overwhelming courage of first responders on that day. He also invited residents to attend the County's POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony on September 18th at the Union County Courthouse to honor prisoners of war and service members who have gone missing in action.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bodek asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

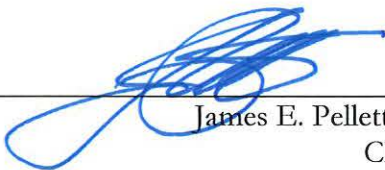
Agenda Setting Session

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* Meeting rescheduled to Thursday, September 17, 2026



James E. Pellettiere, RMC, QPA
Clerk of the Board

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings, with the exception of the January 13, 2025 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.