UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bodek presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION BY THE BOARD

A Resolution Presentation was made by the Board to Nancy Starzynski, President of the National Federation of the Blind of NJ Northern Chapter, in recognition of Blind Equality Awareness Day and supporting greater awareness and understanding of blindness throughout Union County.

Joined by Commissioners Delisfort and Leon, Chairman Bodek noted that the Board was proud to welcome Nancy Starzynski, President of the National Federation of the Blind NJ Northern Chapter, and various other Chapter members that evening, in recognition of Blind Equity Awareness Day. He highlighted the importance of independence and providing persons with blindness the ability and opportunity to participate fully in every part of community life, from education and employment, to public service and recreation. He also noted the importance of removing barriers, challenging misconceptions, and making our communities more accessible for all.

Nancy Starzynski, President of the National Federation of the Blind, Nj Northern Chapter, thanked

Chairman Bodek and the Board for the resolution, noting the importance of increasing understanding and awareness of visually-impaired and blind persons and allowing them the opportunity to be productive, fully-engaged members of society.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

NOTE AND FILE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. September 30, 2026 - Agenda Setting Session

2. September 30, 2026 - Regular Meeting

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR

WILLIAM A. DANIEL, COUNTY PROSECUTOR

County Manager Edward T. Oatman represented the Department.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Versaterm Public Safety US Inc., Mesa, Arizona, for renewal of annual software maintenance LIMS Plus at the Union County Prosecutor's Office Forensic Laboratory, in an amount not to exceed $72,195.15. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

RICARDO MATIAS, ACTING DIRECTOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Concurring with the Township of Berkeley Heights Ordinance No.2026-21, adopted on October 6, 2026, creating a center left turn lane in front of Mary Kay McMillin School on Mountain Avenue and to set the speed limit at 25 mph at this location. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

2. Amending Resolution 2024-562, a contract with Schifano Construction Corporation, Middlesex, NJ for the 2024 Road Resurfacing Project to effectuate Final Change Order Number 1 to decrease the contract amount by $684,636.44 for a new contract amount not to exceed $6,167,077.86. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

3. Amending Resolution 2025-956, a contract with Continental Hardware, Inc, Newark, NJ, to extend the contract for twelve (12) consecutive months, for the purpose of

providing Road Materials from January 9, 2027, through January 8, 2028, in an amount not to exceed $2,000 for Lot 2 and $4,250 for Lot 3, for a total amount not to exceed $6,250. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

4. Amending Resolution 2026-203, a contract with Colliers Engineering & Design Inc., Holmdel, NJ, to provide additional work related to On-Call Environmental Engineering Services for various Union County Facilities commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, increasing the contract by $8,500.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed $158,500.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

5. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and execute an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), 2026-DT-DLA-519, Federal Aid Grant in the amount of $250,740.01, Highway Planning and Construction 20.205 for the following project: Union County Structurally Deficient Bridge Initiative-Replacement of Culvert WE58, Town of Westfield, Union County. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

6. Authorizing the County Manager to accept and execute an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), 2026-DT-DLA-520, Federal Aid Grant in the amount of $638,149.05, Highway Planning and Construction 20.205 for the following project: Union County Structurally Deficient Bridge Initiative-Replacement of Culvert NE10, SU7, SU52, Borough of New Providence and City of Summit, Union County. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

7. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq., Division of Facilities Management, Division of Public Works, Division of Motor Vehicles, Union County Prosecutor's Office, Division of Social Services to: Maffey's Security Group, South Plainfield, NJ, for the purpose of providing Locksmith services and Locking hardware, for a contract period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months with the provision for one (1) twenty-four (24) month optional extension, in an amount not to exceed $241,000.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

8. Amending Resolution 2016-950, a contract with the Neglia Group, Lyndhurst, New Jersey to provide additional professional services for the Replacement of the Passaic Avenue Bridge, Ne60, Borough of New Providence, County of Union, New Jersey for an additional amount not to exceed $36,000.00 and a new contract amount not to exceed $333,344.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

9. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Engineering, Public Works & Facilities, Division of Facilities Management, Division of Emergency Management, Division of Park Planning & Environmental Services: Continental Hardware, Newark, NJ, for the purpose of providing Lumber & Associated Materials for twenty-four (24) months commencing upon execution of the contract, in an amount not to exceed $336,000.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

10. Authorizing the County Manager to designate the Printer HP Scitex FB550 (Serial # SG92S1001) as surplus, no longer needed for County purposes and to be traded in as part of specifications to offset the price of new items needed for the Union County Print Services/Shop in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(7). **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

BIBI TAYLOR, DIRECTOR

County Manager Edward T. Oatman represented the Department.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of $204,689 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Innovative Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

2. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of $135,000 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Green Streets and Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping Grant. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

3. Modifying the 2026 Union County adopted budget in the amount of $77,035.21 as a result of notification received from the National Opioid Settlements for a program entitled: Opioid Litigation Recovery Funds. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DEBBIE-ANN ANDERSON, DIRECTOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2025-944 to reflect an increase in the original Statewide Respite Contract Spending Plan in the amount of $15,000 for a new total not to exceed $279,000, with no other changes to the terms or conditions. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept a contract with the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for the FY2027 Alcoholism/Drug Abuse Innovative (A/DA-I) Grant in the amount of $204,689.00 for the period of October 1, 2026 through September 29, 2027. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

3. Amending Resolution 2026-443 to authorize the County Manager to transfer funds amongst the funded agencies listed in the FY2027 Alliance Spending Plan for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30,

2027 as noted in the attached spending plan, with no change to the overall award. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

4. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to RWJBH - Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, NJ to provide services under the FY2027 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Innovative (ADAI) Program for the period of October 1, 2026 through September 29, 2027 in a total amount not to exceed $201,984.00. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

5. Amending Resolution 2026-158 to authorize the County Manager to transfer funds amongst the funded agencies listed in the 2026 Alcohol/Drug Abuse Grant (A/DA) Spending Plan for subcontracted services to be provided during the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 as noted in the attached spending plan, with no change to the overall award. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon)**

6. Amending Resolution 2026-494, a contract awarded to MPC Bus Corporation, Brooklyn, NY to extend the contract one month, through January 31, 2027 for an additional amount not to exceed $445,269.00, for a new total contract amount not to exceed $5,594,706.84. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Plainfield, NJ to provide warming center services for homeless individuals of Union County on designated Code Blue Nights for the period of October 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed $53,000.00. **(Commissioner Stanley J. Neron)**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

VICTORIA DURBIN-DRAKE, DIRECTOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2026-341, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding to Terminal Construction Company, Wood Ridge, NJ for the construction of Warinanco Sports Ice Rink, to approve Change Order #2 for additional construction-related services to reflect an increase in the original contract amount by $645,413.43, for a new contract amount not to exceed $28,554,885.38. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

2. Amending Resolution 2024-298, a contract with French & Parrello Associates, Wall Township, New Jersey, to provide additional engineering services for the Warinanco Indoor Ice Rink for an additional amount of $37,000.00, for a new total contract amount not to exceed $272,630.00. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

DENNIS BURKE, DIRECTOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Department of Public Safety, to designate as surplus and trade in obsolete firearms with Atlantic Tactical, Raleigh, NC through STATE CONTRACT #17-FLEET-00732 and receive a credit towards the purchase of ammunition and firearm accessories needed by the County. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Enforsys, Inc., Millburn, NJ, to provide maintenance and support for a cloud-hosted information sharing and Records Management System (RMS) for the Union County Dispatch Center and affiliated agencies for the contract period of August 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027 using funds from FY25 State Homeland Security grant in an amount not to exceed $58,650.00 **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

BRUCE H. BERGEN, COUNTY COUNSEL

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Kingston Coventry, LLC, Sea Girt, NJ to serve as Litigation, Defense and General Counsel for the period of October 15, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed $25,000.00. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

EDWARD T. OATMAN, COUNTY MANAGER

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2026-594 to expend funding from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Shared Library Services Program to the Summit Free Public Library in a total amount not to exceed $38,219.00 for the period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. **(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. Amending Resolution 2026-549, making an appointment to the Union County Construction Board of Appeals, to correct the end date of the term. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek)**

2. Authorizing $10,000 to the Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, NJ, for calendar year 2026 to support cultural and educational opportunities through visual and performing arts in Union County. **(Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

OFFICE OF OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

VICTORIA DURBIN-DRAKE, ADMINISTRATOR

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to award Kids Recreation Trust 2026 grants in accordance with the Kids Recreation Trust grant criteria, in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella)**

2. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, to award Greening Union County 2026 grants in accordance with the Greening Union County grant criteria, in an amount not to exceed $100,000. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella)**

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

1. Congratulating the Cranford Theater upon the celebration of its 100th Anniversary on November 29, 2026, marking a century of providing entertainment, culture, and cherished memories to generations of Union County residents. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr., and the Entire Board)**

2. Congratulating Cory Storch, Donna Steinmetz, James Frazier, Jr., James "Jim" Digiovanni, Jonny Rosser, Nancy Herssens upon being honored as a 2026 Good Scout Award Honoree at the Good Scout Awards Dinner on October 14, 2026. **(Commissioner James E. Baker Jr., Commissioner Michele S. Delisfort, and the Entire Board)**

3. Congratulating the Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club upon the occasion of its Noche Cubana Gala on October 3, 2026. **(Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board)**

4. Recognizing the Liberty Hall Museum upon holding their 250th Anniversary Inauguration Ball for Governor William Livingston, the first governor of New Jersey, on October 8, 2026. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board)**

5. Offering this Board's deepest condolences in this time of sorrow to the family of Mary McCaffery, who passed away on October 10, 2026. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board)**

6. Congratulating Pastor Therman E. Evans and Lady Bernetta Evans on the Anniversary of their 60th year of marriage and 27th year in ministry on October 18, 2026. **(Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board)**

7. Recognizing Eric Graham (Guiding Star Award), Christ Church Summit (Legacy of Compassion Award), Church of the Little Flower - Berkeley Heights (Builders of Tomorrow Award), Moving Forward Warehouse (Partners in Homecoming Award), R. Seelaus & Co., Inc. (Champion of Hope Award), and Claire Toth (Beacon of Inspiration

Award) upon being honored at the Family Promise Union County's 40th Birthday Bash Gala on October 15, 2026. **(Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board)**

8. Congratulating Family Promise Union County on celebrating 40 years of service dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness among families with children and helping them achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response at its 40th Birthday Bash Gala on October 15, 2026. **(Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board)**

9. Congratulating Prevention Links upon holding their 28th Annual Union County Red Ribbon Day Prevention Awareness Walk & Family Fun Festival at Nomahegan Park in Cranford on October 10, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**

10. Offering this Board's deepest condolences in this time of sorrow to the family of Dennis Michael Costello, who passed away on October 5, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board)**

11. Congratulating Senator Raymond J. Lesniak upon being honored at the Institute for Public Policy & Diplomatic Research's Global Humanitarian Platinum Leadership Awards and Gala Dinner on October 9, 2026. **(Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board)**

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 seven nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere requested a five-minute recess prior to the start of the Regular Meeting.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Agenda Setting Session

Thursday, January 29, 2026
Thursday, February 26, 2026
Thursday, March 26, 2026
Thursday, April 30, 2026
Thursday, May 28, 2026
Thursday, June 25, 2026
Thursday, July 30, 2026
Thursday, August 27, 2026
Thursday, September 24, 2026*
Thursday, October 15, 2026
Thursday, November 12, 2026
Thursday, December 10, 2026

Regular Meeting

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* Meeting rescheduled to Wednesday, September 30, 2026

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

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings are to be regularly held on Thursday evenings. These meetings are scheduled to be held on the same evening, with the Agenda Setting Session to commence at 6:00pm and the Regular Meeting to commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session, unless otherwise noted. All meetings are to be held in the Commissioner Meeting Room within the Administration Building, 6th floor, located at 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey, 07207. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.