UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bodek presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:21 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.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

Note and File

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. September 30, 2026 - Agenda Setting Session

2. September 30, 2026 - Regular Meeting

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting is open 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.

Michael Stango, of Linden, expressed his concerns relative to speeding and congestion on County Road 607. He also inquired about the status of the Tremley Point Connector Road.

County Manager Oatman advised that the delay in the project was a result of Carteret's unwillingness to relinquish land needed to allow pilings for the bridge to be built.

Cecile Seth, of New Providence, noted the negative effects of the deer population relative to sustainability and habitat restoration efforts. She expressed interest in partnering with the County of Union to address deer management.

Mary Roberts, of Cranford, also noted the negative effects of the deer population on restoration efforts and biodiversity. She expressed interest in partnering with the County of Union to address deer management.

County Manager Oatman instructed Ms. Seth and Ms. Roberts to provide their information to the Clerk of the Board, adding that the County's Deer Management Coordinator would contact them.

Isais Rodrigues, of Scotch Plains, expressed his concerns relative to NJ Transit buses exceeding the posted speed limit on County Rd 620. He asked the Board to contact NJ Transit to address the issue and prioritize the safety of Scotch Plains' residents.

County Manager Oatman advised that the County would contact NJ Transit and would also relay his concerns to Union County police.

Bruce Paterson, of Garwood, made comments relative to Commissioner salaries as well as, Reso No. 2026-685 and 2026-706. Relative to Reso No. 2026-679, he asked about the cited decrease. Relative to Reso Nos. 2026-688 and 2026-689, he asked about the cited change orders.

Relative to Reso No. 2026-679, Acting Director Matias advised that the reduction in cost was related to utility work that was not completed, allowing for the department to pave more roads.

Relative to Reso Nos. 2026-688 and 2026-689, Director Durbin-Drake advised that per NJ's Soil Restoration Act, soil had to meet certain compaction standards to ensure the stability of structures being built. She noted that unsuitable soils had been found on site and would have to be hauled off and topped to ensure compliance, resulting in additional costs that could not have been anticipated.

Andrew Tavis, of Fanwood, and President of the Oak Ridge Disc Golf Club, expressed his concerns relative to the conditions of the disc gold course at Oak Ridge, noting rampant poison ivy. He also asked the County to install additional benches at Oak Ridge to allow players to rest between holes.

County Manager Oatman advised that Parks & Recreation Director Durbin-Drake would be happy to speak with him following the meeting.

There were no additional questions or comments.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption.

2026-678 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

2026-679 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

2026-680 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

2026-681 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

2026-682 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

2026-683 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

2026-684 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

2026-685 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

2026-686 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

2026-687 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

2026-688 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** Amending Resolution Number 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.

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

2026-689 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

2026-690 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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.

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

2026-691 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr.:** 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

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

2026-692 **Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon:** 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.

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

2026-693 **Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon:** 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.

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

2026-694 **Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon:** 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.

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

2026-695 **Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon:** 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.

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

2026-696 **Commissioner Alexander Mirabella:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Leon and seconded by Commissioner Neron, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chairman Bodek abstaining and Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2026-697 **Commissioner Alexander Mirabella:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Leon and seconded by Commissioner Neron, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chairman Bodek abstaining and Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2026-698 **Commissioner Stanley J. Neron:** 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.

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

2026-699 **Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** 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.

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

2026-700 **Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** 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.

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

2026-701 **Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** 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.

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

2026-702 **Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded:** 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.

On a motion made by Commissioner Leon and seconded by Commissioner Neron, roll call showed six members of the Board voted in the affirmative, with Chairman Bodek abstaining and Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Mirabella absent.

2026-703 **Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** 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.

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

2026-704 **Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** 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.

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

2026-705 **Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** 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).

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

2026-706 **Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** 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.

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

2026-707 **Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** 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.

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

2026-708 **Chairman Joseph C. Bodek:** Amending Resolution 2026-549, making an appointment to the Union County Construction Board of Appeals, to correct the end date of the term.

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

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

2026-709 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr., and the Entire Board:** 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.

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

2026-710 **Commissioner James E. Baker Jr., Commissioner Michele S. Delisfort, and the Entire Board:** 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.

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

2026-711 **Commissioner Lourdes M. Leon, and the Entire Board:** Congratulating the Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club upon the occasion of its Noche Cubana Gala on October 3, 2026.

2026-712 **Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board:** 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.

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

2026-713 **Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, and the Entire Board:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences in this time of sorrow to the family of Mary McCaffery, who passed away on October 10, 2026.

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

2026-714 **Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board:** 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.

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

2026-715 **Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board:** 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.

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

2026-716 **Vice Chair Rebecca L. Williams, and the Entire Board:** 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.

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

2026-717 **Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board:** 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.

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

2026-718 **Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, and the Entire Board:** 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.

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

2026-719 **Chairman Joseph C. Bodek, Commissioner Stanley J. Neron, and the Entire Board:** 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.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded announced that the county-funded RIDE UC, an on-demand ride sharing program, would begin its one-year pilot program in Westfield, NJ to transport residents to train stations, downtown business, and other local destinations. She noted that this alternative to tradition ride-hailing services would combine county funding with passenger fares to provide shared transportation services at a lower cost, noting $3 per trip. She advised that residents could use the RIDEUC to book their trip or call 908-304-9138. She noted service hours as Monday through Friday from 7 am to 7 pm, excluding federal holidays, with wheelchair-accessible vehicles available. She invited residents to the launch celebration of RideUC on October 28th at the south side of Westfield Train Station.

Commissioner Delisfort highlighted the thirteen Union County artists that earned recognition at the 60th annual New Jersey Senior Citizen Art Show, an exhibit featuring nearly 300 original works by professional and non-professional artists ages 60 and older throughout New Jersey. She congratulated Cranford resident, Janet DeMaio, for being awarded Best of Show in the non-professional division and First Place for works on paper. She invited residents to view the New Jersey Senior Citizen Art Show through November 4th in the main building of Meadow Lakes Senior Living, Monday through Saturday, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. She noted that the Board was proud to recognize the talents, accomplishments and dedication of these senior artists.

Commissioner Neron invited arts organizations and other New Jersey nonprofits to a free Cultural Accessibility Training Workshop on Wednesday, October 21st, hosted by the County's Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs. He noted that topics would include ADA policies, program accessibility, inclusive language and ways to communicate available access services to the public, adding that organizations that receive Union County Local Arts Program, History Grant or HEART funding were encouraged to attend. To close, Commissioner Neron offered his well wishes and a speedy recovery to Commissioner Baker.

Commissioner Signorello reminded residents that the County's last Household Hazardous Waste Disposal event of the 2026 season would take place on October 25th at UC Vo-Tech in Scotch Plains. He encouraged residents to visit the County website for a complete schedule and more information on all recycling programs hosted by Union County.

Commissioner Leon invited residents to attend the 'The Women of Congress 1776" musical, a dramatization highlighting the debate around the Declaration of Independence, on November 18th at Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside. She noted that this performance would include an all-female case from Offbook Productions, organized by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and funded, in part, by grants from the NJ Historical Commission and the NJ State Council on the Arts.

Vice Chair Williams invited residents to attend the County's annual Four Centuries in a Weekend on October 17th & 18th, offering participants an opportunity to explore Revolutionary War sites, historic cemeteries and museums, among other historical sites. She highlighted a weekend full of guided tours, reenactments, exhibits, demonstrations, and family activities. She encouraged interested residents to visit the County's website to learn more about participating sites and slated activities.

Chairman Bodek congratulated Commissioner Lourdes Leon on receiving the 2026 Leadership Award from the YWCA of UC, as well as, Finance Dr. Director Bibi Taylor on receiving the 2026 Community Partner Award from the Urban League of Union County. On another note, he advised that vote-by-mail ballots were now available for the November 3rd General Election through the Union County Clerk's Office, in Elizabeth and or Westfield. He noted that both offices would be open Saturday, October 31st from 9am to 1 pm for voters wishing to obtain or return their mail-in ballots. He encouraged voters to use the County's secure drop-box locations to return their ballots securely.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bodek asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 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	Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2026	Thursday, January 29, 2026
Thursday, February 26, 2026	Thursday, February 26, 2026
Thursday, March 26, 2026	Thursday, March 26, 2026
Thursday, April 30, 2026	Thursday, April 30, 2026
Thursday, May 28, 2026	Thursday, May 28, 2026
Thursday, June 25, 2026	Thursday, June 25, 2026
Thursday, July 30, 2026	Thursday, July 30, 2026
Thursday, August 27, 2026	Thursday, August 27, 2026
Thursday, September 24, 2026*	Thursday, September 24, 2026*
Thursday, October 15, 2026	Thursday, October 15, 2026
Thursday, November 12, 2026	Thursday, November 12, 2026
Thursday, December 10, 2026	Thursday, December 10, 2026

*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.