



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

## CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL CALL

## PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

## APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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1. Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - Agenda Setting Session
2. Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - Regular Meeting
3. Wednesday, February 21, 2024 - Agenda Setting Session
4. Wednesday, February 21, 2024 - Regular Meeting

## PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

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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.

## RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

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The following resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2024-243 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement with Wireless Edge Towers II, LLC for radio antennas, equipment shelter, and stand-by generator effective May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2029 in the amount of \$14,400.00 for the first year with a 3% increase each subsequent year.
- 2024-244 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Amending Resolution 2020-857, a contract awarded through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., to Foggia Trinity Electric, LLC, of Scotch Plains, New Jersey for Intersection Improvements – Rahway Avenue & Lamberts Mill Road, West Broad Street & Scotch Plains Avenue, Township of Westfield, County of Union, New Jersey. This Final Change Order Number 1 will decrease the contract amount by \$5,873.57 for a final contract amount not to exceed \$394,371.68.

- 2024-245 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Amending Resolution 2018-86, a contract with CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey to provide additional Engineering Services for the Replacement of Lower Road Minor Bridge, Li-63, City of Linden in the amount of \$90,666.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$258,862.70.
- 2024-246 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Authorizing the County Manager to extend the contract pursuant to Resolution 2022-212, originally obtained through advertised public bidding with Magic Touch Construction Co., Inc., Keyport, NJ, for the purpose of Plumbing Services at various locations for the period of April 4, 2024 through April 3, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00.
- 2024-247 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with H2M Architects & Engineers, Parsippany, NJ to provide Planning Consulting Services for the Union County Courthouse Complex through December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.00.
- 2024-248 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with LiRo Program and Construction Management, Syosset, NY to provide Engineering Services for Solar Installation at the Galloping Hill Golf Course through December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$303,761.00.
- 2024-249 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Authorizing the Township of Berkeley Heights to close Springfield Avenue from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday, June 9, 2024 to hold its annual Block Party.
- 2024-250 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK:** Authorizing the Township of Berkeley Heights Rescue Squad to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from April 1, 2024 to April 27, 2024 and October 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024 to advertise the Rescue Squad Membership Drive and Recruitment.
- 2024-251 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2023-945, a contract awarded pursuant to advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., with Johnston Communication, Springfield, NJ, for the provision of electronic network equipment, security and cabling for various County Departments, to reflect an increase to the contract in the amount of \$6,399.30 for a new total amount not to exceed \$399,715.19.
- 2024-252 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, to reallocate funds received from the New Jersey Historical Commission to various Union County agencies and organizations as recommended and approved by the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board in the amount not to exceed \$55,200.00.
- 2024-253 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS:** Approving transfer of Current Fund Appropriations.
- 2024-254 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Queen City Film & Television Workshop in the amount not to exceed \$750.00, in support of their Screen Talk events to be held on May 11, June 8, July 13 and August 10, 2024.

- 2024-255 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Elizabeth Portugal Day Committee Festivities to be held on May 31, June 2 and September 7, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.
- 2024-256 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring Citizens Going Forward's Goodwill Festival 2024 to be held on June 1, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.
- 2024-257 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring Berkeley Heights Business & Civic's Downtown Berkeley Heights Block Party to be held on June 9, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.
- 2024-258 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Township of Scotch Plains' 2024 Independence Day Fireworks to be held on June 29, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.
- 2024-259 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the Queen City Film & Television Workshop 7th Annual Queen City Film Festival to be held on October 18-20, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.
- 2024-260 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Sponsoring the City of Linden's 71st Halloween Parade to be held on October 27, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.
- 2024-261 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON:** Amending Resolution Number 2023-1052, a contract with Kemper Sports Management Inc. to enhance the scope of services for Union County Recreational Facilities, to add an addendum for the inclusion of management for both the Walter E. Ulrich Pool, Rahway and Wheeler Spray Park, Linden commencing April 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024 for a fee of \$3,000.00 for the four (4) active seasonal months of May-August 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 for a new total amount of \$7,635,776.00.
- 2024-262 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with USA Architects of Somerville, New Jersey, to provide Professional Architectural Services related to the Warinanco Indoor Ice Rink, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00.
- 2024-263 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manger to enter into a contract with Mast Construction of Little Falls, New Jersey, to provide Pre-Construction Management Services related to for the Warinanco Indoor Ice Rink, City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$121,000.00.

- 2024-264 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Department of Parks and Recreation: Grove Contracting, LLC., Verona, NJ 07044 for the Ashbrook Golf Course Clubhouse Improvements in the amount not to exceed of \$4,107,000.00.
- 2024-265 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), Piscataway, New Jersey for the purpose of providing hardware and software maintenance for the Union County Clerk's imaging and web servers for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$62,517.73.
- 2024-266 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, Grants Development Section FFY23 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program in the amount of \$45,686.00 in federal funds with a required match of \$15,229.00 for a total project cost in the amount of \$60,915.00 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- 2024-267 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Amending Resolution 2024-105, authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for the Child Advocacy Development Grants - Treatment Services, Programs, Technology and Capital Improvement, to reflect an additional award amount of \$81,772.00 for a new total award of \$199,184.00; all other terms remain unchanged.
- 2024-268 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Xtel, Mount Laurel, NJ, through ESCNJ 23/24-10 for the purpose of telecommunication services through December 31, 2024, in the amount not to exceed \$990,000.00.
- 2024-269 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to accept a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) County Coordinator Fellowship Grant from the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, to enhance focus on and interest in the procurement of shared services opportunities across local units, in the amount not to exceed \$37,500.00.
- 2024-270 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUEDED:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve the City of Plainfield's request, under the successful administration of the Community Development Block Program by the City, to use Program Income funds to help offset the cost of installing doors and window guard systems for 715-717 and 721-723 Arlington Avenue in the City of Plainfield, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

- 2024-271 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Amending Resolution 2023-962, a contract with Primepoint, LLC, Mt. Holly, NJ for the provision of Payroll Services and Time and Labor Management Services, to include the Division of Social Services and the American Job Center, at both Elizabeth and Plainfield locations under the County's agreement for the period of December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$17,730.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$207,330.00, with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the prior resolution or agreement.
- 2024-272 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Approving waiver of the County's residency requirement for the Department of Human Services.
- 2024-273 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Authorizing the sale of a quarter acre of former parkland in the County's Passaic River Park in Berkeley Heights, NJ, no longer needed for public use, by way of open public sale at auction and authorizing the County Manager to execute any and all necessary documents.
- 2024-274 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED:** Appointing the Taylor Law Group, LLC, New Providence, NJ, to represent the County of Union, as special counsel concerning state licensing and related matters for Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital of Union County, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.
- 2024-275 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Appointing Joseph Signorello Jr., as the Union County Fire Marshal for a three (3) year term commencing on March 28, 2024.

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**LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS & RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCES**

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- 2024-276 COMMISSIONER JAMES BAKER JR, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the month of April 2024 as Alcohol Awareness Month throughout the County of Union
- 2024-277 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing Giovanni Lavorato for his years of service in Linden and Union County.
- 2024-278 COMMISSIONER MICHÈLE S. DELISFORT, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Karen People during their time of sorrow.
- 2024-279 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Michael Yesenko during their time of sorrow.
- 2024-280 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the following individuals from the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 80, on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout: Owen Cumiskey, Owen Giblin, Jack Goodwin, Daniel Kennedy, Miles Murphy, Aiden Nester, EJ Orr & Evan Surmay.

- 2024-281 COMMISSIONER REBECCA LYNNE WILLIAMS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Carrie Nichols during their time of sorrow.
- 2024-282 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LOURDES M. LEON, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Abelardo Gonzalez Tarrago during their time of sorrow.
- 2024-283 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the month of April 2024 as "Autism Acceptance Month" (AAM) throughout the County of Union and further recognizing April 2, 2024 as 'Wear Blue Day' in celebration of Autism Acceptance Month while lighting the Union County Administration Building Blue from April 1st through April 7th.
- 2024-284 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing the month of April 2024 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) throughout the County of Union.
- 2024-285 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Mercedes Reinoso during their time of sorrow.
- 2024-286 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating the 2024 Unity Award recipients upon being honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission.
- 2024-287 CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution supporting New Jersey Senate Bill SCR-93, sponsored by NJ Senator M. Teresa Ruiz, which urges the Biden Administration and the United States Congress to enact the "Poverty Line Act of 2023" and raise the threshold for the federal poverty level by accounting for regional cost-of-living differences.

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#### COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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#### ADJOURNMENT

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## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

### REORGANIZATION MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM Union County Courthouse- 2 Broad Street. Elizabeth

#### AGENDA SETTING SESSION

Thursday, January 25, 2024  
Wednesday, February 7, 2024  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024  
Wednesday, March 27, 2024  
Wednesday, April 10, 2024  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024  
Wednesday, May 8, 2024  
Wednesday, May 22, 2024  
Wednesday, June 5, 2024  
Wednesday, June 19, 2024  
Wednesday, July 17, 2024  
Wednesday, August 14, 2024  
Wednesday, September 11, 2024  
Wednesday, September 25, 2024  
Wednesday, October 9, 2024  
Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
Wednesday, November 13, 2024  
Wednesday, December 4, 2024  
Wednesday, December 18, 2024

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

Thursday, January 25, 2024  
Wednesday, February 7, 2024  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024  
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Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024  
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024  
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024  
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024  
Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024  
Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings, with the exception of the January 25, 2024 meetings, are to be regularly held on Wednesday 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.