



# UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024  
AGENDA SETTING MEETING AGENDA

## CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL CALL

## PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

## PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOARD

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A resolution presentation will be made by the Board to Resolve Community Counseling Center on the celebration of their 50th Anniversary.

A Video Presentation and a Grant Award Presentation will be made by the Board to each of the 2024 Infrastructure Grant recipients.

## APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Note and File

## OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY CLERK

Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

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1. Amending Resolution 2022-978, a contract with Election Systems and Software, LLC (ES&S) to include 2 Balotar Licenses and one year of hardware and software warranty for a one-time payment of \$14,775.00, for a total contract not to exceed \$51,596.60. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

## OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

William Daniel, Prosecutor

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and accept funding for the purpose described in the application from the State of New Jersey, Division of Administration, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 for the project titled ARRIVE Together Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. Subaward no. 24-ARRV-13 **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**Laura Scutari, Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Pennoni Associates Inc., Newark, NJ to provide Workplace Health and Safety Compliance and Consulting Services for the 19-month period of June 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$210,000.00, with the option for an additional 24-month extension. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**Amy Crisp Wagner, Deputy County Manager/Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to award funding for the 2024 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 to the twenty-one (21) municipalities in the County of Union. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**Joseph Policay Jr., Acting Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with CME Associates of Parlin, New Jersey to provide professional services for Ash Brook Restoration Project in Scotch Plains, New Jersey for a contract amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2023-026). **(Commissioner Joseph C Bodek)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Mall Chevrolet, through ESCNJ 23/24-11 for the purpose of purchasing three (3) pick-up trucks for the Division of Public Works and Division of Facilities Management, in the amount not to exceed \$120,713.25. **(Commissioner Joseph C Bodek)**
3. Authorizing the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm on June 22, 2024 for its Juneteenth Celebration (rain date June 29, 2024); to close Wood Avenue from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm on September 15, 2024 for its 4th Annual Latin Festival; to close Wood Avenue from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm on September 21, 2024 (rain date September 22, 2024) for its 5th Annual Polish Festival; and to close Wood Avenue from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm on October 27, 2024 for its Annual Halloween Parade. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
4. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for the 2023 NJDEP Recycling Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$550,800.00 and to execute all necessary documents and adopt the proposed spending plan. **(Commissioner Joseph C Bodek)**

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**Bibi Taylor, Director

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1. Authorizing Cancellation of Appropriated Grant Funds to Unappropriated Reserves **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Approving Amendment to the 2024 Approved Budget **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
3. Exceeding the County tax levy limit and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14). **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
4. Adopting the 2024 County of Union Budget. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
5. Modifying the 2024 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$185,642.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services for a program entitled: Area Plan Contract: COVID Carryover Funds Redistribution Award (ARPA) . **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
6. Modifying the 2024 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$8,834.00 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 Program (JACC). **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
7. Modifying the 2024 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$250,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs for a program entitled: Union County Improving Library Shared Services. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
8. Modifying the 2024 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$187,277.50 as a result of notification received from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for a program entitled: Subregional Transportation Planning Program (STP). **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
9. Modifying the 2024 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$97,512.50 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury for a program entitled: Opioid Litigation Recovery Funds. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
10. Modifying the 2024 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$244,862.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a program entitled: Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
11. Modifying the 2024 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$150,000.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for a program entitled: ARRIVE Together Grant Program. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

12. Modifying the 2024 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$550,800.00 as a result of notification received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a program entitled: Recycling Enhancement Act Grant (REA). **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
13. Modifying the 2024 Union County adopted budget in the amount of \$5,244,531 as a result of notification received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program entitled: SuperNOFO Continuum of Care Grant. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
14. Combining several authorizations of Bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and Bond Form thereof for \$39,860,000.00 General Improvement Bonds of 2024, dated June 1, 2024. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
15. Combining several authorizations of Bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and Bond Form thereof for \$1,420,000 County Vocational-Technical School Bonds of 2024 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act), dated June 1, 2024. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
16. Combining two authorizations of Bonds into a single Issue and prescribing the details and Bond Form thereof for \$4,567,000 County College Bonds of 2022 (Series A) (Chapter 12 State Aid), dated June 1, 2024. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
17. Combining several authorizations of Bonds into a single Issue and prescribing the details and Bond Form thereof for \$2,620,000.00 County College Bonds of 2024 (Series B), dated June 1, 2024. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
18. Authorizing the publication, printing and distribution of a Notice of Sale and the publication of a Summary Notice of Sale and prescribing the forms thereof for \$48,467,000 Bonds consisting of \$39,860,000 General Improvement Bonds of 2024, \$1,420,000 County Vocational-Technical School Bonds of 2024 (New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act), \$4,567,000 County College Bonds of 2024 (Series A) (Chapter 12 State Aid) and \$2,620,000 County College Bonds of 2024 (Series B), each issue dated June 1, 2024, approving the preparation, distribution and execution of a preliminary and a final Official Statement for such Bonds, undertaking to provide continuing disclosure of financial information, covenanting to comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and authorizing various matters in connection with electronic bidding for the Bonds. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

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1. Amending Resolution 2024-221 to reflect an increase in the original Area Plan Contract Spending Plan in the amount of \$185,642.00 to reflect a new total not to exceed \$5,791,453.21 with no other changes to the terms or conditions. **(Vice-Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

2. Amending Resolution 2024-91, a contract with The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Elizabeth, NJ for Homeless Outreach Services and Short-term Shelter, to reflect an account number change only; no further changes to the terms or conditions or the prior resolution or agreement. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**
3. Authorizing the use of the Competitive Contracting Process, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq., for the provision of administrative tasks including the gathering and input of client information to assist the Division of Social Services establish eligibility for Medicaid coverage. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

Victoria Durbin-Drake, Director

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1. 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; Parks & Recreation: Ralph Checchio, Inc, for Improvements to Ponderosa Parking Lot, BA# 20-2024, Engineering Project# 2022-014, in the amount of not to exceed \$331,657.70. **(Vice-Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**
2. Authorizing the County Manager, through the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, to execute any and all agreements for the 2024 HEART (History, Education Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant Program for the total allocated amount of not to exceed \$174,000.00. **(Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski)**
3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and execute a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for dredging and pollution remediation at the Clark Reservoir in the amount of \$4,000,000.00. **(Vice-Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Dennis Burke, Acting Director

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq; Department of Public Safety, Fire and Safety Services, 200 Ryan Street, South Plainfield, NJ, for the purpose of making upgrades to the UASI Command Truck in an amount not to exceed \$143,250.00. **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**
2. 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 Public Safety, Gen-el Safety and Industrial Products, 961 Route 10 East, Randolph, NJ, for the purpose of making upgrades to the UASI Mass Decon System in an amount not to exceed \$86,046.00 (BA# 14-2024). **(Commissioner James Baker Jr)**

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**Bruce H. Bergen, County Counsel

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1. Amending Resolution 2024-231 to increase the appropriation to Genova Burns, LLC, of Newark, NJ in the matter entitled Andy Kim v. County of Union, et al by an additional amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$85,000.00. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**Edward Oatman, County Manager

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1. Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the competitive contracting procurement (RCCP) method, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq. to identify a provider to provide workplace safety training and education for the County of Union. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

**COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS**2024 County Commissioners, Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded

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**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board

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1. Determining that the 2024 Union County Budget shall be read by title and declaring that the public hearing conditions set forth pursuant to N.J.S.A.:40A: 4-8(1a)(1b) have been satisfied. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams)**
2. Appointing Aisha Arroyo and Millie Gonzalez to the Advisory Board on the Disabled for a term of May 8, 2024 - December 31, 2026; and re-appointing Susan Spurr for a term of January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**
3. Appointing Andrew Casais to the Union County Vocational-Technical School Board of School Estimates for a term ending October 31, 2025. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)**

**LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCES**

4. Recognizing Friday, June 7, 2024, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, encouraging all residents to participate by wearing the color orange. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
5. Recognizing May as National Speech Language Hearing Month to help raise awareness about hearing, voice, speech, and other language-related disorders. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
6. Recognizing the month of May as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**

7. Recognizing the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
8. Recognizing the week of May 6, 2024 through May 10, 2024 as Teacher Appreciation Week. **(Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
9. Congratulating the following award winners at the Inaugural YWCA Champions for Family Justice Awards Breakfast on Thursday, May 9, 2024: Chief Giacomo Sacca - Leader in Justice Award; Judge Karen M. Cassidy - Leader in Justice Award; Naomi Miranda – Accessing Justice Award; Jo Ann Boyle - Community Service Award; La'Tesha Sampson - Community Service Award; Yasser Gonzalez- Defender of Justice Award; and Anne Evans Estabrook - Lifetime Achievement Award. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
10. Congratulating Resolve Community Counseling Center upon their 50th Anniversary as we celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month during the month of May 2024. **(Commissioner Alexander Mirabella, & The Entire Board)**
11. Extending this Board's deepest condolences to the family of Harold W. Mitchell, during their time of sorrow. **(Commissioner Rebecca Lynne Williams, & The Entire Board)**
12. Recognizing the 200 Club of Union County and further congratulating the 2024 Valor Award recipients honoring those first responders from Union County that have gone above and beyond the call of duty at their annual Valor Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 17, 2024. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Moued, Commissioner Sergio Granados, & The Entire Board)**
13. Congratulating the honorees at the 83rd Annual Jewish Educational Center Gala. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Moued, & The Entire Board)**
14. Offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Eduardo Angel Maseda during their time of sorrow. **(Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Moued, & The Entire Board)**

## **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

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 Wednesday, February 7, 2024  
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 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.