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ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CONFERENCE/BOARD MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026 - 5:00 P.M.

HALL OF RECORDS, ROOM 506

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A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. SALUTE TO FLAG *** MOMENT OF SILENCE

D. CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

Clerk of the Board presents the President with Certification

E. APPROVAL OF TRANSCRIPTS

President Pomares requests a motion on approval of the following transcripts:

Conference/Board Meeting
March 20, 2025
March 5, 2025

Agenda items are subject to change. Online users click here for updates. Resolutions

F. TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

NONE

G. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

H. ORDINANCE(S)/RESOLUTION(S) ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

1. ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2024-00015 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE #2025-00012 - ESTABLISHING THE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE ESSEX COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER FOR HOUSING JUVENILES FROM SENDING COUNTIES WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

I. ORDINANCE(S)/RESOLUTIONS(S) ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING (Listing Only)

NONE

J. 1. ORDINANCE(S)/RESOLUTION(S) ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

2. O-2026-00012 - SALARY ORDINANCE – COUNTY OF ESSEX – 2027 AND 2028

3. O-2026-00013 - AMENDMENT TO ESSEX COUNTY'S INSURANCE FUND ORDINANCE NUMBER O-93-0001 FOR THE INCLUSION OF COUNTY SELF-FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

K. RESOLUTIONS

1. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE, OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES - RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF ESSEX TO TERMINATE PARTICIPATION OF ACTIVE AND RETIREED EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

2. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION, OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT– APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2027 LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT (CEHA) GRANT AGREEMENT

3. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FOR FY2027 COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT GRANT – OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT - $263,883.00

4. OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT - SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH, FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES (ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES) – OCTOBER 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2032 - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $420,000.00

5. OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT – APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A DATA USE AGREEMENT WITH RWJBH CORPORATE SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNING AND COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT EFFORTS

6. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH - AMENDMENT OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH RUTGERS NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SCHOOL (RUTGERS NJMS) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FIRST RESPONDERS-COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION AND RECOVERY ACT (FR-CARA) GRANT PROGRAMMING FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2027 – ANNUAL AMOUNT OF $496,158.00

7. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – CONTRACT AWARD TO MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES, LLC, TO PROVIDE A CONSULTANT FOR GRANT PROCURMENT SERVICES – DECEMBER 15, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 14, 2029 – AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $172,800.00

8. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE ESSEX COUNTY RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND, TO FUND SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AT EAGLE ROCK RESERVATION - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $120,000.00

9. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE ESSEX COUNTY RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND DOLLARS, TO FUND ANNUAL LEASE OF THE ORANGE RESERVOIR - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $85,000.00

10. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE ESSEX COUNTY RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND, TO FUND FLOORING AT THE ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $37,575.00

11. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE ESSEX COUNTY RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND, TO FUND ARCHITECTURAL, DESIGN AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE RENOVATION OF CHILDREN'S GARDEN AT VERONA PARK - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $78,500.00

12. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF ENGINEERING – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL/DESIGN AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR RENOVATION OF CHILDREN GARDEN IN VERONA PARK - BARRETO/DOWD, LLC, DATE OF AWARD THROUGH PROJECT COMPLETION -– AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $78,500.00

13. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER WITH SHAUGER PROPERTY SERVICES, INC., FOR SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AT EAGLE ROCK RESERVATION - ADDING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $119,007.03

14. OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR – CONTRACT AWARD TO SPARTAN GROUP CONSULTING, LLC, TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED TRAINING SERVICE – MARCH 30, 2026, THROUGH MARCH 29, 2027 - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $42,575.00

15. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE, OFFICE OF PURCHASING – CONTRACT AWARDS TO THE FIVE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS PER ITEM ON A UNIT COST BASIS, TO FURNISH AND DELIVER TOILETRIES AND BEAUTY SUPPLIES – OCTOBER 27, 2026, THROUGH OCTOBER 26, 2028 – AMOUNT NOT EXCEED $150,000.00

16. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE, OFFICE OF PURCHASING – AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF OPIOID ABUSE RELATED PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS

17. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE NJTPA – NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, FOR FY2027 SUBREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - $181,207.50

18. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE NATIONAL OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT FUND, FOR 2026 NATIONAL OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT FUND – DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH - $103,836.79

19. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE NATIONAL OPIOID TRUST ALLERGAN, FOR 2026 NATIONAL OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT FUND – ALLERGAN – DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH - $58,739.82

20. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE NATIONAL OPIOIDS TRUST TEVA, FOR 2026 NATIONAL OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT TEVA – DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH - $56,963.71

21. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF LIVINGSTON, FOR 2026 NATIONAL OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT FUND – DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH - $16,010.50

22. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE, OFFICE OF PURCHASING – CONTRACT AWARD TO AI ATM SOLUTIONS, LLC, THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, TO PROVIDE THE INSTALLMENT AND MAINTAINENANCE OF ATM MACHINES – TWENTY-FOUR MONTH AGREEMENT FROM DATE OF AWARD – REVENUE TO THE COUNTY - $13,200.00

23. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET - INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM (THROUGHT THE BROOKDALE PARK CONSERVANCY) FOR SFY21 IMPROVEMENTS AT BROOKDALE PARK - DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS - $200,000.00

24. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE ESSEX COUNTY RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND, TO FUND BROOKDALE PARK ROSE GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $271,500

25. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF ENGINEERING - CONTRACT AWARD TO AB CONTRACTING, LLC., THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, TO PROVIDE ROSE GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS AT BROOKDALE PARK – ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAY CONTRACT FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED – AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $471,500.00

26. RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING OCTOBER 16, 2026, AS “GLOBAL CAT DAY”IN ESSEX COUNTY (Sponsored by Acclamation)

27. COMMENDATION – HONORING DR. FRANCISCO DILLON RECIPIENT OF THE LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AWARD AT THE 2026 NEWARK HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Commissioner Mercado)

28. COMMENDATION – HONORING CASA VASCA BAR & RESTAURANT AND MARIA GEMA AURRE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSAY (Sponsored by Commissioner Luciano)

29. COMMENDATION – HONORING JAVIER MORALES - RECIPIENT OF THE FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD AT THE 2026 NEWARK HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Commissioner Mercado)

30. COMMENDATION – HONORING JEANNETTE RAMOS - RECIPIENT OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ADVOCACY AWARD AT THE 2026 NEWARK HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Commissioner Mercado)

31. COMMENDATION – HONORING JULIO ADONIS GROSS GONZALEZ - RECIPIENT OF THE GLOBAL CULTURAL AMBASSADOR AWARD AT THE 2026 NEWARK HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Commissioner Mercado)

32. COMMENDATION – HONORING ISIS M. ROSARIO - RECIPIENT OF THE CULTURAL AMBASSADOR AND LEADERSHIP AWARD AT THE 2026 NEWARK HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Commissioner Mercado)

33. COMMENDATION – HONORING ASHLEY ROMERO - RECIPIENT OF THE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND CULTURAL LEADERSHIP AWARD AT THE 2026 NEWARK HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Commissioner Mercado)

34. COMMENDATION – HONORING HAVIER NAZARIO - RECIPIENT OF THE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD AT THE 2026 NEWARK HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Commissioner Mercado)

35. COMMENDATION – HONORING THE HONORABLE LUIS A. QUINTANA - RECIPIENT OF THE LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD AT THE 2026 NEWARK HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Commissioner Mercado)

36. COMMENDATION – HONORING GOYA FOODS, INC., - RECIPIENT OF THE COMPANY OF THE YEAR AWARD AT THE 2026 NEWARK HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Commissioner Mercado)

37. COMMENDATION – HONORING CARMEN GANDULA - RECIPIENT OF THE EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD AT THE 2026 NEWARK HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Commissioner Mercado)

38. COMMENDATION – HONORING JOAN MARIE FALCON - RECIPIENT OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD AT THE 2026 NEWARK HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Commissioner Mercado)

39. COMMENDATION – HONORING JORGE L. CABAN - RECIPIENT OF FAITH , LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD AT THE 2026 NEWARK HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Commissioner Mercado)

40. COMMENDATION – HONORING JAMIE V. SERRITELLA - 2026 ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION – OCTOBER 14, 2026 (Sponsored by Acclamation)

41. COMMENDATION - HONORING STEPHEN GREGORY ADUBATO - 2026 ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION – OCTOBER 14, 2026 (Sponsored by Acclamation)

42. COMMENDATION - HONORING LIVINGSTON UNICO - 2026 ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION – OCTOBER 14, 2026 (Sponsored by Acclamation)

43. IN MEMORIAM – RICHARD J. TAYLOR (Sponsored by Commissioner Murray-Thomas)

44. IN MEMORIAM – JOHN R. IZZOLINO (Sponsored by Commissioner Pomares)

45. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 15 AS BLIND AMERICANS EQUALITY DAY IN ESSEX COUNTY (Sponsored by Acclamation)

46. COMMENDATION - HONORING UNIDAS EN UNA SOLA VOZ DURING THEIR 5TH ANNUAL WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (Sponsored by Commissioner Murray-Thomas)

47. COMMENDATION - HONORING OUT MONTCLAIR DURING THE 5TH ANNUAL PRIDE CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Commissioners Murray –Thomas and Gill)

48. IN MEMORIAM – GAY D. OVERBEY-COLE (Sponsored by Commissioners Pomares and Gill)

49. IN MEMORIAM – KAREN MYERS BRODBECK (Sponsored by Commissioner Pomares)

<> 50. OFFICE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATION – EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE CONTRACTS AS FOLLOWS:
(1) HORIZON HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC. D/B/A HORIZON BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY (HORIZON BCBSNJ) AS MEDICAL PLAN THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR (TPA);
(2) EXPRESS SCRIPTS, INC. AS PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER;
(3) AETNA AS MEDICARE ADVANTAGE CARRIER;
(4) AI TECHNOLOGIES, LLC D/B/A APPRIZE TECHNOLOGY AS THE BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR; AND
(5) SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA D/B/A SUN LIFE AS STOP-LOSS INSURANCE CARRIER

L. REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES

M. LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

N. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

O. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

P. NEW BUSINESS

Q. PUBLIC COMMENT

R. COMMISSIONER COMMENT SESSION

S. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

***FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN
<> ADDED STARTER RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

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