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ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CONFERENCE/BOARD MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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

January 15, 2025

December 4, 2025

- F. TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

NONE

- G. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Agenda items are subject to change. Online users click here for updates. [Resolutions](#)

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

1. SALARY ORDINANCE – COUNTY OF ESSEX – 2027 AND 2028

◇ 2. AMENDMENT TO ESSEX COUNTY’S INSURANCE FUND ORDINANCE NUMBER O-93-0001 FOR THE INCLUSION OF COUNTY SELF-FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

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

NONE

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

NONE

K. RESOLUTIONS

1. ADVICE AND CONSENT – NOMINATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF LEONARD J. MENDOLA, JR., TO THE ESSEX COUNTY CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS

2. ADVICE AND CONSENT – NOMINATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF WADSON LOPES TO THE ESSEX COUNTY CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS

3. ADVICE AND CONSENT – NOMINATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN NICHOLAS MEDINA TO THE ESSEX COUNTY CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS

4. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, FOR COUNTY INNOVATION GRANT – REACH FOR RECOVERY – DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH - \$316,752.00

5. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH – CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH INTEGRITY HOUSE, INC., FOR COUNTY INNOVATION PROGRAM REACH FOR RECOVERY – OCTOBER 1, 2026, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2027 - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$205,000.00

6. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES – APPROVAL OF THE SFY 2027 ESSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE CONTRACTS – JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 – AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$271,950.00

7. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES – AMENDMENT TO MODIFY EIGHT EXISTING SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACTS UNDER THE CHAPTER 51 GRANT, FOR COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES – REALLOCATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$87,000.00

8. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – CONTRACT AWARD TO GREEN VALLEY LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE, LLC, THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, TO PROVIDE SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES AT THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN RECREATION COMPLEX – NOVEMBER 1, 2026, THROUGH MARCH 30, 2028 - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$344,600.00

9. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS– CONTRACT AWARD TO SHAUGER PROPERTY SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE OF CEDAR GROVE PARK – EXERCISING TWENTY-FOUR MONTH CONTRACT EXTENSION OPTION – APRIL 1, 2027, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028 - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$169,506.50

10. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – CONTRACT AWARD TO VIP SPECIAL SERVICES, LLC, TO PROVIDE POWER WASHING SERVICES – EXERCISING TWO YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION OPTION – NOVEMBER 6, 2026, THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2028 - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$199,000.00

11. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – CONTRACT AWARD TO V. ROCHE & SON, LLC, THE SOLE RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, TO PROVIDE DEER BUTCHERING SERVICES – JANUARY 1, 2027, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028 – AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00

12. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – AUTHORIZATION FOR A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH DOWN 2 EARTH FARMS, LLC, TO PROVIDE PICKUP, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTE AT TURTLE BACK ZOO – OCTOBER 12, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 11, 2026 – AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,848.00

13. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER WITH AIR SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE, INC. – TO PROVIDE MISCELLANEOUS HVAC SERVICES AT TURTLE BACK ZOO - ADDING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,500.00

14. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – APPROVAL OF QUALIFIED LIST, TO PROVIDE OUTSIDE EXOTIC ZOO VETERINARY SERVICES (SUPPLEMENTAL)

15. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – TO PROVIDE OUTSIDE EXOTIC ZOO VETERINARY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF ESSEX TURTLE BACK ZOO – THE ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER – AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00

16. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF ENGINEERING – CONTRACT AWARD TO DASKAL, LLC, THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, TO PROVIDE REHABILITATION OF BATHROOMS AT THE HIGHLAWN PAVILION AND SMART RESTROOMS AT EAGLE ROCK RESERVATION – ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAY CONTRACT FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED – AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,127,000.00

17. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – CONTRACT AWARD TO SIGNAL ELECTRIC CORPORATION, TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AND INSTALLATION OF ACCESS CONTROL AND SECURITY SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AT VARIOUS FACILITIES – EXERCISING A TWENTY-FOUR MONTH CONTRACT EXTENSION OPTION – NOVEMBER 6, 2026, THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2028 - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$159,600.00

18. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER WITH JA ALEXANDER, INC. – LIVINGSTON ROUNDABOUT – WALNUT STREET AND WEST HOBART GAP ROAD - ADDING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$220,000.00

19. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT, DIVISION OF TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT – GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACT WITH ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE, TO PROVIDE AN IN-SCHOOL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM – OCTOBER 15, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 – AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00

20. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT, DIVISION OF TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT – GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACT WITH ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY, TO PROVIDE AN IN-SCHOOL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM – OCTOBER 15, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 – AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00
21. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT, DIVISION OF TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT – LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PROGRAM FOR PARENTS FOR THE USE OF 556 TOTAL SQUARE FEET OF FURNISHED SPACE AT THE ONE STOP CENTER, 50 SOUTH CLINTON STREET, 3RD FLOOR, EAST ORANGE – JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027 – REVENUE TO THE COUNTY - \$714.92 PER MONTH
22. OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING VARIOUS HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR ESSEX COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES – OUTSIDE COUNSEL CONTRACT WITH CHIESA SHAHINIAN & GIANTOMASI - SEPTEMBER 18, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00
23. DEPARTMENT OF CITIZEN SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES – AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL FUEL OIL TO PROVIDE HEATING OIL TO ESSEX COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN POPULATION – MAY 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 – AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,407.00
24. DEPARTMENT OF CITIZEN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS – EIGHT CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS, TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
25. OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION – NEGOTIATED CONTRACT AWARD TO XTDIRECT, LLC, THE SOLE RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE SUBMISSION, TO PROVIDE AUTOMATED TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM – TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS FROM DATE OF AWARD - AMOUNT NOT EXCEED \$125,000.00
26. OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR - A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF ALTERNATIVE AND COMMUNITY RESPONSES, NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND ACCEPTING SUBAWARD SFYOH-07-2027 FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2027 UNDER STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2026 OPERATION HELPING HAND GRANT PROGRAM
27. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, FOR SFY27 OPERATION HELPING HAND – OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR - \$116,666.66
28. DEPARTMENT OF CITIZEN SERVICES, DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES – RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT AWARDS FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEY, JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION, FOR STATE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND FAMILY COURT APPROPRIATIONS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,970,090.00
29. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, FOR 2027 COUNTY FUNDING ALLOCATION – DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES - \$1,970,090.00

30. DEPARTMENT OF CITIZEN SERVICES, DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES – APPROVAL OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION (AWARD NO. JDAI-26-IF-07) – JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 - JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVE INITIATIVE (JDAI) INNOVATION AWARD - \$120,000.00
31. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, FOR JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVE INNOVATION (JDAI) GRANT – DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES - \$120,000.00
32. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, FOR MEDICALLY ASSISTED TREATMENTS (MAT) – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - \$250,000.00
33. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, FOR 2027 COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES – DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH - \$1,334,596.00
34. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS FUND, FOR OPIOID USE DISORDERS – DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH - \$196,397.87
35. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOR 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING GRANT – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – \$718,134.63
36. 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS, FOR 2024 SPECIAL ELECTION REIMBURSEMENT GRANT – COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION / SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS - \$277,305.33
37. COMMENDATION – HONORING OLIVER PETER BROWNE DURING HIS RECOGNITION AT THE NEWARK HALFWAY TO ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Acclamation)
38. COMMENDATION – HONORING EILISH ROSANNA HARRINGTON DURING HER RECOGNITION AT THE NEWARK HALFWAY TO ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION (Sponsored by Acclamation)
39. COMMENDATION – HONORING THE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTCLAIR DURING THEIR DEDICATION SERVICE AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY (Sponsored by Commissioners Pomares & Gill)
40. COMMENDATION – HONORING THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHILD AND INFANT CARE CENTER ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR CENTENNIAL GALA (Sponsored by Commissioner Gill)
41. COMMENDATION – HONORING THE NORTHEAST EARTH COALITION DURING THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY FALL HARVEST FIESTA (Sponsored by Commissioner Gill)
42. IN MEMORIAM – JANET ELIZABETH MCCARTHY (Sponsored by Commissioner Pomares)
43. IN MEMORIAM – EDWARD LEON BAROCAS (Sponsored by Commissioner Gill)
44. IN MEMORIAM – TOBY M. KELLER (Sponsored by Commissioner Luciano)

45. IN MEMORIAM – ARTHUR LEWELLYN WHITE (Sponsored by Commissioners Pomares & Gill)

46. IN MEMORIAM – DEQUAN LaPREAD (Sponsored by Commisioner Murray-Thomas)

47. IN MEMORIAM – JOHN R. MIDDLETON, MD, FACP, MACP (Sponsored by Commissioners Luciano & Gill)

◇ 48. OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL - APPROVAL OF SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF QUALIFIED OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL, LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ELIGIBLE FOR SELECTION ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, FOR THE RENDERING OF LEGAL SERVICES TO THE COUNTY OF ESSEX FOR MARCH-DECEMBER 2026

◇ 49. OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING THE MATTER OF ESTATE OF JOEL ORTIZ, JR., BY AND THROUGH OMAIRA MERCED, AS ADMINISTRATIX AD PROSEQUENDUM AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIX OF THE ESTATE OF JOEL ORTIZ, JR., AND OMAIRA MERCED, INDIVIDUAL v. STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CITY OF NEWARK, COUNTY OF ESSEX, ET AL - LAW DIVISION - ESSEX COUNTY - DOCKET NO. ESX-L-006941-26 - DUGHI HEWITT AND DOMALEWSKI REPRESENTING DEFENDANT, COUNTY OF ESSEX - SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 - AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00

50. RESOLUTION – RESLOUTION INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FROM FOUR MEMBERS TO SIX MEMBERS

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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**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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