

MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2020

**These minutes were approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on May 13, 2020. Full texts of resolutions appear at the end of this document.*

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Regular Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on April 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Due to social distancing directives, this meeting was being conducted without any members of the public in attendance. The public had the opportunity to listen to the meeting, and participate if they chose, via telephone.

The meeting was called to order by Director Gardner and upon roll call, the following participants were present in the room: Freeholder Jason Sarnoski, Freeholder Deputy Director James Kern III, Freeholder Director Richard Gardner, Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell IV, County Administrator Alex Lazorisak, County CFO Kim Francisco and Deputy Freeholder Clerk Holly Luberto. Participating via telephone were County Engineer Bill Gleba, County Planner David Dech and County Health Officer Peter Summers.

Director Gardner led the salute to the flag, then read the following OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) statement: ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING *OF APRIL 8, 2020* WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR-LEDGER AND DAILY RECORD AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AT THIS MEETING. THIS MEETING IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ (THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT) BUT DUE TO THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS AND OUT OF CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC, WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO FACILITATE PUBLIC COMMENT. PUBLIC ACCESS IS PROVIDED THROUGH A CONFERENCE CALL USING WEBEX TO PRESERVE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC IN CONFORMANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING BY CALLING 1-408-418-9388; WHEN PROMPTED FOR MEETING NUMBER (ACCESS CODE) PRESS 717 481 153

AND THE # SIGN; AND WHEN PROMPTED FOR ATTENDEE NUMBER PRESS THE # SIGN. WE WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH SPIRIT AND THE INTENT OF THE ACT. THERE WILL BE A COORDINATED EFFORT TO ENSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, the minutes of the Regular Session of March 11, 2020 were approved.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, the minutes of the Executive Session of March 11, 2020 were approved.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, the minutes of the Special Session of March 16, 2020 were approved.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, the minutes of the Regular Session of March 25, 2020 were approved.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, the minutes of the Executive Session of March 25, 2020 were approved.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

There were no public comments on agenda items.

RESOLUTION 161-20

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, **RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.**

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

RESOLUTION 162-20

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSING OF COUNTY ROUTE #683 (CAT SWAMP ROAD), FOR 2019 RESURFACING AND REHABILITATION OF COUNTY ROUTES #517, #620, #623, #624, #647, & #652 ALT., TOWN OF BELVIDERE, ALLAMUCHY, HARMONY, INDEPENDENCE, MANSFIELD, OXFORD & WHITE TOWNSHIPS.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

RESOLUTION 163-20

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY WORK ZONE SPEED LIMIT FOR 2019 RESURFACING AND REHABILITATION OF COUNTY ROUTES #517, #620, #623, #647, & #652 ALT., TOWN OF BELVIDERE, ALLAMUCHY, HARMONY, INDEPENDENCE, MANSFIELD, OXFORD & WHITE TOWNSHIPS.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

RESOLUTION 164-20

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY'S FREIGHT CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT STUDY RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE A WEIGHT RESTRICTION BY REPLACING THE EXISTING CONCRETE BRIDGE DECK OVER A DRAIN ON THE MORRISTOWN LINE AT MP 57.25 IN HACKETTSTOWN, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

Mr. Gardner asked where this bridge was located. Mr. Gleba said it was a railroad bridge deck near Grand Avenue in Hackettstown.

The following two resolutions had not appeared on the agenda and were being walked in by the County Administrator, as they were both recent reactions to issues presented by the rapidly evolving COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Mr. Sarnoski read the following resolution aloud in its entirety:

RESOLUTION 165-20

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMMEDIATELY ALLOCATE CRITICALLY NEEDED EMERGENCY AND ECONOMIC FUNDING TO THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE COVID-19

PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, in response to the deadly COVID-19 (“Corona Virus”) pandemic the Federal Government recently enacted several pieces of legislation aimed at reducing the economic impact and protecting public health; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”) is largest emergency aid package in United States History and provides for over two trillion dollars (\$2,000,000,000,000) in emergency and economic aid and allocates billions of dollars of relief to individuals, businesses, the health care system and state, county and local governments; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the United States Senators for the State of New Jersey, Robert Menendez and Cory Booker, announced the release of the first wave of Federal funding pursuant to the CARES Act under which New Jersey would receive a combined total in excess of eighty-two million dollars (\$82,000,000) in State and local funding and of which fifteen million seven-hundred thousand dollars (\$15,700,000) in discretionary funding was allocated directly to the State Government; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding that Northern New Jersey has one of the highest concentrations of confirmed cases in the entire world and is currently considered to be at the epicenter of the national and global emergency caused by the deadly Corona Virus, the County of Warren is only one (1) of four (4) New Jersey Counties not to receive any federal funding; and

WHEREAS, while several other counties within the State with significantly less Corona Virus cases received federal aid, the taxpayers and residents of Warren County and a few other counties have been marginalized, ignored and left to carry the heavy burden and cost of responding to the most significant national emergency that has faced this Country since World War 2 alone and without the benefit of critically needed federal and state assistance; and

WHEREAS, unlike in other parts of the State where testing centers have been opened with the help of State or Federal assistance, Warren County, with the assistance of St. Luke’s Hospital and local municipalities, took action to open a testing center on its own initiative and funded solely by the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, imploring Federal and State Government to take notice of the significant impact on residents and taxpayers

of Warren County caused by the Corona Virus epidemic and to take immediate action to correct and address the inequities caused by the current allocation of State and Federal and provide the necessary funding and resources to the County of Warren and municipalities within the County to protect the health and safety of the public.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

Mr. Kern said he concurred with everything in the resolution. It speaks to the problem of Warren being one of only four counties left off the list. We're here to make sure Warren County gets its share of federal funding moving forward. "I'm proud to support this resolution, it's a very important resolution," Mr. Kern said, and he hoped it to have it delivered the following day to our two U.S. senators.

Mr. Gardner said he was very upset with state government for not taking the time to evaluate our needs properly, along with Sussex, Hunterdon and Salem counties. "Our people count too," he said, and it is only right to take this action to move ahead.

Mr. Sarnoski concurred, adding that our congressmen need to be apprised as well. We feel like we're being left out on our own out here in Warren County. "We're used to it out here, we never get help from our state and local governments, so we're taking care of our own as we always do, but it's high time Warren County gets recognized and gets the adequate aid for the need that we have," Mr. Sarnoski said.

Mr. Kern read the following resolution aloud in its entirety:

RESOLUTION 166-20

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION IMPLORING THE GOVERNORS OF NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA, AS WELL AS THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF ST. LUKE'S UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK AND THE LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK, TO PROMULGATE UPDATED PROTOCOLS REGARDING OBSTETRICAL LABOR, DELIVERY AND VISITATION.

WHEREAS, to witness the birth of a child is our best opportunity "to experience the meaning of the word miracle" (Paul Carvel); and

WHEREAS, one of the greatest joys experienced by a spouse is being able to participate in the birth of and have that initial bonding with a new baby; and

WHEREAS, many Warren County couples have brought it to the attention of the Board of Chosen Freeholders that St. Luke’s University Health Network and Lehigh Valley Health Network have imposed a ban on New Jersey visitors, including for maternity visits; and

WHEREAS, this ban is particularly discriminatory against Warren County couples, as neither hospital in Warren County offers maternity services, leaving expectant parents no choice but to use medical facilities located outside of the County; and

WHEREAS, Warren County’s number of COVID-19 infections is far fewer than the amount reported in Pennsylvania’s Lehigh Valley, where St. Luke’s University Health Network and Lehigh Valley Health Network maternity facilities are located, so a ban on family members assisting in the birth of a baby is an unnecessary and heavy-handed approach not supported by the facts; and

WHEREAS, the New York Department of Health has updated specific guidelines for obstetrical and pediatric settings providing for familial support in labor and delivery as well as the immediate postpartum period if the patient so desires; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Health Commissioner Judith Persichilli has issued an order to hospitals requiring them to allow one designated support person to be with the expectant mother, deeming such support as essential to patient care throughout labor, delivery, and the immediate postpartum period; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders shares the sentiment that a child’s birth is a special moment and should be celebrated; and

WHEREAS, the delivery of a baby without a spouse or any family members present creates additional stress and anxiety, which could impact delivery; and

WHEREAS, an amended order on visitation, being cognizant of symptoms of COVID-19 and protocols addressing the health, safety and welfare of all patients and staff, should be implemented to ensure a practical, prudent, and reasonable policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren requests that Gov. Phil Murphy of the State of New Jersey and Gov. Tom Wolf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as well as

the respective boards of trustees of St. Luke’s University Hospital Network and the Lehigh Valley Health Network, modify the policies for labor and delivery for the birth of a child to permit participation by designated family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Gov. Murphy, Gov. Wolf, and to the respective boards of trustees of St. Luke’s University Hospital Network and the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

Mr. Sarnoski said once again, this is Warren County trying to take care of its own. We’re being treated differently. Warren County has fewer COVID-19 cases than the Lehigh Valley. He felt this discrimination was unfair and unsafe.

Mr. Kern said he had heard from many expectant couples regarding this issue, and he has spoken to St. Luke’s representatives as high as he could go up the ladder, but keeps hearing the company line. This is our second-to-last action; we may have to pursue a court order. He said this is wrong and discriminatory, and is a uniquely Warren County issue. “If this Board doesn’t stick up for these families, no one else will,” he said.

Mr. Gardner thought this was “outrageously wrong”, saying the birth of a child is one of the best days of your life. “To take that away in a capricious manner is wrong,” he said. He thought this needed to be revisited quickly, and stop denying parents this joyous experience.

RESOLUTION 167-20

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC2023 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AUTO COLLISION REPAIRS FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2020 THROUGH MAY 31, 2021 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

RESOLUTION 168-20

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PUCHASE ORDER TO ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC, TO PROVIDE LICENSE AND SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE ELECTION MACHINES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ELETION BOARD IN THE

TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$92,985.00.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

RESOLUTION 169-20

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF KEYBOARDING CLERK 3, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF CLERK STENOGRAPHER 3, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell IV had no report.

County Engineer Bill Gleba said asphalt plants reopened last week, so we have resumed the 2019 road resurfacing plan. Work is currently being done on County Route 620 in Belvidere. The program should wrap up by early June. The NJ DOT Bridge on Route 173 in Greenwich Township is expected to reopen in the very near future.

Mr. Sarnoski inquired about Governor Murphy’s most recent executive order, which is halting much construction in the state. Mr. Lazorisak said he hadn’t seen it yet, but “essential” construction was expected to be defined therein, and hoped it would not affect road and bridge improvements.

County Planner Dave Dech provided an update on the U.S. Census. He was pleased to report that of April 6, just over 50 percent of Warren County residents had answered the census. This is compared to 47.4% statewide and 46.2% nationwide, so Warren County has done well. Mr. Dech said some areas lag and others exceed expectations, but we will continue to reach out. The paper questionnaire was to have been mailed out today to households that did not respond to the census online.

County CFO Kim Francisco reported that the state approved our 2020 budget, so his office would prepare for budget adoption for the next Freeholder meeting.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak brought the Board’s attention briefly to the latest personnel vacancy report, which contained two backfill positions, one in OEM and one in Human Services.

Mr. Lazorisak invited Mr. Summers to say a few words regarding his request to waive restaurant licensing fees for the year 2020, as he thought imposing them would cause already struggling businesses undue hardship. Mr. Summers said our department works closely with these businesses, for decades in some cases. While these fees total about \$52,000 in annual revenue for the county, these are hard-working, good people in our community who need our help.

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, WAIVE LICENSING FEES FOR RESTAURANTS IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2020.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

With Board of Chosen Freeholders meetings previously scheduled to begin 30 minutes later May-October (7:30 p.m.), Mr. Lazorisak suggested the Freeholders consider keeping the meeting start time earlier for the month of May, as he and others have been working very long days due to the pandemic.

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS MEETINGS TO BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M. THROUGH THE MONTH OF MAY INSTEAD OF 7:30 PM AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mr. Lazorisak said today was day number 29 since the formation of the task force, and daily communication with the mayors has also been ongoing. He said we have a great working group. The Warren County COVID-19 testing site opened earlier today on the Warren County Technical School campus. Mr. Lazorisak said the amount of work everyone has put into making this testing site a reality was remarkable; from the “top brass” down to non-essential staffers such as library employees, who have come back to work to staff the call center. We’re a small county and do not have the workforce and assets that other larger counties have. “I’ll tell you, we put together a great plan and a great site with what we have,” said Mr. Lazorisak, adding, “We have top-notch people working for this county, and I have to give everyone a lot of credit for that.”

A drone flew over the site courtesy of the Prosecutor’s Office, so footage can be shared in the future. Mr. Lazorisak reported that the public has really come through with donations of PPE (Personal Protection Equipment), with 66 private businesses and residents making donations, probably amounting to about as much as we have

received from the federal government, and they continue to come in. “Wow,” said Mr. Gardner, “Hats off to our folks in Warren County who stepped up at a tough time and found that they could donate. That’s tremendous.”

The PPE will be going to first responders. “PPE is key, especially to keep this testing site open,” Mr. Lazorisak said, emphasizing that to date, all the money for this testing site has come from the county budget. Money is critical to keep the site operating, but without PPE it would have to cease. Efforts were to continue to secure PPE.

Mr. Lazorisak said things have been going well throughout county operations. A cleaning service has been coming in weekly to thoroughly clean the jail. He said while situations and problems occur, things are solid and department heads and employees are addressing matters at hand. “We have great people working for this county,” Mr. Lazorisak said, “I can’t say it enough. This is really showing what our core is all about.”

Mr. Gardner thanked and commended Mr. Lazorisak, Mr. Summers and his team, and others who have devoted extra time and dedication to do what it takes to deal with this disease. When having to go out in public recently, Mr. Gardner observed that members of the public appear to understand the importance of social distancing and are conducting themselves accordingly. He expressed sympathy for cashiers in some instances, who could use better protection.

County Health Officer Pete Summers reported that as of 5:00 p.m. this evening, Warren County had 302 confirmed cases of the COVID-19 coronavirus. There have been 18 recoveries, although it is not precisely defined what a recovery is. In these cases, the quarantine period has been completed, the fevers have broken and patients have begun feeling better. He said we are still looking at a “scary” 45 percent hospitalization rate, and of those a 15 percent chance of ending up in intensive care.

The Warren County Health Department is now about three to four times its usual size, thanks to all the help and support from other departments and members of the community. Mr. Summers said we will soon have 16 school nurses on board, as well as Prosecutor’s detectives to help investigate cases. “This is not the Health Department’s test site, this is Warren County’s test site,” Mr. Summers said. While the Health Department took care of the planning, the Office of Emergency Management, led by Frank Wheatley and Bill Hunt, took care of setting up everything up that can physically be seen at the site; Prosecutor’s officers provided security; equipment came in from municipalities; and volunteers helped out.

He said it was a good first day at the testing site, with about 40 individuals tested for the coronavirus. Morris County conducted 44 tests on its opening day. Our site can currently schedule up to 100 people per day, and may grow to a capacity of serving 150-200 per day if needed. A two-step process is required to obtain a test. Mr. Summers said St. Luke's has been an "awesome partner" in this endeavor, taking care of all the screening by doctors, eliminating a lot of paperwork that would have otherwise have been required at the site. This is one less step and minimizes exposure to those working there. Much of the screening is done over the phone, and our library employees having been doing a great job staffing the call center. IT Director Bob Sidie managed to set them up to achieve this while still maintaining social distancing. Mr. Summers said the test site opening exceeded his expectations, saying, "It truly was an outstanding effort for Warren County."

Mr. Gardner asked about testing criteria. Mr. Summers said as per the CDC, patients must be symptomatic, presenting fever, cough and shortness of breath. Individuals are screened by St. Luke's who provide electronic prescriptions. People can make appointments online or by calling the call center during the week.

Mr. Sarnoski was looking for a silver lining, hoping to hear encouraging statistics regarding how many cases may be out there that won't require hospitalization or ICU visits. Mr. Summers noted that of the 300 positive COVID-19 cases, this number represents only about 30 percent of all of the people tested, and said he thought there was a fairly large number of individuals who may have only mild symptoms and do not know they have the virus. He reemphasized this is why social distancing was so important. "Really, you might be feeling great, but you could be spreading this virus to someone who's not going to do as well as you," he said. Mr. Summers added that we have been hearing New Jersey is nearing its peak of cases, but he thought Warren County's peak would come a bit later, closer to Pennsylvania's, and again stressed how much social distancing matters. "Our hospitals are not quite at capacity yet, and we want to keep it that way," Mr. Summers said.

FREEHOLDER COMMENTS

Jim Kern III said it was hard to believe it has been 29 days since the formation of the COVID-19 Task Force. From that first day, our Administrator and Health Officer first brought up the idea of having a test site. "But this doesn't happen overnight," he said. It takes time to get all the systems and arrangements made, and parts of our state are now scrambling. "This Board putting up the money to do this was the right thing to do for our residents," said Mr. Kern, who praised the wonderful job Courtney Sartain has done as Incident Commander of the testing site.

Mr. Kern agreed with Mr. Summers' assessment that we still have a ways to go before reaching our peak of COVID-19 cases, but he said our county is prepared and ready to go. "Even though this is a terrible crisis that we're all facing, I think the silver lining is really to see how well this county came together," said Mr. Kern.

With much of his time occupied by communicating with the task force and mayors regarding the coronavirus, Mr. Kern thanked Mr. Sarnoski for dealing with "ever-changing" election rules and blood drive requirements. "The rules are changing as we're trying to play the game," said Mr. Kern, adding all the stepping up to get things achieved for our residents was a job well done.

Mr. Sarnoski thanked Mr. Kern for the compliment, and also for all of his efforts. This Board has been working nonstop since this happened, "But the real heroes are the county employees," he said, "They are having hard times themselves, but are continuously stepping up and doing the things that need to be done in order to, quite frankly, make everyone's lives in Warren County a little bit better." Mr. Sarnoski was impressed with some who he surmised may not get paid enough for all that they do, particularly the County Administrator and Health Officer.

Countywide blood drives will be conducted in the coming weeks in coordination with the American Red Cross. The first will be at Blairstown Elementary School on April 27; then at Independence Fire Company on May 15. Both have set goals of collecting 36 pints of blood each. Mr. Sarnoski thanked mayors Steve Lance and Bob Giordano of each respective township for their cooperation. All residents seeking to sign up should go through RedCrossBlood.org. A third blood drive could not be accommodated by the Red Cross because they did not have enough volunteers.

The Warren County Economic Development Committee was to meet the following morning and would be discussing the business impacts of COVID-19 on our local communities. Mr. Sarnoski said he was very glad to comply with Mr. Summers' recommendation to waive the licensing fees. We need to consider how we can help our businesses through this.

Mr. Sarnoski reported that New Jersey's Primary Election has been delayed to July 7, with many details still to be worked out. Mr. Sarnoski was meeting with our County Clerk and Elections Administrator to prepare, and PPE will be needed for polling places. Mr. Gardner noted that some polling facilities were "tighter" than others, which will have to be considered. Mr. Sarnoski agreed, noting they cannot easily change locations, since sites have to be ADA compliant.

Regarding the blood drives, Mr. Gardner asked about new criteria. Mr. Sarnoski said in compliance with the governor's directives, donors have to register online first through the Red Cross, participants will comply with social distancing orders, and donors' temperatures and vitals will be taken upon arrival.

Mr. Gardner said these are crazy times we're living in. He thought the feeling was somewhat reminiscent of 9/11, but we can't embrace one another. "But we are coming together as Americans, and American pride will get us through this," Mr. Gardner said.

Normally, we would be getting ready for the New Jersey Association of Counties annual conference in May, but now we hope to attend it in October.

Mr. Gardner said he was watching how businesses are working in the county. Things had to be changed around at the livestock auction, with one part of it shut down and everyone complying social distancing.

It's tough to have our county parks close as spring weather arrives. Mr. Gardner hoped that directive would be monitored closely by the governor's office, as out here people really like to use the trails, and people need to be able to blow off steam. "Folks need that, and most of our folks are doing a great job of social distancing," he said.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Jo Harris of Washington Borough said she couldn't be prouder to be a Warren County citizen. She was grateful to Pete Summers, staff and volunteers who were all contributing to fight this pandemic. Regarding the county funding its own testing site, "We get more done when people just get out of our way," she said. She understood funding guidelines were followed with respect to HUD, population, etc., but she thought there should have been an exception for the four counties denied federal funding. She thought there was a discretionary fund that was to be passed to counties that did not receive anything in this first round, and wondered when that might become available, but no one was sure. Ms. Harris thanked the Freeholders for passing the resolution requesting the state and federal governments to allocate funding to Warren County to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, and for fighting the fight for us.

Pete Summers commented as a private citizen to thank the Freeholders for waiving the food and beverage fees. He said these businesses are there for us, donating to our scout programs, community groups, etc., and are an important part of our

community. Mr. Gardner said, “Absolutely... it’s the least we can do,” adding that implications for the business and agriculture communities are far-reaching.

Warren County 4-H Agent Alayne Torretta thanked the Board for putting Warren County first and working so hard to get this under control. She reported that Warren County 4-H donated 100 masks to our two hospitals, as well as rubber gloves. They took apart backpacks that had been stocked with materials as part of the 4-H emergency education program. Mr. Gardner was pleased and expressed thanks to Ms. Torretta and 4-H Program Associate Michelle Teitsma for the leadership example. Ms. Torretta was also working on organizing a blood drive through Miller Keystone, but Mr. Sarnoski advised her to follow up and coordinate with the American Red Cross.

Mr. Gardner wondered if the Warren County Farmers’ Fair would be held as scheduled. Ms. Torretta said she could not speak for the Fair Directors, but Rutgers has suspended all face-to-face contact through August 31, so 4-H will not be able to participate in the fair in its traditional manner. They will try to convert exhibits to a virtual format, but this was very disappointing, as the fair is the highlight of the 4-H year.

Library Director Maureen Wilkinson provided an update on things the library has been working on. They have a chat/text service to sign people up for library cards, renew cards, answer questions and help patrons access online resources; some programs continue, such as online story time and crafts, and they are implementing book groups to try to keep people connected. They have been creating face shields with the 3-D printer, and are trying to create hotspots to help those without internet have access to file unemployment claims and so on.

PRESS COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Dan Wallace of WRNJ Radio thanked everyone who made themselves available to the media at the testing site earlier today, and sought confirmation that St. Luke’s was providing the testing service for free. Mr. Summers said, “There is no fee to the county from St. Luke’s.” Mr. Wallace asked if there was any COVID-19 money included in the budget to be adopted at the next meeting. “Not yet,” said Mr. Francisco. We will monitor how things will go, and may have to do an emergency appropriation in the future depending how long this continues. Mr. Gardner said we are fortunate that the county has been able to maintain a “decent” surplus. “We have basically controlled our budgets over the years so we have money for a rainy day - a bad situation, like this is,” Mr. Gardner said.

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There was no need for Executive Session this evening.

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, and there being no further business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

Wayne Dumont, Jr., Administration Building
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RESOLUTION 161-20

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held April 8, 2020.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2020-12, 2020-13, and 2020-14, dated April 8, 2020**, in the amount of **\$4,485,377.20** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2020-12	3/25/2020	\$476,736.07	
2020-13	4/1/2020	375,437.65	
2020-14	4/8/2020	<u>865,636.61</u>	
TOTAL			\$1,717,810.33
Horizon (Prescription, Claims, Admin)	3/31/2020	\$1,005,062.73	
Aetna-March	3/31/2020	158,889.66	
Sun Life Financial-March	3/31/2020	56,030.99	
New Jersey's Finest (Vendor Wire Payment)	3/24/2020	5,255.00	
New Jersey's Finest (Vendor Wire Payment)	4/6/2020	<u>19,750.00</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			1,244,988.38
Payroll (including fringe)	3/26/2020	\$1,522,578.49	
Subsistence	3/26/2020	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,522,578.49</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$4,485,377.20</u>

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk of the Board
Alex J. Lazorisak

**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

Wayne Dumont Jr., Administration Building
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Belvidere, NJ 07823

RESOLUTION 162-20

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held April 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSING OF
COUNTY ROUTE # 683 (CAT SWAMP ROAD),
FOR 2019 RESURFACING AND REHABILITATION OF,
COUNTY ROUTES #517, #620, #623, #624, #647, & #652 ALT.,
TOWN OF BELVIDERE, ALLAMUCHY, HARMONY, INDEPENDENCE,
MANSFIELD, OXFORD & WHITE TOWNSHIPS**

WHEREAS, JA Alexander, Inc. has requested permission to close County Route #683 (Cat Swamp Road) from Ryan Road to County Route #517 in the Township of Independence and the Township of Allamuchy (Allamuchy Twp. portion of the road is municipal jurisdiction), for a period of approximately **two days** during daily work hours tentatively to commence on April 17, 2020 for milling and paving of the Cat Swamp Road and County Route #517 Intersection in Allamuchy Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the closing of County Route #683 (Cat Swamp Road) from Ryan Road to County Route #517 in the Township of Independence and the Township of Allamuchy (Allamuchy Twp. portion of the road is municipal jurisdiction), for a period of approximately **two days** or until such time as all work is complete, with the following conditions:

1. An appropriate detour plan is submitted by JA Alexander and approved by the County Engineer.
2. Access is maintained at all times for local businesses, residents and emergency services in the vicinity of the project area with notification provided in advance.
3. All barricades, detours and traffic control signs shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Control Devices.
4. Police supervision of any necessary traffic control of the road and handling of safety shall be provided.
5. Allamuchy and Independence Townships are agreeable to the road closure and detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Township of Allamuchy, and the Township of Independence and Police Department.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorizak

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**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
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RESOLUTION 163-20

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held April 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY WORK ZONE SPEED LIMIT
FOR 2019 RESURFACING AND REHABILITATION OF,
COUNTY ROUTES #517, #620, #623, #624, #647, & #652 ALT.,
TOWN OF BELVIDERE, ALLAMUCHY, HARMONY, INDEPENDENCE,
MANSFIELD, OXFORD & WHITE TOWNSHIPS**

WHEREAS, Resurfacing and rehabilitation is required on County Route #517, located in Allamuchy and Independence Townships; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends in the best interest of motorists and public safety to establish a temporary work zone speed limit for the term of construction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, that:

- Section 1. The work zone speed limit in both directions of traffic along the County Route #517 for resurfacing and rehabilitation in Allamuchy and Independence Townships, Warren County, New Jersey be established as follows:
- Zone 1. 35 MPH between the Hackettstown/Independence municipal line and Interstate Route 80 within Allamuchy and Independence Townships.
- Section 2. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated speed limit.
- Section 3. The above speed limit shall be in effect beginning upon installation of the construction work zone, tentatively April 17, 2020 and shall remain in effect until the project is complete.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Allamuchy and Independence Townships.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
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RESOLUTION 164-20

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held April 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR
THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY'S
FREIGHT CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT STUDY RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE A
WEIGHT RESTRICTION BY REPLACING THE EXISTING CONCRETE BRIDGE DECK
OVER A DRAIN ON THE MORRISTOWN LINE AT MP 57.25 IN HACKETTSTOWN,
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) has developed the Freight Concept Development Program to identify and study freight needs throughout the northern New Jersey region; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA, in coordination with Warren County and Morris County, has identified the existing weight restriction at the Morristown Line MP 57.25 Bridge over Drain adjacent to 3rd Avenue in the Town of Hackettstown as a critical need to providing national standard 286,000-pound rail service along the rail corridor serving customers in both counties; and

WHEREAS, providing national standard rail access to regional businesses that depend on rail freight to receive commodities, ship finished products and compete in a global economy, supports their growth and the jobs and economic value they offer to the local and state economy; and

WHEREAS, the Bridge over Drain is structurally deficient and limits the weight of rail cars that can be carried across it resulting in the short-loading of many of the rail cars that serve the businesses along the corridor and the connecting branch lines putting these businesses at an economic disadvantage; and

WHEREAS, the NJTPA, Warren County and Morris County met with local officials to discuss the issue, held public meetings, and hosted a website to gain public input from town residents and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, after extensive study and development of multiple alternatives to address the issue, a full replacement of the existing concrete slab bridge deck with a new prefabricated concrete slab capable of supporting the movement of 286,000-pound rail cars was identified as the most effective solution to address the existing weight limitation and was selected as the Preliminary Preferred Alternative; and

WHEREAS, the study team informed the Town of Hackettstown local officials of the Preliminary Preferred Alternative on Thursday, December 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hackettstown adopted a resolution of support for the Preliminary Preferred Alternative on Thursday, February 13, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County formally supports the Preliminary Preferred Alternative identified in the Hackettstown Bridge over Drain Weight Restriction Elimination Project study, and the pursuit of public funding to eliminate the existing 286,000-pound weight restriction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Town of Hackettstown and to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
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**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
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RESOLUTION 165-20

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held April 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO
IMMEDIATELY ALLOCATE CRITICALLY NEEDED EMERGENCY AND
ECONOMIC FUNDING TO THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, in response to the deadly COVID-19 (“Corona Virus”) pandemic the Federal Government recently enacted several pieces of legislation aimed at reducing the economic impact and protecting public health; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”) is largest emergency aid package in United States History and provides for over two trillion dollars (\$2,000,000,000,000) in emergency and economic aid and allocates billions of dollars of relief to individuals, businesses, the health care system and state, county and local governments; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the United States Senators for the State of New Jersey, Robert Menendez and Cory Booker, announced the release of the first wave of Federal funding pursuant to the CARES Act under which New Jersey would receive a combined total in excess of eighty-two million dollars (\$82,000,000) in State and local funding and of which fifteen million seven-hundred thousand dollars (\$15,700,000) in discretionary funding was allocated directly to the State Government; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding that Northern New Jersey has one of the highest concentrations of confirmed cases in the entire world and is currently considered to be at the epicenter of the national and global emergency caused by the deadly Corona Virus, the County of Warren is only one (1) of four (4) New Jersey Counties not to receive any federal funding; and

WHEREAS, while several other counties within the State with significantly less Corona Virus cases received federal aid, the taxpayers and residents of Warren County and a few other counties have been marginalized, ignored and left to carry the heavy burden and cost of responding to the most significant national emergency that has faced this Country since World War 2 alone and without the benefit of critically needed federal and state assistance; and

WHEREAS, unlike in other parts of the State where testing centers have been opened with the help of State or Federal assistance, Warren County, with the assistance of St. Luke’s Hospital and local municipalities, took action to open a testing center on its own initiative and funded solely by the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, imploring Federal and State Government to take notice of the significant impact on residents and taxpayers of Warren County caused by the Corona Virus epidemic and to take immediate action to correct and address the inequities caused by the current allocation of State and Federal and provide the necessary funding and resources to the County of Warren and municipalities within the County to protect the health and safety of the public.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
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RESOLUTION 166-20

On a motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held April 8, 2020.

RESOLUTION IMPLORING THE GOVERNORS OF NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA, AS WELL AS THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF ST. LUKE'S UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK AND THE LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK, TO PROMULGATE UPDATED PROTOCOLS REGARDING OBSTETRICAL LABOR, DELIVERY AND VISITATION

WHEREAS, to witness the birth of a child is our best opportunity “to experience the meaning of the word miracle” (Paul Carvel); and

WHEREAS, one of the greatest joys experienced by a spouse is being able to participate in the birth of and have that initial bonding with a new baby; and

WHEREAS, many Warren County couples have brought it to the attention of the Board of Chosen Freeholders that St. Luke's University Health Network and Lehigh Valley Health Network have imposed a ban on New Jersey visitors, including for maternity visits; and

WHEREAS, this ban is particularly discriminatory against Warren County couples, as neither hospital in Warren County offers maternity services, leaving expectant parents no choice but to use medical facilities located outside of the County; and

WHEREAS, Warren County's number of COVID-19 infections is far fewer than the amount reported in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley, where St. Luke's University Health Network and Lehigh Valley Health Network maternity facilities are located, so a ban on family members assisting in the birth of a baby is an unnecessary and heavy-handed approach not supported by the facts; and

WHEREAS, the New York Department of Health has updated specific guidelines for obstetrical and pediatric settings providing for familial support in labor and delivery as well as the immediate postpartum period if the patient so desires; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Health Commissioner Judith Persichilli has issued an order to hospitals requiring them to allow one designated support person to be with the expectant mother, deeming such support as essential to patient care throughout labor, delivery, and the immediate postpartum period; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders shares the sentiment that a child's birth is a special moment and should be celebrated; and

WHEREAS, the delivery of a baby without a spouse or any family members present creates additional stress and anxiety, which could impact delivery; and

WHEREAS, an amended order on visitation, being cognizant of symptoms of COVID-19 and protocols addressing the health, safety and welfare of all patients and staff, should be implemented to ensure a practical, prudent, and reasonable policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren requests that Gov. Phil Murphy of the State of New Jersey and Gov. Tom Wolf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as well as the respective boards of trustees of St. Luke's University Hospital Network and the Lehigh Valley Health Network, modify the policies for labor and delivery for the birth of a child to permit participation by designated family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Gov. Murphy, Gov. Wolf, and to the respective boards of trustees of St. Luke's University Hospital Network and the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 167-20

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held April 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC2023 AND
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS
FOR AUTO COLLISION REPAIRS FOR THE
PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2020 THROUGH MAY 31, 2021
WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO
ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC2023 for auto collision repairs is hereby approved

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for bids for the above in The Star-Ledger.

Funds for this contract will be provided in budget account 013150/5100 – Motor Pool Program Operating Expenditures.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 168-20

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held April 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO ELECTION SYSTEMS
& SOFTWARE, LLC, TO PROVIDE LICENSE AND
SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE ELECTION
MACHINES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 FOR THE WARREN
COUNTY ELECTION BOARD IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
\$92,985.00**

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a purchase order for computer maintenance services and licenses on specific special licensed computer software; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd)) is an exception and requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, as a non-fair and open contract; and

WHEREAS, Warren County has received all necessary documentation to allow award of this contract including the Business Entity Disclosure Certification, Certificate of Compliance With Campaign Contribution Law and the Determination of Value and these forms are on file; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Purchasing has certified that this meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contracts,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to Election Systems & Software, LLC, of Omaha, Nebraska for providing computer licensing and software maintenance on licensed products for the Warren County Election Board

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren as follows:

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a purchase order to Election Systems & Software, LLC, of Omaha, Nebraska.
 2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Exception" in accordance with 40A:11-5(dd) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services provided are for proprietary computer hardware and software maintenance.
 3. A notice of this action shall be published in the The Star-Ledger.
- Funding for this contract is provided in budget account 011250/5026 – Election Board – Contracted Services

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 169-20

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held April 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF
KEYBOARDING CLERK 3, CLASSIFIED, AND
ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF
CLERK STENOGRAPHER 3, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE
WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that a full-time position of *Keyboarding Clerk 3*, classified, is created within the Warren County Health Department to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a full-time position of *Clerk Stenographer 3*, classified, is abolished effective immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the newly created position of *Keyboarding Clerk 3* is created on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 0637 and made effective April 9, 2020.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex Lazorisak

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