

*\*These minutes were approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on August 12, 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 July 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Due to social distancing directives, this meeting was 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: Freeholder Jason Sarnoski, Freeholder Deputy Director James Kern III, Freeholder Director Richard Gardner, County Counsel Joe Bell, County Administrator Alex Lazorisak, County CFO Kim Francisco, County Engineer Bill Gleba County, Health Officer Peter Summers and Deputy Freeholder Clerk Holly Luberto. County Planner David Dech was away.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Director Gardner read the following OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) statement: ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING *OF JULY 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 1-800-747-5150 or 1-303-248-1290; WHEN PROMPTED FOR MEETING NUMBER (ACCESS CODE) PRESS 4756560 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 June 24, 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 June 24, 2020 were approved.

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

When opening up the phone line for Public Comments (agenda items only), Mr. Gardner requested all participants keep their phones on mute unless speaking, to eliminate background noise and disruption during public comment. There were no public comments at this time.

**FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 293-20**

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 294-20**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, **INSERTION INTO THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,400.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS – LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL AWARD OF \$75,841.00.**

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

**RESOLUTION 295-20**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, INSERTION INTO THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,675.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES, OPIOID INNOVATION GRANT.

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

**RESOLUTION 296-20**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, INSERTION INTO THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,292,053.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION, SECTION 5311 CARES ACT TRANSPORTATION GRANT.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 297-20**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

**RESOLUTION 298-20**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE #16006/MORRIS COUNTY BRIDGE #1401190, STEPHENSBURG ROAD OVER THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY AND WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MORRIS COUNTY.

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

**RESOLUTION 299-20**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY WORK ZONE SPEED LIMIT DURING REPAIR WORK TO BRIDGE #20008 OVER THE POHATCONG CREEK, POHATCONG TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

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

**RESOLUTION 300-20**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESIDENCY PREFERENCE FOR PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF WARREN COUNTY.

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

**RESOLUTION 301-20**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY TO REIMBURSE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS WITH POPULATIONS OF 500,000 RESIDENTS OR LESS WITH FEDERAL MONIES FROM THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN COMBATING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

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

Mr. Sarnoski elaborated on the resolution appealing to Governor Murphy for reimbursement, noting Warren County is out \$1.6 million for expenses incurred relative to COVID-19, including setting up a testing site and complying with the governor’s executive orders. He said this was extremely important and the Board would continue to fight for it.

Mr. Kern agreed, saying our county had yet to see any money, which was unacceptable. He said New Jersey’s entire congressional delegation – both democrat and republican – sent a letter to Governor Murphy on April 10 asking him to release money to counties that had not yet received any aid under the CARES Act. He insisted this was not a partisan issue nor a regional issue; the governor was failing to give Warren County the money it needs. “We knew the state wasn’t going to assist us with a site early on; our staff stepped up to the plate and made that site happen, and we have been left hung out to dry here in Warren County,” said Mr. Kern. He hoped the governor would realize that there are 21 counties in our state, all of which should be funded fairly.

Mr. Gardner said the CARES Act is federal money, and considering the state tax dollars our residents are required to pay, this funding should not be held up by the governor. “Our folks are feeling the pain just like anybody else, anywhere else in the state,” he said.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS

**RESOLUTION 302-20**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS WC2031C AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE CONTRACTS FOR 2021 HUMAN SERVICES & AGING AND DISABILITY PROGRAMS.

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

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

**RESOLUTION 303-20**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1737 FOR INMATE COMMISSARY SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER TO ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021 FOR THE FOURTH YEAR OF A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(10), AT A COMMISSION RATE OF 40%.

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

**RESOLUTION 304-20**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION RE: ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WC1976FO, DECEMBER 11, 2019, QUALIFYING SURVEYORS FOR THE YEAR 2020 WITH AN INITIAL AMOUNT – CHANGE OF NAME FROM KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC., TO GREENMAN PEDERSEN, INC.

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

RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JUDITH LEONE FROM THE WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

M. Gardner said he had known Judy Leone a long time. “What a fabulous individual... she’s done a great job for the county,” he said, and accepted her resignation with regret. Mr. Sarnoski agreed.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joe Bell said he had one matter for Executive Session regarding the W.M. case.

County Engineer Bill Gleba had no report, but Mr. Gardner asked him about the volume of traffic near White Lake, as Hardwick Township officials noted it could be difficult to exit the natural resource area. He wondered if something could be done in terms of signage to slow people down in the area. Mr. Gleba said this was the first he was hearing about it, so he intended to reach out to Land Preservation director Corey Tierney to find out about the situation and take a look, but he wasn't sure there was anything they could do.

County Planner Dave Dech was away on vacation.

County CFO Kim Francisco said it was early, but already time to start thinking about next year's budget. As was mentioned, the county has spent \$1.6 million responding to COVID-19 with no reimbursement to date. "It's really important we get some money from the state," he said, or else it will have to come out of our surplus. Department heads will have to be prepared to look at the budget differently next year.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak said the latest position vacancy report contained nothing noteworthy.

Turning to a coronavirus update, Mr. Lazorisak said it had been 120 days since the formation of the County's COVID-19 task force. As discussed, the county was roughly \$1.6 million out-of-pocket and had not received any money. He was pleased to report that the CFO and Office of Emergency Management submitted documentation for our first round of reimbursement to FEMA. He said the process took more than two weeks because the state's website crashed, and once it was recovered, the person assigned to process Warren County's application was been furloughed for 10 days. "So we'll be waiting another two weeks before it even gets looked at," he said, but he had confirmed that the state does not have this money. Once the state reviews this, it will go to the federal level. Given the history of how long it takes FEMA reimbursements to arrive, Mr. Lazorisak said he would be shocked to see any money by the end of this year.

Mr. Lazorisak said he was working with John Donnadio, Executive Director of NJAC, and a few other County Administrators to appeal to the governor's office to make the counties whole.

Within the county, many safety measures have been installed and implemented (Plexiglas, etc.). Offices of the County Clerk, Surrogate, Board of Elections, Board of Taxation and Prosecutor were prepared to open by appointment the following week. Mr. Lazorisak hoped that most county offices would be back up to full staff by July 20. He said all have been cooperative and diligent. “Knock on wood, we’ve been safe and secure here in Warren County,” he said.

Mr. Gardner asked how many employees had contracted the coronavirus. “Just a handful,” said Mr. Lazorisak, and noted preventative measures currently in place, such as temperature screenings upon arrival, mask protocols in common areas, and daily disinfecting procedures. “Everyone’s chipping in,” Mr. Lazorisak said, “We’ve been very safe.”

County Health Officer Pete Summers said the latest COVID-19 data had been posted online earlier in the day and available for viewing in detail, so he only highlighted a few numbers: Warren County’s average number of cases per day had been 2.8 for the past week, up from 1.7 the week before, and 2.5 the week prior to that. “It’s still pretty low,” he said, noting that our positivity rate was 3.2 percent, well below the 5 percent threshold for safe openings. Regarding the infection rate, currently at 1.0, Mr. Summers said we want that to be less than one. This number means we have one new case of infection for every positive case we have.

On re-openings, Mr. Summers said his department has been talking to our school districts, and he was pleased to report that all superintendents were “all of one mind” and working together to produce a good plan for reopening schools. Mr. Summers has been in contact with Health Officers of Hunterdon and Sussex to coordinate similar guidance for schools across the three counties, which the superintendents appreciated, as they wanted to take the same approach. He thought the schools would be in as good a shape as possible when they reopen in the fall. There will be some differences between grammar schools and high schools, and there will be some hybrid plans, with half the students attending Monday and Wednesday and the rest Tuesday and Thursday, for example, as well as some online education. “It’s fluid because the state’s guidance is fluid, too,” Mr. Summers said.

### FREEHOLDER COMMENTS

Mr. Kern was scheduled to meet with St. Luke’s Hospital along with Phillipsburg Mayor Todd Tersigni at the end of the month to revisit maternity ward access policies, as New Jersey families have been treated differently than Pennsylvanians.

Mr. Sarnoski spoke of the primary election having been the prior day, and how things were more complicated due to the pandemic and mail-in ballot voting. He said the Board of Elections and County Clerk's Office were working diligently to count the votes, and it would take some additional time to confirm official results. He said he had not heard of any major issues with the primary. "Hopefully we get this process completed and we can have a normal election in November, which I really want," said Mr. Sarnoski.

Mr. Gardner asked if the Election Board expected things to run smoothly in November. "I think they're just trying to get through this one," said Mr. Sarnoski, noting it was a good test case for the future. There were some issues elsewhere in the state with regard to ballot dissemination, and the state's online resource providing polling place information apparently went down. Here, most issues seemed to be minor and dealt with accordingly. Mr. Gardner thought if November's election consisted of in-person voting, certain polling places would need to be reexamined because they are rather tight.

Mr. Gardner had nothing else to report, and hoped everyone was enjoying the summer.

Mr. Gardner opened up the line for closing public comments, reminding participants to keep their phone on mute unless speaking during public comment, but no one spoke out. There were no comments or questions from the press, either.

County Counsel Joe Bell withdrew his request for Executive Session, saying the one matter about which he intended to apprise the Board was not of any urgency and could wait until a later date.

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, and there being no further business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



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**RESOLUTION 293-20**

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 July 8, 2020.

**Be and it is hereby resolved** that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2020-24 and 2020-25, dated July 8, 2020**, in the amount of **\$3,834,585.36** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2020-25	7/1/2020	\$1,326,315.16	
2020-26	7/8/2020	<u>213,783.36</u>	
TOTAL			\$1,540,098.52
Horizon (Prescription, Claims, Admin)	6/29/2020	\$767,879.73	
Aetna-July	6/29/2020	163,919.54	
Sun Life Financial-July	6/29/2020	56,354.74	
Home Depot	7/1/2020	<u>3,416.40</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			991,570.41
Payroll (including fringe)	7/2/2020	\$1,302,916.43	
Subsistence	7/2/2020	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,302,916.43</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$3,834,585.36</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.

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Alex J. Lazorisak

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

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**RESOLUTION 294-20**

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**INSERTION INTO THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE  
COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$9,400.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE, STATE COUNCIL ON  
THE ARTS – LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL  
AWARD OF \$75,841.00**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2020 in the sum of \$9,400.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of State – State Council on the Arts – Local Arts Program

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$9,400.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”

State of New Jersey, Department of State – State Council on the Arts – Local Arts Program  
(administered by the Culture & Heritage Dept.)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of State – State Council on the Arts

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

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**INSERTION INTO THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE  
COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$36,675.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION  
OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES,  
OPIOID INNOVATION GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A-:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2020 in the sum of \$36,675.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services, Opioid Innovation Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$36,675.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”

State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services,  
Opioid Innovation Grant (administered by the Human Services Dept.)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Human 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.

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**RESOLUTION 296-20**

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 July 8, 2020.

**INSERTION INTO THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE  
COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,292,053.00  
FROM THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION,  
SECTION 5311 CARES ACT TRANSPORTATION GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A-:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the adjustment of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the adjustment of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2020 in the sum of \$1,292,053.00, which item is now available from the New Jersey Transit Corporation, Section 5311 Cares Act Transportation Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the revised sum of \$1,292,053.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”

New Jersey Transit Corporation, Section 5311 Cares Act Transportation Grant (administered by the Human Services Dept.)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

**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 297-20**

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 July 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**WHEREAS**, Warren County wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$244,017. With a match of \$136,620. For an approximate project total cost of \$380,637 for a project under the State of New Jersey Victims of Crime Act Grant Program, V-21-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is a joint effort between the Office of the Attorney General Department of Law and Public Safety and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office for the purpose described in the application;

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

- 1) As a matter of public policy the Warren County Prosecutor's Office wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Office of the Attorney General Department of Law and Public Safety.
- 2) The Office of the Attorney General Department of Law and Public Safety will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
- 3) The Office of the Attorney General Department of Law and Public Safety shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
- 4) The Office of the Attorney General Department of Law and Public Safety shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders agrees to provide in-kind matching funds up to \$136,620. Pursuant to the match requirements for the grant.

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

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, Clerk

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**RESOLUTION 298-20**

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 July 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE  
#16006/MORRIS COUNTY BRIDGE #1401190, STEPHENSBURG ROAD  
OVER THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY  
AND WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MORRIS COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the County Engineer has determined that the closure of the above bridge is needed to provide for structural repairs for deficiencies observed during the inspection of the bridge with said repair classified as a priority repair; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic will be detoured utilizing New Jersey State Route 57, Old Turnpike Road and Stephensburg Road utilizing Highway Occupancy Permit plans as approved by the NJDOT Operation Permits Office; and

**WHEREAS** the bridge will remain closed until such time as the priority repairs are completed on the bridge structure; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the closing of Warren County Bridge #16006 and associated detour plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Mansfield Township (Warren County), Washington Township (Morris County) and the County of Morris.

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

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**RESOLUTION 299-20**

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 July 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY WORK ZONE SPEED LIMIT  
DURING REPAIR WORK TO BRIDGE #20008 OVER THE POHATCONG CREEK,  
POHATCONG TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the County Engineer has determined that repair work is required on County Bridge #20008, located along County Route #519 in Pohatcong Township; 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 work;

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

- Section 1. That the work zone speed limit in both directions of traffic along County Route #519 during repair work to Bridge #20008 over the Pohatcong Creek in Pohatcong Township, Warren County, New Jersey be established as follows:
- Zone 1. 25 MPH between County Route #636 (Municipal Drive) and 300 feet South of Browns Lane within Pohatcong Township.
- Section 2. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated speed limit when work is being performed.
- Section 3. The above speed limit shall be in effect beginning upon installation of the construction work zone, tentatively mid-July, 2020 and shall remain in effect until the work is complete.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Pohatcong Township.

**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.

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Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
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**RESOLUTION 300-20**

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 July 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESIDENCY PREFERENCE FOR  
PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF WARREN COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren is authorized to promulgate residency requirements and standards for appointment to positions and employment in classified and unclassified positions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that such residency requirements promulgated herein as a residency preference will enhance the quality of employee performance and will produce general economic benefits flowing from local expenditures of employees' salaries;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, as follows:

1. Unless otherwise provided by law or by provision within this Resolution, it is preferred that all officers and employees hired by the local unit, the County of Warren, after the effective date of this Resolution be bona fide residents of the County of Warren. A bona fide resident for the purpose of this Resolution is a person having a permanent domicile within the County of Warren and one which has not been adopted with the intention of again taking up or claiming a previous residence acquired outside of the County of Warren's boundaries.
2. It is preferred that applicants for positions and employments in the classified service with the County of Warren at the exclusion of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office and the Warren County Sheriff's Office be bona fide residents of the County of Warren. The referenced exclusions are made in accordance with decisional and statutory authority. If the New Jersey Civil Service Commission, after ample advertisement, determines that an insufficient number of qualified residents exist for available positions or employment in the County of Warren, it may open eligibility lists for such positions or employments to qualified nonresidents pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-1.6, as set forth in Paragraph 3 of this Resolution.
3. Whenever the County Administrator shall determine that there cannot be recruited a sufficient number of qualified residents for available specific positions or employments, the Warren County Personnel Department shall advertise for other qualified applicants. The County Administrator shall thereupon classify all qualified applicants for such positions or employments so determined in the following manner:



- (A) Other residents of contiguous counties.
- (B) Other residents of the State of New Jersey.
- (C) All other qualified applicants.

The appointing authority should first appoint all those in class A and then those in each succeeding class in the order above listed and should appoint a person or persons in any such class to a position or positions, or employment or employments, remaining after all qualified applicants in the preceding class or classes have been appointed or have declined an offer of appointment. The preference established by this Paragraph shall in no way diminish, reduce or affect the preferences granted pursuant to any other provisions of the law. The New Jersey Civil Service Commission shall be notified that such preference schedule has been determined to be applicable for any specific position or employment, in order that the New Jersey Civil Service Commission may classify all applicants for such position or employment accordingly.

4. Whenever the County Administrator shall determine that there are certain specific positions and employments requiring special talents or skills which are necessary for the operations of the County of Warren and which are not likely to be found among the residents of the County of Warren, such positions or employments so determined shall, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:9-1.7 be filled without reference to residency. At the time of such a determination, the County Administrator will indicate the formal criteria under which it has been determined that the position or employment requires special skills or talents. The criteria pursuant to which such positions and employments shall be so determined are as follows: (A) Any position or employment, the services which are specialized and qualitative in nature; (B) Any position or employment which requires expertise and extensive training; (C) Any position or employment, the services of which will be required to be performed by an individual who has a proven reputation in the particular field or endeavor; (D) Any position or employment, the talents, skills, services or other important characteristics of which cannot be reasonably described by written specifications; (E) Any position or employment, the services of which must or foreseeably will be rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession or a person whose practice is regulated by law; (F) Any position or employment whose performance requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study as distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship and training.
5. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, in the event the County Administrator shall determine an insufficient number of qualified County and State residents exist for available positions or employment in the County of Warren, the County may, in its discretion, appoint an out-of-state resident for employment in such position, provided that any person so appointed shall have one (1) year from the time of taking the office, employment, or position to satisfy the requirement of principal residency in the State of New Jersey or otherwise obtain an exemption from that requirement on the basis of critical hardship in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-7. In the event the person so appointed fails to satisfy the principal residency requirement or obtain an exemption from that requirement within the time herein provided, the person shall be deemed unqualified for the office, employment, or position and shall be subject to removal from the same.
6. Preference shall be given in promotion to officers and employees of the local unit, County of Warren, who are bona fide residents of the County of Warren. When promotions are based upon merit as determined by suitable promotion tests or other objective criteria, a resident shall be given preference over a nonresident in any instance when all other measurable criteria are equal. The preference granted by this Paragraph shall in no way diminish, reduce, or affect the preference granted pursuant to any other provision of law.

7. Should any portion of this Resolution be declared illegal or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions hereof being fully severable;
8. This Resolution shall in no way affect or apply to persons already in the employ of the County of Warren as of the effective date of this Resolution. Nothing in this Resolution shall restrict employees from relocating their residence outside of Warren County after permanent employment, except that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-7, an employee that moves out of State is subject to disqualification from public employment in the absence of obtaining an exemption from the State residency requirement.
9. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption of same.
10. All prior resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency only.
11. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission-and all Warren County department heads, to indicate the intent of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Any subsequent modification of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission within twenty (20) days after adoption.

**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.

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Alex J. Lazorisak \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
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**RESOLUTION 301-20**

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 July 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY TO REIMBURSE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS WITH POPULATIONS OF 500,000 RESIDENTS OR LESS WITH FEDERAL MONIES FROM THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN COMBATING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

**WHEREAS**, county governments have led the way on the front lines and played a vital role in providing essential services and protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of residents across the Garden State during this once in a generation pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, county governments have incurred substantial costs in responding to the COVID-19 public health crisis by operating test centers, purchasing and distributing personal protective equipment, hiring public nurses, implementing mitigation measures, disinfecting county facilities, sheltering homeless and at-risk individuals, managing correctional facilities, administering social services programs, conducting elections, and more; and,

**WHEREAS**, under the CARES Act, the State of New Jersey received \$2.5 billion in federal CRF monies to alleviate the staggering financial burden imposed by the COVID-19 public health crisis and of which the United States Department of Treasury authorized to provide much-needed relief for local governing bodies that did not receive direct aid because their populations fell below 500,000 residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Treasure of the State of New Jersey allocated \$250.0 million in CRF monies to the Local Government Relief Fund in the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to reimburse local governing bodies for COVID-19 related expenses but has yet to release any funding while county governments continue to spend millions in limited property taxpayer dollars battling the COVID-19 public health crisis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren urge Governor Phil Murphy to reimburse counties with populations of 500,000 residents or less with federal monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for the extraordinary expenses incurred in combating the COVID-19 public health crisis.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution are forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey Phil Murphy; the President of the New Jersey State Senate Steve Sweeney; the Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin; the congressional and the legislative delegations Warren County; the clerks of the board of chosen freeholders in Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Morris, Salem, Somerset, Sussex and Warren counties; the municipal clerks in each of the municipalities located with Warren County; the New Jersey State League of Municipalities; and , the New Jersey Association of Counties.

**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.

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**RESOLUTION 302-20**

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 July 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS WC2031C AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE  
CONTRACTS FOR 2021 HUMAN SERVICES & AGING AND  
DISABILITY PROGRAMS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that specification WC2031C for competitive contracts for 2021 Human Services & Aging and Disability Programs funding is hereby approved.

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

Funds for and resulting contracts will be subject to the availability of funding and adoption of the 2021 county budget and anticipated 2021 federal and state grant funds.

**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.

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Alex J. Lazorisak

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**RESOLUTION 303-20**

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 July 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1737 FOR  
INMATE COMMISSARY SERVICES FOR THE  
WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER  
TO ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, INC.,  
FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020  
THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021 FOR THE FOURTH  
YEAR OF A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT AS  
PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT  
LAW 40A:11-15 (10), AT A COMMISSION RATE OF  
40%**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Warren County Contract WC1737 for inmate commissary services for the Warren County Correctional Center is hereby extended for the fourth year of a five year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(10) said contract is hereby extended for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

**to . . . Aramark Correctional Services, Inc., Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois**

**In the amount of . . . contractor to pay commission in the amount of 40%**

**as per their bid submitted . . . August 1, 2017**

**No county funds are required for this contract.**

**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.

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Alex J. Lazorisak

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**RESOLUTION 304-20**

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 July 8, 2020.

**RESOLUTION RE: ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WC1976FO,  
DECEMBER 11, 2019, QUALIFYING SURVEYORS  
FOR THE YEAR 2020 WITH AN INITIAL AMOUNT  
– CHANGE OF NAME FROM KELLER &  
KIRKPATRICK, INC., TO GREENMAN  
PEDERSEN, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren awarded a qualifying contract to Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc., for the year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc., has legally changed its name to Greenman Pedersen, Inc., and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Director reports that service under this contract have continued uninterrupted by Greenman Pedersen, Inc., at the level of service required; and

**WHEREAS**, Greenman Pedersen, Inc., has agreed to ratify and assume the contract previously entered into with Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc., and to fulfill all obligations and to be bound by the terms herein;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders approves continuance of the contract for this service and authorizes the Director to sign an addendum to the contract reflecting the change in the name of the vendor to Greenman Pedersen, Inc., and its ratification and assumption of the existing contract.

**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.

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