

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN

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EMERGENCY MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

WAYNE DUMONT, JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO FLAG

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975)

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING *OF AUGUST 19, 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.

NOTICE * This Agenda is subject to change by order of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders before, and / or during the scheduled meeting *

Approval of Minutes

A. MEETINGS

B. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT/PROCLAMATIONS

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

THE COUNTY REQUESTS THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS KEEP THEIR PHONE ON MUTE UNLESS SPEAKING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS WILL ELIMINATE BACKGROUND NOISE AND DISRUPTION DURING PUBLIC COMMENT.

D. FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

E. RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR FUNDING FOR COVID-19 TESTING AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXISTING COVID-19 EXPENSES.

F. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS

G. RESOLUTIONS REJECTING BIDS

H. RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

I. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

J. PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

K. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

COUNTY COUNSEL

COUNTY ENGINEER

COUNTY PLANNER

COUNTY CFO

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

L. FREEHOLDER COMMENTS

JIM KERN, III:

RICK GARDNER:

JASON SARNOSKI:

M. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

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N. PRESS COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

P. ADJOURNMENT

REMINDERS

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RESOLUTION

On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held August 19, 2020.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/NEW JERSEY
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WHEREAS, the 2019 coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 outbreak, which causes the disease known as COVID-19 has spread throughout the United States of America, including but not limited to the State of New Jersey (State); and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 within New Jersey constitutes an imminent public health hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, New Jersey Governor Philip D. Murphy issued Executive Order No. 103 (EO 103) proclaiming that a public health emergency and state of emergency exist in the State due to COVID-19 and, thereafter, issued Executive Order Nos. 119, 138, 151, 162 and 171 continuing EO 103, as well as all other Executive Orders issued to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency, due to the continued public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, EO 103 recognizes that it is necessary and appropriate to take action against this public health hazard to protect and maintain, as well as, restore the health, safety and welfare of State residents and visitors pursuant to the Emergency Health Powers Act (EHPA), N.J.S.A. 26-:13-1 et seq., and the Disaster Control Act (DCA), N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq., among other legal authorities; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey may be able to use or apply for federal funding to cover some or all of the costs of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) has determined that expansive and extensive testing of individuals for COVID-19 is essential not only for mitigating and controlling the spread of the virus but also to determine the prevalence of the spread of the virus in the State; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) has been designated to administer and disburse Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) received by the New Jersey Department of Treasury (NJ Treasury) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. 116-136-; and

WHEREAS, the costs of providing COVID-19 testing are permissible CRF expenditures pursuant to guidance issued by the United States Department of Treasury (U.S. Treasury); and

WHEREAS, U.S. Treasury permits CRF grantees to transfer funds to local government units, such as counties, for CRF-eligible expenses; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren (County) desires to further implement COVID-19 testing in accordance with the State’s overall testing scheme; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to execute the County testing program, the State has agreed to provide the County with CRF funds as outlined below; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, under the Cooperative Agreement entitled “Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control Emerging Infections Diseases - Enhancing Detection Supplement” (‘ELC’), Grant No. 1 NU50CK000525-0100, CFDA No 93.323, effective August 1, 2019 through November 30, 2022, NJDOH has received funding to conduct public health activities into the surveillance, detection and investigation of communicable diseases, including COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:1A-15, NJDOH is authorized to enter contractual agreements to carry out the mission of the Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:4-1 et seq., NJDOH is authorized to conduct public health activities related to communicable disease prevention and control; and

WHEREAS, under the declared Public Health Emergency, the Commissioner of the Department of Health is empowered, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:13-12, to take all reasonable and necessary measures to prevent the transmission of infectious disease and apply proper controls and treatment for infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the ELC Grant requires the Grantee to work with local health departments to build local capacity for testing of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 including within high-risk settings or in vulnerable populations that reside in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the State has determined that it is imperative to establish and support robust County-based testing operations to ensure there is sufficient capacity available to test State residents for COVID-19; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Freeholder Director is authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Warren and the New Jersey Department Office of Emergency Management/New Jersey Department of Health.

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

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