

**These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on October 27, 2021. Full texts of resolutions appear at the end of this document.*

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren met in Regular Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on September 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Kern and upon roll call, the following members were present: Commissioner Lori Ciesla, Commissioner Deputy Director Jason Sarnoski and Commissioner Director James Kern III. Also attending were County Administrator Alex Lazorisak, Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell IV, County Engineer Bill Gleba, County Planner Dave Dech and Deputy Commissioner Clerk Holly Luberto. County CFO Kim Francisco was away.

After leading the flag salute, Mr. Kern read the following OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) statement: ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT IN THE ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE. SAID NOTICE WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK, TRANSMITTED TO THE STAR LEDGER AND DAILY RECORD AND POSTED ON THE PUBLIC BULLETIN BOARDS AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD COMMISSIONERS AND THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE AND ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, IT IS THE POLICY OF THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS UPON ADVANCE REQUEST.

THE MEETING AGENDA AND OTHER PUBLIC DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE, WWW.CO.WARREN.NJ.US. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WHETHER PARTICIPATING IN-PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE OR REMOTE OPTION, WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING. THOSE PARTICIPATING TELEPHONICALLY OR REMOTELY WILL REMAIN ON MUTE UNTIL SUCH TIME. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE SEE RULES OF CONDUCT AND DECORUM THAT ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE.

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the minutes of the Regular Session of September 8, 2021 were approved.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the minutes of the Executive Session of September 8, 2021 were approved.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT/PROCLAMATIONS

PROCLAMATION 417-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, PROCLAMATION – DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH, OCTOBER 2021.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

Ms. Ciesla said she was very thankful for the Department of Human Services and Division of Aging & Disabilities, as well as groups like Abilities that help find employment for clients and support for caregivers. She spoke of a family member who suffered brain damage resulting from an accident in his youth, who derives great joy in the employment he was able to procure through the services in his county. “I think it makes a big difference to everybody,” she said.

Mr. Sarnoski said employment was such an important aspect of our society. He was grateful to Abilities and other organizations that help make positive changes to benefit the community and economy.

Mr. Kern said prior to the pandemic, he had the privilege of visiting the Abilities Thrift Shop in Pohatcong, where they teach clients work and life skills. He thought it was wonderful to have such a tremendous support staff in Warren County, helping individuals of all walks of life. Warren County has long been a supporter of these types of organizations, and Mr. Kern said it would continue to be. “To do this proclamation is a great honor,” he said.

Accepting the proclamation was Cindy Wildermuth, CEO of Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc. She thanked the commissioners, and the county as a whole, for the continued support for the community served. She said more than 800 individuals had been placed in employment over the years. This year’s theme was “America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion”. Ms. Wildermuth said everybody has different talents, strengths and skills. “It’s important to remember to include those in the workforce,” she said.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Tara Mezzanotte of the I-80 DWG Coalition took the lead on remarks relative to agenda item E-2, requesting the NJ DOT initiate a problem statement to study the safety, mobility, and congestion issues on I-80 from exit 4/Columbia to the Delaware Water Gap Bridge. She was accompanied by a number of stakeholders from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. “We’ve all been really fighting pretty hard against big government,” she said, adding that these small, rural communities didn’t have much of a chance individually, but collectively – with the support of county government – they hoped to be heard. She expressed gratitude to the commissioners for the aforementioned resolution, and for sending a letter to senators Booker and Menendez in support of Congressman Gottheimer’s amendment to defund the rockfall project. “It would accomplish the same goal,” she said, “to slow the rockfall project down and give us a chance to pressure the NJ DOT to do their job, which is to keep us safe and fix the s-curve.”

The following individuals each took a turn thanking the commissioners and Ms. Mezzanotte on behalf of their constituents for their actions in support of this bi-state, bi-partisan effort: Sandra Newman, Vice Chair of the Lower Mount Bethel Township, PA Board of Supervisors; John Bermingham, member of the Upper Mount Bethel Township, PA Board of Supervisors; Kevin Duffy, Mayor of Hardwick Township, NJ; Larry Freshcorn, Mayor of the Borough of Delaware Water Gap, PA; and Frank Van Horn, former mayor of Knowlton Township.

Mr. Van Horn, a local character, spoke of having run milk trucks on that stretch of Route 80 for 45 years, calculating he had made about three million trips through the Delaware Water Gap, never once encountering a detour due to rocks falling. “This is a generational decision,” he said, one that will affect our children and grandchildren. He thought the public should be able to vote on this project. He thought the citizenry should have a say, and pointed out that the people making these decisions were appointed, rather than elected. “I want you to be proud of doing this, because this is the right thing to do,” Mr. Van Horn said to the commissioners.

Chuck Walsh of Knowlton Township spoke in support of agenda item E-3, the restoration of passenger rail service, on behalf of North Jersey Rail Commuter Association and Lackawanna Cutoff Historical Committee. He was also appreciative of the I-80 endeavors being discussed.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 418-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 419-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BY-LAWS OF THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 420-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INITIATE A PROBLEM STATEMENT TO STUDY THE SAFETY, MOBILITY, AND CONGESTION ISSUES ON I-80 FROM EXIT 4/COLUMBIA TO THE DELAWARE WATER GAP BRIDGE.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

Mr. Sarnoski thanked all those who remarked earlier for their encouragement. “All of you supporting us, and all that you have done, makes it so much easier,” he said, and singled out Ms. Mezzanotte for being such a driving force and honing in on the data. “I’ve been vocal on the NJTPA, but unfortunately, we have to keep putting pressure on all those members, because one vote is just not going to do it, we’re going to need multiple,” he said, “I want to thank everyone for all their hard work.”

Ms. Ciesla echoed Mr. Sarnoski’s sentiments, and complimented Ms. Mezzanotte for being able to gather small towns together to form a larger entity that keeps fighting this. She hoped these efforts would buy some time to fix the problem. “Together, we’re mighty, and hopefully, it will work,” she said.

With respect to the passenger rail service, Ms. Ciesla said it would make a big difference. With all the warehouse development occurring in our area, rail would alleviate some problems.

First commenting on I-80, Mr. Kern mentioned participating in a rally on the Pennsylvania side of the river this time last year. “We’ve come full circle here, and yet we’ve still not seen any progression from the state government on this issue, so again, your persistence is tremendous and I thank you,” he said.

Moving on to the passenger rail resolution, Mr. Kern said anyone who drives on Route 80 or 78 has seen rail disappear and vehicular traffic increase. He recalled having participated in a call with the Trump administration back when he was mayor of Pohatcong, and being told there was no funding available for rail in the Lehigh Valley. “Now there’s an opportunity where there is funding available, so Warren County is taking the position that if there are going to be some infrastructure improvements, this is one that should happen because it will benefit everyone here in Warren County, both along the Route 80 corridor and the Route 78 corridor,” said Mr. Kern.

RESOLUTION 421-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RESTORATION OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN NEW YORK CITY AND SCRANTON, PA, AND BETWEEN NEW YORK CITY AND ALLENTOWN, PA AS IDENTIFIED IN “AMTRAK’S VISION FOR IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION ACROSS AMERICA”.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 422-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2022 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR THE NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND PROGRAM AND THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,069,406.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 423-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSING OF PORTIONS OF COUNTY ROUTE #620, (WATER STREET/MARKET STREET/GREENWICH STREET) IN THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 FOR THE BELVIDERE LIONS CLUB HALLOWEEN PARADE.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 424-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON THE MCEVOY #2 FARM, BLOCK 13 LOT 11.01 IN WHITE TOWNSHIP CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 21.22 (3%+) NET ACRES.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION 425-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #295-21 APPROVING THE REVISED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS PER THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2020 RESURFACING & REHABILITATION OF WARREN COUNTY ROUTES #604, #611, #623, #624, #632, #637, #658, #682 & #652 ALTERNATE, ALLAMUCHY, BLAIRSTOWN, FRANKLIN, GREENWICH, HOPE, INDEPENDENCE, LIBERTY, MANSFIELD, OXFORD, WHITE TOWNSHIPS AND TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN, WC2123A.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION 426-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO TUWAY COMMUNICATIONS OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA TO PROVIDE ONE EVENTIDE NEXLOG VOICE LOGGING RECORDER TO THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$123,699.44.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 427-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2132 FOR INSTALLATION OF A GENERATOR AT THE HOPE GARAGE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT TO POWER WITH PRESTIGE INC. OF NEWTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$174,000.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 428-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO DELL COMPUTER CORP., INC., FOR SIXTY-FIVE OPTIPLEX 3080 MICRO COMPUTERS UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #M0482/19TELE00656, COVERING COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARIES PUBLIC COMPUTERS IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$55,426.80.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 429-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2080FO-3 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS FOR UTILITY PERMIT WORK ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES AND STRUCTURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 430-21

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS WC2031C AND WC2031CA FOR PROVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS TO VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,060,548.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 431-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACTS WC2136C FOR PROVISION OF AGING PROGRAMS TO VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$542,445.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 432-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LANDMARK I APPRAISAL SERVICE, LLC OF CHESTER, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE MCEVOY #1 FARM PROPERTY, BLOCK 18 LOT 58, BLOCK 13 LOTS 11 & 11Q & BLOCK 13 LOT 17.01 WHITE TOWNSHIP APPROXIMATELY 81.87 NET ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,705.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 433-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORMAN J. GOLDBERG, INC. OF CLINTON, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE MCEVOY #1 FARM PROPERTY, BLOCK 18 LOT 58, BLOCK 13 LOTS 11 & 11Q & BLOCK 13 LOT 17.01 WHITE TOWNSHIP APPROXIMATELY 81.87 NET ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,725.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MARK BEATTY FROM THE WARREN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 434-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY PEQUEST RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY.

GERALD NORTON – TERM TO EXPIRE 02/01/22

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 435-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL CULTURAL AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD.

JANE PRIMERANO – TERM TO EXPIRE – 09/11/23

JOHN METROKE – TERM TO EXPIRE – 09/11/23

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 436-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION.

ROBERT ERIKSEN – TERM TO EXPIRE 10/18/24

PETER SUMMERS – TERM TO EXPIRE 10/18/24

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 437-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT REGULAR AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD.

RANDY PIAZZA, JR – TERM TO EXPIRE 09/19/24

TERRY URFER, ALTERNATE #1 – TERM TO EXPIRE 09/19/24

ROBERT HOPKINS, ALTERNATE #2 – TERM TO EXPIRE 09/19/24

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 438-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE SEARCH COMMITTEE.

ROBERT GLOWACKY – TERM TO EXPIRE 09/25/22

ELLEN M. JOHNSON DEMETER – TERM TO EXPIRE 09/25/22

JODEE INSCHO – TERM TO EXPIRE 09/25/22

YVONNE PLAKOTARIS – TERM TO EXPIRE 09/25/22

ROBERT ROKOSZ – TERM TO EXPIRE 09/25/22

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 439-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMILY A. HAMMER TO THE POSITION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD, UNCLASSIFIED (PUBLIC WORKS).

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 440-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALARY AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF WILLIAM R. VINE AS UNDERSHERIFF AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 441-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION CREATING A PART-TIME POSITION OF PLANNING AIDE, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A PART-TIME POSITION OF SEASONAL PLANNING AIDE, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 442-21

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF PROBATE CLERK, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY SURROGATE’S OFFICE.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joe Bell, IV advised he had no report for public session.

County Engineer Bill Gleba had no report.

County Planner David Dech reminded the commissioners that the county’s paper shredding event would be held Saturday, September 25 from 8-11 a.m.

County CFO Kim Francisco was absent.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak offered to answer any questions regarding the latest vacancy report, but there were none. He was happy to report that the renewal for general liability from the NJiF had come through. “Thanks to Randy May and John Daly, they’re keeping our rates flat,” he said, and planned to prepare a resolution for the next meeting. “That’s significant,” said Mr. Sarnoski.

Mr. Kern summoned Public Safety Director Frank Wheatley to report on Hurricane Ida developments. Mr. Wheatley said two weeks prior, Warren County Emergency Management, along with NJ State Police and FEMA, had toured a majority of the municipalities to compile a sampling of residents that had sustained damage. Warren County was subsequently declared a disaster area for individual assistance. Earlier in the day, a disaster relief center opened up in Franklin Township. Residents who suffered damage may bring documentation and apply for assistance. Mr. Kern noted that Warren County did not initially make the list, but “Thanks to your office, the State Police, the local police and county staff, you helped make that happen, so we appreciate your efforts on that,” he said.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Ciesla thanked Joe Lake and the 9/11 Memorial Committee for the great ceremony they conducted on September 11, one of several observances throughout the county. She had also attended one in Hope, which she said put up a beautiful memorial.

She thanked Art Charlton and his team for the new website. “It looks great, it’s awesome,” she said, adding she knew it was a lot of work to make it happen.

Ms. Ciesla advised everyone keep an eye on election information provided by the County Clerk’s Office. There will be a number of changes this year, including early voting. “When you go in, it’s going to be a different experience, but hopefully it will work out well,” she said.

Lastly, Ms. Ciesla reported that the Phillipsburg Housing Authority had been contacted by HUD to try to improve internet connections through its “Connect Home” program. A virtual symposium was scheduled for October 13, gathering school administrators, hospital administrators, elected officials and ISP providers. She said a lot of money was out there from the federal government. She hoped to see some changes and affordable options for those in Phillipsburg area, as well as other areas. Mr. Kern noted Kevin Duffy had lost service during his online participation in the meeting earlier.

Mr. Sarnoski congratulated NORWESCAP on its 40th anniversary. It postponed its celebration to next spring, but he was appreciative of all the hard work it does. “It’s a good organization that helps us a lot in Warren County,” he said.

Mr. Kern reported having attended Rutherford Hall’s “first flush” commemoration for completing a bathroom renovation. “Projects like that are a great thing to see – where money is being used smartly by government,” he said, emphasizing how Rutherford Hall has grown to become a well-attended community center. He thanked Commissioner Sarnoski for getting the building “on the radar” with the county years ago. “I think that’s a real gem, and the model of what can be done, and smart programming,” Mr. Kern said.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Reyes of Country Meadow Road in Mansfield Township expressed concern on behalf of a growing community of residents opposed to a proposal before the Mansfield Township Land Use Board to construct a food-composting dump behind Grandview Estates on Blau Road. He said there was an online petition with more than

700 signatures going around, and he sought an opportunity to discuss the matter with the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Reyes said the NJ DEP advised the group that the township did not have direct impact on approval, and referred them to the county level.

Mr. Kern said the county had not been officially notified of the application, but had heard about it. From a process perspective, he said the township would be the first level of approval (Land Use Board); then if it were to be approved there, it would go to the County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC); then if it passed there, then it would come before the Board of County Commissioners. He thought SWAC was the most appropriate county-level audience for these concerns, and that council's next meeting would be October 7. He recommended the group make its feelings known at the local planning board. Mr. Dech added that SWAC would look to the township for support or opposition to the application. "Because it is a solid waste recycling facility, it does not absolutely require township approval, but the SWAC, when it bases its recommendation to you as commissioners, will be looking for what the township position is on that application," Mr. Dech said.

Mr. Sarnoski noted that with "home rule" the county is guided by what the municipality wants to do. He said this board has been pushing very hard for local governing bodies to examine their land use and planning goals to make sure they are consistently laid out. "To a degree, we have some impact, but not as much as home rule towns have, and really, that's where that pressure is going to have to put – on the town – with regards to what you want to see there," he said, in an effort to limit expectations moving forward.

Mr. Reyes said he suspected the township's decision would be guided by potential revenue, but he appreciated the commissioners' time and guidance.

There were no comments or questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 443-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 at 6:43 p.m.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the board adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 7:12 p.m.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, and there being no further business before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

County of Warren
Board of County Commissioners

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Proclamation

**DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2021**

WHEREAS, the month of October each year is designated nationally as “Disability Employment Awareness Month” to celebrate and recognize the capabilities and contributions of persons with a disability; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that disability does not diminish the entitlement of any individual to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make personal choices, contribute to society and to experience the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends and community members not only play a vital role in enhancing the lives of individuals with a disability, but have their own lives enhanced by individuals with a disability; and

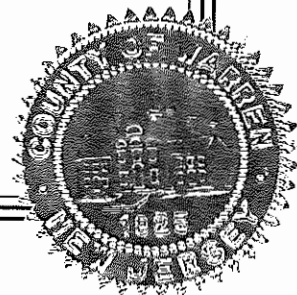
WHEREAS, the County of Warren through the Department of Human Services’ – Division of Aging & Disability Services and its’ Advisory Council on Disabilities strives to create awareness and opportunities which provide disabled residents and their caregivers the options and support needed to exercise their full rights as citizens in every component of our society and our County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2021 as **DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH** in Warren County.

James R. Kern, III, Director
Board of County Commissioners

Jason J. Sarnoski, Deputy Director
Board of County Commissioners

Lori Ciesla, Commissioner
Board of County Commissioners



**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building
165 County Route 519 South
Belvidere, NJ 07823

RESOLUTION 418-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2021-36 and 2021-37, dated September 22, 2021**, in the amount of **\$2,154,722.00** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of County Commissioners.

2021-36	9/15/2021	\$382,524.33	
2021-37	9/22/2021	<u>466,197.67</u>	
TOTAL			\$848,722.00
OTHER			0.00
Payroll (including fringe)	9/9/2021	\$1,306,000.00	
Subsistence	9/9/2021	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,306,000.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$2,154,722.00</u>

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

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RESOLUTION 419-21

On a motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BY-LAWS OF THE
WARREN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:27-1 et. seq. establishes County Planning Boards, their duties and responsibilities which include the orderly physical development of the County, adoption of a master plan, membership of said board, its officers, meeting nights, committees, employees, hearings, records, and expenditure of funds; and

WHEREAS, the previous revisions of the bylaws were adopted by the Planning Board on November 23, 2015 and approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders (Commissioners) on January 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted revisions to the Bylaws on August 23, 2021 in Article VI Order of Business to add a Section concerning the time frame for when items/topics may be included on the Agenda for discussion and/or considered for approval; and

WHEREAS, references to the term “Board of Chosen Freeholders” and “Freeholder” were replaced with “Board of County Commissioners” and “Commissioners” to abide by the statute that became effective on January 1, 2021 requiring the name change; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Planning Board is desirous of approval by the Board of County Commissioners which is necessary for the efficient regulation and administration of its functions, powers and duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the By-Laws of the Warren County Planning Board dated August 23, 2021.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building
165 County Route 519 South
Belvidere, New Jersey 07823

RESOLUTION 420-21

On a motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION INITIATE A PROBLEM STATEMENT TO STUDY THE SAFETY,
MOBILITY, AND CONGESTION ISSUES ON I-80 FROM EXIT 4/COLUMBIA TO THE
DELAWARE WATER GAP BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, it is well documented that the S-Curve Section of I-80 from mile marker 2.0 to the Delaware Water Gap Bridge, located in Warren County is known to have a high crash rate; and

WHEREAS, the I-80 Rockfall Project Purpose and Need Statement noted: *NJDOT Bureau of Safety Programs crash data for January 2007 to December 2009 also shows that there are 81 crashes within the project limits for that period. This section of I-80 has a crash rate of 4.52 crashes/mvm, which is 58% greater than the statewide crash rate for the year 2009 of 2.86 crashes/mvm; and*

WHEREAS, the 2011 NJDOT I80 S-Curve Rockfall Concept Development Report noted on page 5: *"The Route I-80 roadway carries several safety deficiencies that also contribute to high crash rates. These safety deficiencies include substandard sight distances, narrow shoulder width, and substandard horizontal radii."*; and

WHEREAS, a 2013 Knowlton Township Fire and Rescue (KTFR) and NJ Legislative District 24 (Senator Oroho) correspondence with NJDOT discussed the request for warning signs to be installed for the S-Curve, noting: *"emergency personnel have had a few harrowing near-miss situations while operating in this corridor. One situation involved a motor vehicle overturning while we were operating on another motor vehicle accident in this corridor. In another recent incident, two tractor trailers one in each of the two lanes side by side, skidded up to the emergency scene, where KTFR personnel were in the process of setting up a safety buffer nearly jack-knifing and colliding into the on-scene personnel"*; and

WHEREAS, a 2018 NJDOT NJSP Accident Report Crash Study Report (2001-2016) which analyzed only a half-mile portion of the 1.5-mile S-Curve noted: 633 motor vehicle accidents, involving three (3) fatalities and 226 injuries; and

WHEREAS, in July 2020, Knowlton Township formally submitted a Fix The S-Curve NJDOT Transportation Problem Statement request supported with resolutions from Warren County, Hardwick, Portland, Delaware Water Gap, Upper Mount Bethel, Lower Mount Bethel and others seeking a study to identify solutions to all safety, mobility and congestion issues in this section and to conduct a regional traffic study; and

WHEREAS, a study compiled by the I80 DWG Coalition using NJDOT, PennDOT and NPS data showing the known safety, mobility and congestion issues in the S-Curve was submitted to NJDOT by Knowlton Township with a Problem Statement request; and

WHEREAS, in March 2021, Knowlton Township inquired on the status of the Problem Statement Request and was informed by NJDOT policy had changed and NJDOT was no longer accepting external stakeholder requests, despite the website and posted policy at that time included specific guidelines on how external stakeholders are to submit Transportation Problem Statement Requests that were followed; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Transportation Plan sponsored by the NJTPA Final Presentation noted I80 S-curve as the area that received, the most comments (145) and listed I-80 "*Safety Improvements on I-80 at the S-Curves*" under Policy and Multimodal Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, just recently the I80 DWG Coalition compiled a list of multi mile traffic events and crashes in the I-80 Delaware Water Gap Area between June 26, 2021, and August 27, 2021 (63 days) from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm with the following results:

- 31 days had no crashes or 3+ mile traffic back ups
- 32 days had crashes or traffic back ups
- 30 crashes
- 46 individual 3+ mile traffic events
- 23 crashes occurred secondary to an existing traffic back up caused either from Gap/S-Curve volume or a previous crash or in a work zone
- 16 3+ mile traffic jams occurred secondary to a crash
- 6 crashes did not happen in an existing traffic back up or in a work zone
- 5 events closed or jammed both 80W AND 611W at the same time leading to potentially life-threatening EMS delays to the nearest Emergency Room
- 9 days had two or more separate events on the same day

WHEREAS, current volumes on I-80 average approximately 47,300 – 70-500 vehicles per day with 12% heavy trucks while traffic projections show volumes that range between 89,200-132,800 vehicles per day, thereby exacerbating the already compromised safety and congested conditions; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT is responsible to address safety problems on their highway system when they have been identified.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners request that New Jersey Department of Transportation immediately initiate a Problem Statement to study all the safety, mobility, and congestion issues on I-80 from Exit 4/Columbia to the Delaware Water Gap Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners requests that Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Monroe County Planning Commission, the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study (MPO), the National Park Service, the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, and the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry send a letter or resolution to the NJDOT to request that the NJDOT initiate a Transportation Problem Statement to study the safety, mobility, and congestion issues on I-80 from Exit 4/Columbia to the Delaware Water Gap Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, U.S. Senator Corey Booker and U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, Congressman Josh Gottheimer, N.J. Senator Steven Oroho, Assemblyman Parker Space and Assemblyman Harold J. Wirths, Knowlton Township, Hardwick Township, Portland, Delaware Water Gap, Upper Mount Bethel, Lower Mount Bethel, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study (MPO), the Monroe County Planning Commission, the National Park Service, the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, and the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 421-21

On a motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RESTORATION OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE
BETWEEN NEW YORK CITY AND SCRANTON, PA, AND BETWEEN NEW YORK CITY
AND ALLENTOWN, PA AS IDENTIFIED IN “AMTRAK’S VISION FOR IMPROVING
TRANSPORTATION ACROSS AMERICA”**

WHEREAS, Amtrak has released its report titled “Amtrak’s Vision for Improving Transportation Across America” (Report); and

WHEREAS, the Report identified two formerly active passenger railroad corridors that traverse Warren County, namely the former Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western (DL&W) referenced in the Report as the “Scranton Service” and the Central New Jersey/Raritan Valley/Lehigh Valley Lines, referenced in the Report as the “Allentown Service”; and

WHEREAS, for the “Scranton Service” the Report envisions three round trips per day between NYC and Scranton, Pa, with a stop in Blairstown, NJ Warren County, subject to further analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority has contracted with Amtrak to conduct an updated ridership study for the entire corridor which should be completed in less than a year; and

WHEREAS, for the “Allentown Service” the Report envisions two round trips per day between New York City and Allentown, Pa with the nearest stops proposed in Easton, Pa and Somerville, NJ, subject to further analysis; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of passenger service has been studied numerous times in the past and is among thirty-nine new routes and twenty-five other routes proposed to be enhanced across the U.S. in the Report; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Transportation Plan has identified both lines for continued evaluation to re-instate passenger service to provide another mode of travel for those residing in Warren County and for those traveling through, and to help reduce congestion on I-78 and I-80; and

WHEREAS, restoration of passenger service will help in meeting global climate reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that the net benefit from all operations nationally will reach \$8 billion annually by 2035, generate an additional \$195 billion in economic activity by capital investments, and create over 26,000 permanent jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Report envisions a 15 year horizon for implementation with a \$75 billion investment; and

WHEREAS, the Report proposes that federal funding would cover 100% of the initial capital investments and operational costs, with tapered reductions in Federal funding for operating support during the first five years of service with States continuing service under an Amtrak-State cost sharing structure; and

WHEREAS, implementation will require a team effort with Amtrak, the federal, state, and local governments, and host railroads; and

WHEREAS, implementation is contingent on Congress putting the necessary funding and policy elements in place, and on an agreement between Amtrak and the State in advance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby supports the restoration of passenger service as identified in “Amtrak’s Vision for Improving Transportation Across America” for the “Scranton Service” and the “Allentown Service”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners request that the State of New Jersey provide the necessary resources to coordinate with Amtrak in the further analysis of the “Scranton Service” and the “Allentown Service”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor’s Office, New Jersey Transit, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, Monroe County Planning Commission, U.S. Senator Corey Booker and U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, Congressman Josh Gottheimer, NJ Senator Steven Oroho, Assemblyman Parker Space, Assemblyman Harold J. Wirths, NJ Senator Michael Doherty, Assemblyman John DiMaio, Assemblyman Eric Petersen, Knowlton Township, Hardwick Township, Blairstown Township, Town of Phillipsburg, Borough of Alpha, Pohatcong Township, Greenwich Township, the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority, and Amtrak.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 422-21

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2022
ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR THE
NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND PROGRAM
AND THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,069,406.00**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund includes the County Aid Program which designates \$4,069,406.00 per year in the State Aid Funding; and

WHEREAS, the above program requires an Annual Transportation Program (ATP) be developed by Warren County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the FY 2022 Annual Transportation Program (ATP) for the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Program, on file in the Office of the County Engineer, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby approve the filing of the application for County Aid Funding for the FY 2022 Annual Transportation Program (ATP) and that the Clerk of the Board and the Director are hereby authorized and directed to execute said application.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

_____, Clerk

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 423-21

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSING OF PORTIONS OF
COUNTY ROUTE #620, (WATER STREET/MARKET STREET/GREENWICH STREET) IN
THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021
FOR THE BELVIDERE LIONS CLUB HALLOWEEN PARADE**

WHEREAS, the Belvidere Lions Club has requested permission to close portions of County Route #620, Water Street from Hardwick Street to Market Street and Market Street from Water Street to Mill Street and Greenwich Street from Mill Street to Front Street on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 (Rain Date October 28, 2021) with an approximate start time of 7:00 PM for the Belvidere Lions Club Halloween Parade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby approve the use and closing of portions of County Route #620, (Water Street/Market Street/Greenwich Street) in the Town of Belvidere for the above mentioned event with the following conditions:

1. Approval of the event by the Municipality.
2. All barricades, detours, and traffic control signs shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
3. Police supervision of the barricading of the roads and handling of safety shall be provided.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 424-21

On a motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A
DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON THE
MCEVOY #2 FARM, BLOCK 13 LOT 11.01 IN
WHITE TOWNSHIP CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY
21.22 (3%+) NET ACRES**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has determined that the property known as the McEvoy #2 Farm, owned by Janet McEvoy, located on Block 13 Lot 11.01, White Township and consisting of approximately 21.22 (3+%) net acres has available for purchase a development easement in accordance with the requirements of the farmland preservation program; and

WHEREAS, final approval for the purchase of development rights on this farm has been granted by resolution from the Warren County Agricultural Development Board at its September 16, 2021 meeting and preliminary approval of the purchase by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) is dependent upon that approval and the approval of this Board; and

WHEREAS, the pressures from development have significantly heightened the degree of imminence of change of land use from productive agriculture to nonagricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.9A(b) on September 29, 2020 it was determined by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) that the application for the sale of a development easement was complete and accurate and satisfied the criteria contained in N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.9(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.11, on January 12, 2021 in accordance with the SADC Resolution #FY2020R4 (14), Executive Director Payne and Secretary Fisher signed the Certification of Market Value and has certified a development easement value of \$5,200 per acre based on the zoning and environmental regulations in place as of January 1, 2004 and the same development easement value for the current valuation date of December 22, 2020 with an estimated total value of \$110,344.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.12, the Owner accepted the Certified Market Value offer by the County of \$5,200 per acre.

WHEREAS, the property is part of the approved Warren County Planning Incentive Grant Application and is funded by the Warren County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the tract would encourage the survivability of production agriculture in White Township, and said tract falls within a predetermined County Agricultural Development Area and is in the West Project Area and the Highlands Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, on September 8 2021, the White Township Committee voted by resolution to approve the owner’s application for sale of the development easement, but is not participating financially in the easement purchase; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the development easement on the property will encourage the survivability of the productive agriculture in White Township and Warren County; and

WHEREAS, preliminary approval for the purchase of development rights on this farm has been granted by the State Agricultural Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, the SADC is expected to grant final approval for funding amount on said application at its December 2, 2021 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost share breakdown including a 3% buffering for final surveyed acres is as follows:

Cost share based on 21.22 acres (+3%) at \$5,200/acre CMV:

	<u>Total</u>
SADC	\$74,270.00 – 67.31 % (\$3,500/acre)
<u>Warren County</u>	<u>\$36,074.00 – 32.69 % (\$1,700/acre)</u>
Total Easement Purchase	\$110,344.00 (\$5,200/acre)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. The Board hereby grants permission for the purchase of the development easement on the above described property based on an easement value of \$5,200 per acre as certified by the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC). Cost share as follows: SADC \$3,500 per acre, Warren County \$1,700 per acre.

2. This approval includes the following conditions:
 - a. No existing structures on premises
 - b. No existing agriculture labor housing on premises
 - c. Exceptions
 - 1) One non-severable exception area of one acre for future single family residence and for future flexibility restricted to one single family residential unit
 - d. No Residual Dwelling Site Opportunities (RDSO’s)
 - e. No preexisting non-agricultural uses on premises
 - f. Access easements to be determined by title search
 - g. No proposed trails
 - h. SADC funding from Base grant, competitive round or both
 - i. Warren County is requesting SADC funding for a 3% buffer on the final surveyed acreage

3. The County’s share in regard to the purchase of said easement is estimated at \$36,074.00. The Commissioner Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the Deed of Easement, the Cost Share Agreement, and any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of the development easement on the above property in the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey under the terms outlined above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby grants permission for the cost-share purchase price of \$36,074.00 for the development easement on the McEvoy#2 Farm, owned by Janet McEvoy, located on Block 13 Lot 11.01, White Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adequate funds for the purchase price funding depending upon final surveyed acres in the amount of \$36,074.00 in account #03895-5067-8952106-5067 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 425-21

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #295-21 APPROVING THE REVISED
PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS PER THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE
2020 RESURFACING & REHABILITATION OF WARREN COUNTY
ROUTES #604, #611, #623, #624, #632, #637, #658, #682 & #652 ALTERNATE, ALLAMUCHY,
BLAIRSTOWN, FRANKLIN, GREENWICH, HOPE, INDEPENDENCE, LIBERTY,
MANSFIELD, OXFORD, WHITE TOWNSHIPS AND TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN**

CONTRACT #WC2123A

BE IT RESOLVED that the plans and specifications for Contract #WC2123A for the 2020 Resurfacing & Rehabilitation of Warren County Routes #604, #611, #623, #624, #632, #637, #658, #682 & #652 Alternate, Allamuchy, Blairstown Franklin, Greenwich, Hope, Independence, Liberty, Mansfield, Oxford, White Township and Town of Hackettstown are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the above project at least 10 days prior to the receipt of bids in

THE STAR LEDGER

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

ADVERTISING DATE – Tuesday, September 28, 2021

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED – Thursday, October 28, 2021

AWARD DATE – Tuesday, November 9, 2021

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

_____, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 426-21

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO TUWAY COMMUNICATIONS OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA TO PROVIDE ONE EVENTIDE NEXLOG VOICE LOGGING RECORDER TO THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$123,699.44

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a purchase order to provide a Nexlog Voice Logging Recorder System for the Warren County Department of Public Safety; 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 TuWay Communications, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania for providing a Nexlog Voice Logging Recorder for the Warren County Department of Public Safety

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

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a purchase order to Tuway Communications, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
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 capital account 0421A407/5058 –

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 427-21

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2132 FOR INSTALLATION
OF A GENERATOR AT THE HOPE GARAGE
FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY
DEPARTMENT TO POWER WITH PRESTIGE INC. OF
NEWTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT
AMOUNT OF \$174,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2132 for the Installation of a Generator at the Hope Garage for the Warren County Public Safety Department is hereby awarded

to . . . Power With Prestige Inc., Newton, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$174,000.00

as per their bid submitted . . . September 8, 2021

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funds for this contract are provided in capital accounts 0416A505/5062-0416A506/5062

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

_____, Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 428-21

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO DELL COMPUTER CORP., INC., FOR SIXTY-FIVE OPTIPLEX 3080 MICRO COMPUTERS UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #M0482/ 19TELE00656, COVERING COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARIES PUBLIC COMPUTERS IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$55,426.80

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for Sixty-five Optiplex 3080 Micro Computers for Warren County Libraries Public Computers and is hereby awarded

to . . . Dell Computer Corp., Austin, Texas

in the amount of . . . \$55,426.80

at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #M0482/19TELE00656

Funding for this contract is provided in budget account 153903/5053

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 429-21

On a motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2080FO-3 TO
VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION
SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS FOR UTILITY PERMIT WORK ON VARIOUS COUNTY
ROUTES AND STRUCTURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00.**

WHEREAS, the County requested proposals to be received on Thursday, January 21, 2021 for Contract #WC2080FO for Construction Phase Engineering/Inspection Services; and

WHEREAS, inspection services are needed for water company related permit work; and

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

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Van Cleef Engineering Associates meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 40165 5100 NJAW 4834 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and Van Cleef Engineering Associates of Phillipsburg, N.J. for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$5,000.00, currently on file in the Office of the County Engineer, be made a part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 430-21

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS WC2031C AND WC2031CA FOR PROVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS TO VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,060,548.00

WHEREAS, Warren County specifications for Competitive Contracts WC2031C and WC2031CA included the right to extend the contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15.1(B) for a second year and

WHEREAS, funding for these contracts is contingent upon receipt of funds and final adoption of the 2022 Warren County budget and anticipated state grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contracts for the following agencies/program(s) are extended for twelve months, for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022:

Agency	Program	Funding Source	Funding Amount
Abilities of NW Jersey	Career Exploration & Job Placement for Adults with Disabilities	County	\$36,166
Atlantic Health System Corp.	Community CareLinks	County	\$60,154
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	One to One Community and School Based Mentoring	County	\$18,250
Catholic Charities	Social Services Center	County	\$27,010
Community Prevention Resources	Prevention Education	Chapter 51	\$15,000
	Recovery Support – CARES	County	\$30,000
	Recovery Support - CARES	Chapter 51	\$10,000
	SBIRT	County	\$7,500
	Station House Adjustment Program – Central and Northern Warren County	JJC-SCP	\$20,000
Contextual Family Services	In-home Treatment	County	\$26,280
DASACC	Emergency Shelter	County	\$43,070
Family Guidance Center	FCIU	JJC-FC	\$100,751
	FCIU	JJC-SCP	\$59,908
	Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment	Chapter 51	\$70,000
	Outpatient Mental Health	County	\$82,000
	Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment for Adolescents	JJC-PS	\$15,000
	Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment	Chapter 51	\$39,126

Agency	Program	Funding Source	Funding Amount
	Warren Hills Youth Prevention Collaborative	County	\$14,393
	Warren Hills Youth Prevention Collaborative	Chapter 51	\$4,000
	Sexual Abuse Treatment	County	\$56,095
	Suicide Prevention	County	\$69,000
Family Promise of Warren County	Rapid Resolution Homeless Assistance	County	\$17,670
Freedom House	Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment	Chapter 51	\$10,000
	Recovery Support Housing	Chapter 51	\$53,266
	Recovery Support Housing	County	\$5,555
Joseph H. Firth Youth Center	Middle School Drop In Extension	JJC-SCP	\$15,331
Legal Services of Northwest Jersey, Inc.	Core	County	\$50,370
New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care	Short-term Residential Treatment for Adults with Co-Occurring Disorders	Chapter 51	\$2,000
	Short-term Residential Treatment for Adults & Adolescents	Chapter 51	\$8,000
	Sub-Acute Detoxification	Chapter 51	\$7,000
NORWESCAP	Child & Family Resource Services	County	\$23,043
	Emergency Basic Needs	County	\$21,900
	Food Bank	County	\$21,900
Parent to Parent Addiction Services, Inc.	C.L.E.A.R. / Direct Services	County	\$10,810
Safe Harbor	ARISE – Shelter Program	County	\$10,000
		GRAND TOTAL	\$1,060,548

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

_____, Clerk
 Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 431-21

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACTS WC2136C FOR PROVISION OF
AGING PROGRAMS TO VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR THE
PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$542,445.00**

WHEREAS, eleven (11) proposals were received, opened, and read in public on August 25, 2021 at 12:00 p.m., prevailing time;

WHEREAS, the proposals were reviewed by the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Aging and Disability and its advisory council and has determined that the proposals submitted by the agencies listed below meet all the requirements of the specifications; and

WHEREAS, funding for these contracts is contingent upon receipt of funds and final adoption of the 2022 Warren County budget and anticipated state grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contracts for provision of services between the County of Warren and the following agencies:

Agency	Program	Funding Source	Funding Amount
Community Prevention Resources	Chronic Pain Self-Management	Area Plan Grant	\$15,000
Family Guidance Center	Senior Services – Caregiver Mental Health Counseling	Area Plan Grant	\$19,476
	Senior Services – In Home Counseling	Area Plan Grant	\$30,188
Legal Services of Northwest Jersey, Inc.	Warren Legal Senior Services	Area Plan Grant	\$47,125
NORWESCAP	Emergency Basic Needs for the Elderly	Area Plan Grant	\$13,000
	Safe Housing (Residential Maintenance) for the Elderly	Area Plan Grant	\$16,000

Agency	Program	Funding Source	Funding Amount
United Way of Northern New Jersey	Assisted Technology – Caregiving Families Programs	Area Plan Grant	\$16,002
Visiting Homemaker Services of WC	Meals at Home Program Coordination/ Nutrition Risk/ Education & Eligibility Assessment	Area Plan Grant	\$182,917
	Professional In Home Education & Support for Caregivers	Area Plan Grant	\$65,200
	Visiting Nurse	Area Plan Grant	\$65,200
	Volunteer Programs	Area Plan Grant	\$72,337
		GRAND TOTAL	\$542,445

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

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 Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 432-21

On a motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LANDMARK I APPRAISAL SERVICE, LLC OF CHESTER, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE MCEVOY #1 FARM PROPERTY, BLOCK 18 LOT 58, BLOCK 13 LOTS 11 & 11Q & BLOCK 13 LOT 17.01 WHITE TOWNSHIP APPROXIMATELY 81.87 NET ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,705.00

WHEREAS, The Warren County Agriculture Development Board has developed a list of Property for preservation for the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in obtaining appraisals on various properties as listed in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the State Agricultural Development Board prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Farm Easement Purposes; and

WHEREAS, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention Program Appraisal Handbook, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice;

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

WHEREAS, Landmark I Appraisal Service, LLC was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC2061FO on November 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 03895/5067, – Open Space – Preliminary Expenses

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Landmark I Appraisal Service, LLC, in the amount of \$1,705.00 to prepare an appraisal on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Commissioner Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-LEDGER, as required by law, within ten (10) days of adoption.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

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Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 433-21

On a motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORMAN J. GOLDBERG, INC. OF CLINTON, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE MCEVOY #1 FARM PROPERTY, BLOCK 18 LOT 58, BLOCK 13 LOTS 11 & 11Q & BLOCK 13 LOT 17.01 WHITE TOWNSHIP APPROXIMATELY 81.87 NET ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,725.00

WHEREAS, The Warren County Agriculture Development Board has developed a list of Property for preservation for the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in obtaining appraisals on various properties as listed in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the State Agricultural Development Board prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Farm Easement Purposes; and

WHEREAS, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention Program Appraisal Handbook, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice;

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

WHEREAS, Norman J. Goldberg, Inc. was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC2061FO on November 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 03895/5067, – Open Space – Preliminary Expenses

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Norman J. Goldberg, Inc., in the amount of \$1,725.00 to prepare an appraisal on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Commissioner Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-LEDGER, as required by law, within ten (10) days of adoption.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 434-21

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY PEQUEST RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following member to the Warren County Pequest River Municipal Utilities Authority effective September 23, 2021.

Gerald Norton
42 Shippen Ridge
Oxford, NJ 07863

Term to expire February 1, 2022
Representing Township of Oxford

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 435-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO
THE WARREN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL
CULTURAL AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, by Resolution 276-19 on May 22, 2019 the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders (the “Board”) established the Warren County Bicentennial Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board (the “BCHAB”) for the purpose of developing programs that promote the public interest in local history, arts, and culture, including planning for the commemoration of the County’s Bicentennial Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received recommendation for reappointment of the following individual whose previous term expired on September 11, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, hereby reappoints the following individuals to the Warren County Bicentennial Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board:

Jane Primerano
329 Johnsonburg Road
Hope, NJ 07844
Term: 2 years

Term to expire: 09/11/23

John Metroke
95 Mine Hill Road
Oxford, NJ 07863
Term: 2 years

Term to expire: 09/11/23

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 436-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
WARREN COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby reappoint the following individuals to the Warren County Mosquito Control Commission:

Robert Eriksen
27 Canterbury Road
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term to expire: 10/18/24

Peter Summers, WC Health Officer
34 Koeck Road
Columbia, NJ 07832

Term to expire: 10/18/24

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 437-21

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT REGULAR AND ALTERNATE
MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby reappoint the following regular and alternate members to the Warren County Planning Board with terms to expire September 19, 2024.

Randy Piazza, Jr.
715 Hillcrest Boulevard
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term: 9/20/21 – 9/19/24

Terry Urfer
364 Johnsonburg Road
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Term: 9/20/21 – 9/19/24
Alternate # 1

Robert Hopkins
12 Ramseyburg Road
Columbia, NJ 07823

Term: 9/20/21 – 9/19/24
Alternate # 2

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 438-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby reappoints the following individuals to the Warren County Community College Trustee Search Committee for a one-year term:

Robert Glowacky 155 Cedar Lake Road Blairstown, NJ 07825	Term to expire: September 25, 2022
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Ellen M. Johnson Demeter 87 Buckhorn Drive Washington, NJ 07882	Term to expire: September 25, 2022
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Jodee Inscho 164 Free Union Road Belvidere, NJ 07823	Term to expire: September 25, 2022
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Yvonne Plakotaris PO Box 127 Stewartsville, NJ 08886	Term to expire: September 25, 2022
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Robert Rokosz PO Box 817 Blairstown, NJ 07825	Term to expire: September 25, 2022
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RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

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RESOLUTION 439-21

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMILY A. HAMMER TO THE POSITION OF
DEPARTMENT HEAD, UNCLASSIFIED (PUBLIC WORKS)**

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners appoints Emily A. Hammer to the position of Department Head, Unclassified in the Department of Public Works in accordance with N.J.S.A. 11A:3-5(1) at an annual salary of \$110,000.00 effective September 27, 2021 and with an annual vacation leave benefit of fifteen (15) vacation days to be made effective September 27, 2021.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 440-21

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALARY AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF
EMPLOYMENT OF WILLIAM R. VINE AS UNDERSHERIFF AS RECOMMENDED
BY THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-117 et seq., the County Sheriff shall fix the compensation for the appointed personnel of the Warren County Sheriff's Office in accordance with County guidelines and within the budget allocation, and

WHEREAS, County Sheriff James J. McDonald, Sr. has selected William R. Vine to serve as an Undersheriff effective August 4, 2021 and recommended an annual salary of \$80,708.00 including annual vacation and sick leave allowance in accordance with County policies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the recommendations of Warren County Sheriff James J. McDonald, Sr. in the interest of Undersheriff William R. Vine are hereby approved and made effective August 11, 2021.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 441-21

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A PART-TIME POSITION OF PLANNING AIDE,
CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A PART-TIME POSITION OF SEASONAL PLANNING
AIDE, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a part-time position of *Planning Aide*, classified, is created within the Warren County Planning Department to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a part-time position of *Seasonal Planning Aide*, classified, is hereby abolished.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the part-time position of *Planning Aide* is created and established on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 0640 and made effective retroactive to September 16, 2021.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 442-21

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 22, 2021.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF PROBATE CLERK,
CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY SURROGATE'S OFFICE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that a full-time position of *Probate Clerk* is created in the Warren County Surrogate's Office to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the newly created full-time position of *Probate Clerk* is created and established on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 0340 and made effective September 30, 2021.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 443-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 22, 2021.

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is subject to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6*, et seq., and

WHEREAS, the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12*, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby excludes the public in order to discuss such matters. The general nature of the subjects to be discussed are as follows:

- (1) *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and Attorney-Client Privilege*: Items to be discussed include: Status of various litigation: Covanta/PCFA Negotiations, Status of W.M./C.C./R.M. Litigation, Depositions, Bastedo eviction from county property, Jeffress Litigation, Selective Litigation, and Aramark.
- (2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining*: Items to be discussed include: PBA Local 280 – Sheriff’s Officers, CWA 1032 - Nurses and CWA 1032 - TASS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board shall disclose to the public, as soon as practicable, the contents of the discussions after the final disposition of the matters discussed.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak