

*\* These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on January 26, 2022. Full texts of resolutions appear at the end of this document.*

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren met in Reorganization session in Court Room #1 at the Warren County Court House, Belvidere, New Jersey on January 1, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Alex Lazorisak opened the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Holly Luberto read the following OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) statement: ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF *JANUARY 1, 2022* WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF THIS REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 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 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Invocation was led by Douglas J. Steinhardt, who prayed for health, wisdom and unity of spirit.

Mr. Lazorisak led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Belvidere High School's Belvidere Singers performed *The Star-Spangled Banner* under the direction of Choir Director Adam Conti.

Certification of Election of James R. Kern, III, Commissioner: Read by Holly Mackey, Warren County Clerk.

The Oath of Office of County Commissioner was administered to James R. Kern, III by Honorable Judge Thomas Miller. Mr. Kern was accompanied by his girlfriend, Carina Sitkus.

Upon roll call, the following Commissioners were present: Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski and James Kern.

**RESOLUTION 1-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING JASON J. SARNOSKI AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2022.

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

The Oath of Office of the Director of the Board of County Commissioners was administered to Jason J. Sarnoski by Senator Michael J. Doherty. Mr. Sarnoski was accompanied by his wife, Tammi, and children, Jason and Skyler.

**RESOLUTION 2-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION APPOINTING LORI CIESLA AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2022.

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

The Oath of Office of the Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners was administered to Lori Ciesla by Honorable Judge Thomas Miller.

**RESOLUTION 3-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO APPOINT SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS BOARD OR WHICH THE DIRECTOR MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS AS LIAISON OR MEMBER OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

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

**RESOLUTION 4-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A COMMISSIONER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION 5-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION 6-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE STAR-LEDGER AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND THE DAILY RECORD AS THE ALTERNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER IN WHICH SHALL BE PUBLISHED ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN.

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

**RESOLUTION 7-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION IN NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.

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

**RESOLUTION 8-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION 9-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN DESIGNATING OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO INVEST AND DISBURSE FUNDS, AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES, PERMITTED INVESTMENTS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC MONIES.

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

**RESOLUTION 10-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,324,395.00 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2022 BUDGET.

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

**RESOLUTION 11-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$1,054,400.00 TO FUND THE PERMANENT DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2022 BUDGET.

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

**RESOLUTION 12-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH J. BELL, ESQ., COUNTY COUNSEL AND REAPPOINTING DAVID T. SHIVAS AND JOSEPH J. BELL, IV AS WARREN COUNTY ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSELS.

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

**RESOLUTION 13-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2153FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO BELL & SHIVAS, P.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 AT THE RATE OF \$165.00 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS AND \$105.00 PER HOUR FOR PARALEGALS, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$410,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 14-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2153FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – B, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI, TIPTON & TAYLOR, L.L.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 AT THE RATE OF \$185.00 PER HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND \$165.00 PER HOUR FOR ASSOCIATES PLUS COST AND EXPENSES ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 15-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2153FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – C, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO LAVERY, SELVAGGI, ABROMITIS & COHEN, P.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 AT THE RATE OF \$140.00 PER HOUR PLUS COST AND FEES, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$66,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 16-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2153FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – D, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE WARREN COUNTY ADJUSTER FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI, TIPTON & TAYLOR, L.L.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 AT THE RATES OF \$185.00 PER HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND \$165.00 PER HOUR FOR ASSOCIATES PLUS COST AND EXPENSES ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$157,500.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 17-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTACT WC2153FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E, BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 AT THE BASE FEE \$3,500.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED.

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

**RESOLUTION 18-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND (NJIIF) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022.

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

The three County Commissioners then came forward for a ceremonial Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the completion of renovations to Court Room #1. They invited Judge Miller to join them as they cut the ribbon.

## REMARKS BY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES.

Mr. Sarnoski said it was an honor and a privilege to have Judge Miller here, as the courtroom refurbishment would not have been possible without his support and that of the judiciary. He thanked the Belvidere Singers and Adam Conti for performing here today,

Mr. Sarnoski began his remarks by saying after the past couple of years, which had been challenging, today was a day of gratitude for him. He thanked Mr. Kern and Ms. Ciesla for their support, and for their confidence in him in as Director. He praised Mr. Kern for his leadership, which he considered heroic in the age of COVID. Speaking of COVID, Mr. Sarnoski was grateful for the County's Health Department and Department of Public Safety - particularly Dennis Riley, Pete Summers and Courtney Sartain – for doing an “amazing” job navigating the challenges of the pandemic.

Continuing with a list of individuals to thank, Mr. Sarnoski noted that Ms. Ciesla, as the newest commissioner, really hit the ground running by reaching out as liaison to municipalities and various departments, particularly Human Services, and for coordinating a Health & Wellness Field Day, which was important in these times.

Mr. Sarnoski was appreciative of the efforts of County Clerk Holly Mackey and Elections Administrator Bill Duffy for aptly navigating through a challenging election environment. Warren County had gotten out ahead of the curve by purchasing new voting machines, ensuring election security in our county.

Mr. Sarnoski was grateful to all the mayors for working closely with county officials, as well as state-level legislators for their advocacy. He thanked Senator Doherty for swearing him in each time, and congratulated Senator Oroho and Assemblyman John DiMaio for earning leadership positions in Trenton.

Above all, Mr. Sarnoski thanked his family for their support.

Mr. Sarnoski continued, saying Warren County had a great administration team led by County Administrator Alex Lazorisak. Regarding the renovation of Court Room #1, the vision had finally become a reality. Mr. Sarnoski was grateful to Mr. Lazorisak; former Freeholders over the past decade, including Rick Gardner, Ed Smith, John DiMaio and Everett Chamberlain; new Public Works Director Emily Hammer; Prosecutor Jim Pfeiffer and his staff; and the entire judicial team. He noted that the

faded draperies had yet to be replaced due to backorder/supply chain issues. “In government, nothing happens as quickly as we would like, and this courtroom is the perfect example, but good things certainly come to those who wait,” he said.

The \$1.2 million renovation was not only cosmetic. This was now purportedly the only courtroom in the state that was fully set up for remote trials, video conferencing, et cetera. “So this very old courtroom is now one of the most modern in the state, and I think that’s something we all should be very proud of,” he said.

Entering his 12<sup>th</sup> year as a county leader, Mr. Sarnoski said there was still much more he wanted to achieve. Work continued in terms of reorganizing county facilities and departments, as well as efforts to attract high quality talent to the county workforce. “We’re going to have to give them the space and resources they need to do their jobs,” he said. He pledged to continue to work with municipal leaders to help them realize their visions for their towns, saying Warren County had a number of great mayors and council/committee members who truly care about their communities. One major issue affecting the area was transportation and traffic. Mr. Sarnoski said he would continue to press the NJDOT to move forward on projects Warren County needs, such improving the intersection of Routes 519/57 and other intersections; and abandon projects that the county does not want, such as the Route I-80 rock fall project.

Warren County was in a great financial position and virtually debt-free. Mr. Sarnoski said the county would remain strong this this area and continue to produce reasonable budgets that support our communities.

In closing, Mr. Sarnoski reiterated that for him, the past couple of years had been all about gratitude and giving back. He was grateful to all for their hard work. “I know this has not been easy,” he said, “Thank you, God bless you, and God bless Warren County.”

Mr. Sarnoski then invited Deputy Director Lori Ciesla to the podium to speak. Ms. Ciesla began by extending Happy New Year wishes, and said it was nice see people in the audience, unlike a year ago. “Twenty twenty-one was quite the year,” she said noting that this time last year, we were going through the ravages of COVID, and now we are again. “It doesn’t seem like it’s ending anytime soon,” she said.

After congratulating Mr. Kern on his reelection, Ms. Ciesla elaborated on the county’s handling of the pandemic, highlighting its vaccination clinics conducted earlier in the year and getting people vaccinated - some getting COVID despite being vaccinated - and the challenges of staffers working remotely and coordinating split

shifts. “First and foremost, as my first year here, I am unbelievably impressed with the employees that work for this county,” she said, having found that they didn’t let anything get in the way of doing their jobs, which was to serve the people of the County of Warren. She was pleased with new employees as well, mentioning new Public Works Director Emily Hammer, who helped ensure the completion of this courtroom renovation.

Ms. Ciesla said the county had a great judicial branch; our Prosecutor’s Office was taking care of crime in the county; our Health Department has been working nonstop since 2020; and our Human Services Department was trying to meet the needs of those who have the most need, which intensified because of COVID. “They have really stepped up to the challenge,” she said, noting in some instances new people stepped into roles vacated by others and were getting the job done. As Director Sarnoski had mentioned, with everyone working together, we managed to hold a Health & Wellness Field Day. The goal was to reach out those who need it most, and show what services are available. The planning committee obtained a grant exceeding \$15,000 to put toward next year’s event, about which Ms. Ciesla was very excited.

Over the past year, Ms. Ciesla said she learned that the Warren County Planning Board was very meticulous, precisely what we need as we face current challenges (the inundation of warehouses, the state allowing solar to go just about everywhere). She said the county’s Agriculture Board and Land Preservation Department worked very hard to preserve as many farms as possible, with the county stepping in to fill gaps in funding. “Because we can’t wait,” she said, “If we wait, they’ll be purchased either by a warehouse, or they’ll end up being solar.”

Looking ahead, Ms. Ciesla said traffic on our county roads was an issue. We want to keep them safe by continuing to work with municipalities and focus on the projects we need - not the ones we don’t need. Going forward, Ms. Ciesla she said she would continue to pursue obtaining broadband internet availability throughout the county, as we have both accessibility and affordability issues. Money has become available for this effort, so in the coming year the county would look into how to best devote those resources.

Ms. Ciesla wrapped up by saying she learned a lot over the past year. She was appreciative of everyone’s hard work throughout the county, thanking mayors and committee/council members; legislators; everyone here today; then singled out County Clerk Holly Mackey; County Sheriff James McDonald; the Election Board; Chairman Doug Steinhardt; and particularly County Administrator Alex Lazorisak for his hard work and devotion. “I want to thank everybody here in the county, as we try to keep



this county the best in New Jersey,” she said, wishing all a happy, healthy New Year, hoping this one would be a little more normal by the end.

Mr. Kern was next to the podium, and began by thanking everyone in the room, especially his family; his campaign team, including Nancy Brown, Chairman Doug Steinhardt, Dale Parichuk, Christine Rusin and Randy Piazza, Jr.; as well as his colleagues on Board of County Commissioners. He appreciated Ms. Ciesla’s support and help in creating efficiencies, particularly in the technology realm. Mr. Kern noted that the two had discussed their visions back when they both served on the municipal level, “and here we are,” he said. Mr. Kern expressed gratitude to Mr. Sarnoski for his guidance and mentorship. “Thank you... you’re a fearless leader for this county and I know we’re in great hands going into 2022.”

Recalling his speech of upon taking the oath of office in 2019, Mr. Kern said he had a lot of “grandiose ideas” of what he wanted to accomplish, “and then COVID-19 happened.” As liaison to the departments of Public Safety and Public Health at the time, he said, “I was really knee-deep into what was going on with COVID.” Mr. Kern reinforced prior comments about the capability of Warren County’s workforce as it continues to confront the pandemic, saying it was nothing short of “amazing”. He went on to cite some numbers: the county conducted 118 vaccine clinics, administering nearly 20,000 shots. This was made possible with the help of about 300 people, including volunteers, our Public Health nurses, private sector nurses, physicians and pharmacists. “I will tell you that Warren County will continue to adapt and fight this virus, but we must do so based on science – not political science. The vaccines work, and we can’t continue to live our lives as if they don’t,” he said, pledging to continue to advocate for that.

Moving past COVID, Mr. Kern was proud of this governing board’s fiscal responsibility. Not including our own legislators, he said while spending in Trenton and Washington, D.C. remained high, the current Board of County Commissioners continues the legacy of past boards – keeping taxes and operational expenses flat. He said they would continue to scrutinize every expense and provide a responsible budget to the taxpayers.

In keeping with his pledge of open and transparent government, Mr. Kern noted the county’s technological advances, including the launch of a new website, that meetings were being recorded and streamed online, as well as an increased social media presence. “With shrinking local media coverage, it’s imperative that local governments provide their residents with access to information,” he said, and that he looked forward to continuing to grow in this area.

As Commissioner Ciesla had mentioned earlier, Mr. Kern said this board was committed to preservation. Warren County had preserved 312 farms since 1989, comprised of almost 28,000 acres. The taxpayers were also committed to this endeavor. Of the total \$144 million cost, \$90 million was borne by the state, \$38 million came from Warren County, and about \$10 million from municipalities. “We put our money where our mouth is, and will continue to support these programs,” he said.

Looking to the future, Mr. Kern was excited about the county’s new environmental committee, which had already received a large number of applications from individuals willing to serve on it. This committee will advise the Commissioners and the public regarding how to protect and preserve Warren County’s natural beauty and resources and increase environmental awareness, ensuring a healthy environment and improved quality of life.

Mr. Kern recognized several partners, including Prosecutor Jim Pfeiffer, with whom County administration enjoyed a great relationship. The Commissioners were supportive of a cybercrimes unit within that office to combat online sex crimes. Due to smart budgeting, the unit would have a negligible impact on the taxpayers while confronting a serious problem in our county. Mr. Kern looked forward to continuing to work with Warren Community College President Will Austin as he fostered a new relationship with our law enforcement community, and, with the support of former Commissioner Boards, helped the college emerge as a leader in robotics. These new tools, including drones, will aid in fighting crime and help keep our officers safe.

Along with local council and committee members, Mr. Kern expressed appreciation to the mayors, who participated in phone calls as part of the county’s COVID-19 task force, formed 676 days prior. (County Administrator Alex Lazorisak was able to recite the number of days into the pandemic without hesitation when asked.) Mr. Kern said the mayors acted as “foot soldiers” in this fight. While we may not always agree, he said, mayors who strongly advocate for their communities are the ones we would want as our own mayors. Mr. Kern thanked county employees, from Health and Public Safety to Administration. He asked all county employees in attendance to stand and be recognized.

In addition to the presentation of this newly refurbished courtroom, Mr. Kern looked forward to the county’s bicentennial, an event on the horizon. He was excited to celebrate what has made this county great for 200 years, and why it was the greatest place to live in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Kern closed by thanking everyone and wishing all a Happy New Year.

Mr. Sarnoski then welcomed Honorable Judge Thomas Miller to say a few words, introducing him as a great partner in helping to ensure this courtroom was properly completed. Judge Miller said it was an honor to be invited here, and to speak. He said the county has been a great partner, and recognized all three Commissioners by name. He said one of his goals when he became the Assignment Judge (the head judge in three counties) 18 months ago was to improve relations with the satellite counties (Warren and Hunterdon). Somerset, a larger county with more cases, received more attention, so Judge Miller strove to make things equal, and felt relations had come a long way toward that goal. He drew particular attention to County Administrator Alex Lazorisak, one of the key people helping to improve the relationship. Having served as attorney and judge for many years, Judge Miller said he had dealt with many administrators, and Warren County had superlative one. "He is dedicated, energetic, smart, honest, trustworthy," Judge Miller said, "Thank you, Alex."

He went on to explain that the relationship between county governments and the courts in New Jersey was strange, unique and sometimes awkward, with the county charged with owning and maintaining the facility that the court – an autonomous body - occupies. The arrangement is not ideal, and can cause angst and resentment. "We've gotten past that," Judge Miller said, and the relationship has turned into a strong one that understands the importance of the shared aim of serving the taxpayers and citizens. That symbiotic relationship must be fostered, he said.

Judge Miller noted that in any community, the most distinctive and prominent buildings are the courthouses and the churches. Both serve vital needs and are deserving of a sense of beauty, grandeur and awe. "And that's exactly what you've done here," he said. "This facility is beautiful, it has grandeur, and it has awe... and it is also a link to your historic past." He noted the courthouse has been here since 1826. As a lawyer, Judge Miller said he had been to every courthouse in the state. He said this one was unique and among the most beautiful. "Certainly the most beautiful setting, with that beautiful square outside," he said.

Judge Miller thanked all involved, saying this renovated courtroom was a recognition of the importance of the justice system in our society. "We are pleased today to be able to recognize the county commitment to our justice system and the vital role that it serves for our mutual constituents," he said.

Former Warren County Freeholder Richard Gardner was invited to speak next. He said he was delighted that the Commissioners invited him to this occasion in this great room. He recalled that plans for this goal had begun a long time ago, so it was exciting to see the "number one room in the number one building" in the county

restored to its beautiful yesteryear splendor. The technological capabilities made it even more exciting. He congratulated all involved for this bringing this to fruition. He also extended congratulations to Mr. Kern on his reelection, and Mr. Sarnoski for being voted in as director.

Warren County Prosecutor James Pfeiffer said while the past year had presented challenges, there had also been successes. He appreciated the confidence the Commissioners had in him. “We have a tremendous relationship,” he said, “We have a plan together... to keep this county safe.” Mr. Pfeiffer was grateful to his own staff, of which he was proud, and to the County Administrator and the Commissioners for contributing to the office's success. This courtroom, with its technological capabilities, was an important part of moving forward, as the pandemic caused a backlog in processing cases. He thanked the aforementioned, as well as Superior Court Operations Manager for Warren County, George Georgeles. “I really appreciate the opportunity to be the Prosecutor for Warren County,” Prosecutor Pfeiffer said.

County Clerk Holly Mackey wished all a Happy New Year, and hoped to get through 2022 with no new election laws. She brought attention to Warren County Elections Administrator Bill Duffy, who had to navigate through early voting in 2021. She said the prior year, the vote by mail requirements were on her shoulders, but the implementation of early voting was squarely on the Division of Elections. “He was a person down, and he served this county really, really well,” she said, “We work very well together.” Ms. Mackey offered congratulations all around, and said she looked forward to serving for another year.

Mr. Sarnoski would have liked to have called on Surrogate Kevin O’Neill at this point, but he was unable to attend. His deputy, Tom Thorp, was taking good care of things in the office, and Mr. O’Neill was in contact and had sent his regards.

Former Warren County Sheriff Sal Simonetti said it was his honor to return here each year for the County’s annual reorganization. Having spent 19 years doing business in this courthouse, he hoped to see the front entrance restored one day. He knew it was a complex undertaking, but perhaps this current administration could rise to the challenge. Mr. Simonetti wished all a happy and healthy New Year. Mr. Sarnoski quipped, “Judge Miller, you can’t retire yet – we’ve got to get the front door open!”

Senator Michael Doherty (23<sup>rd</sup> District) said it was wonderful to be here and see a nice crowd. He said Warren County could be proud of its leadership team, noting that each of them was humble, and expressed commitment to family and the taxpayers. They continued to improve facilities without incurring any debt, instead planning and

saving first. Sen. Doherty was pleased that northwest New Jersey would be well represented in Trenton in the coming year, with Assemblyman John DiMaio (23<sup>rd</sup> District) and Senator Steve Oroho (24<sup>th</sup> District) both moving into leadership roles to advocate more for this area. Sen. Doherty reminisced about being sworn in as Director of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders precisely 20 years ago, and recognized Walter Orcutt in the audience as one of his earliest mentors. He closed by offering congratulations wishing all a healthy, prosperous 2022.

Mr. Sarnoski introduced Senator Tom Kean (21<sup>st</sup> District), saying he had been advocating for us in Trenton, and hoped he would be in a position to advocate for us in Washington, D.C. in the near future. Sen. Kean congratulated the Commissioners, said it was an honor to be back, and wished all a Happy New Year.

Assemblyman Erik Peterson (23<sup>rd</sup> District) said last year was challenging, and hoped for a better 2022 for our state and country. He talked about freedom reigning in Warren County, and that he was pleased to have been warmly welcomed into this public building. He congratulated Mr. Kern on his reelection and Ms. Ciesla and Mr. Sarnoski for their respective leadership positions, wishing them the best of luck.

Mr. Sarnoski invited Warren County Republican Committee Chairman Doug Steinhardt to say a few words, introducing him as a friend and mentor. Mr. Steinhardt said Warren County was in the greatest hands in the state with its Administrator and Board of County Commissioners. He said he had the honor of serving as chair for 17 years, and he was grateful to Nancy Brown for being his vice-chair for over a decade during his tenure. New Jersey was unique in that it is never more than a year away from the next election, and he felt there was much at stake in 2022 for which to prepare. Mr. Steinhardt thanked everyone for coming out for this occasion, and wished them well.

Before adjourning the meeting, Mr. Sarnoski took a few moments to recognize the following dignitaries in attendance not previously mentioned: Will Austin, president of Warren Community College and his wife, Lori, chair of the Warren County Technical School Board; Yvonne Reitemeyer, new chair of the WCC Board of Trustees; from Belvidere, Mayor Joe Kennedy; from Blairstown, Mayor Rob Moorhead, Deputy Mayor Walter Orcutt and Committeeman Charlie Makatura; from Hope, Mayor Tim McDonough; from Lopatcong, Councilman Bill Wright; from Liberty, Mayor John Inscho; from Washington Borough, Councilwoman Louann Cox; and from Hardwick, incoming mayor Chris Jacksic. He apologized if he missed anyone; many attendees were wearing facemasks.

On behalf of Commissioner Kern, Mr. Sarnoski said all were welcome to attend a reception at Tiptons Tavern following this meeting.

*America the Beautiful* was performed by the Belvidere Singers under the direction of Adam Conti.

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, and there being no further business before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**  
Wayne Dumont, Jr., Administration Building  
165 County Route 519 South  
Belvidere, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 1-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that Jason J. Sarnoski is appointed Director of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2022.

**RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski 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  
Item [9]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**  
Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building  
165 County Route 519 South  
Belvidere, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 2-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that Lori Ciesla is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2022.

**RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski 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  
Item [11]



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**RESOLUTION 3-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD  
TO APPOINT SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW  
OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS BOARD OR WHICH THE  
DIRECTOR MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND  
APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS AS LIAISON OR MEMBER  
OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to appoint such committees as may be required by law or authorized by this Board or which the Director may deem appropriate and that the appointment of Commissioners as liaison or member of various boards and committees is hereby approved:

**Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski**

Education

Special Services School District  
Superintendent of Schools  
Warren County Community College  
Warren County Technical School

County Departments

Board of Elections  
Board of Taxation  
County Clerk  
Surrogate  
Trustee – Warren County Legal Services

Additional Assignments

Economic Development Committee Liaison	Engineering
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority	Public Works
PCFA/Solid Waste	Soil Conservation District
Planning Board Member	Weights & Measures
Projects Commission Liaison	NJAC 1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate

**Commissioner Lori Ciesla**

Land Use & Agriculture

Agriculture Development Board  
Board of Agriculture  
Board of Recreation Commissioners  
Cooperative Extension

Human Services

County Adjuster  
Department of Human Services  
Housing Program  
Mental Health Board  
Transportation Committee  
Workforce Investment Board of  
Morris/Sussex/Warren

Additional Assignments

Library Commission  
Mosquito Commission  
Opiate & Addiction Awareness Task Force  
Planning Board Member, Alternate Member  
PRMUA Liaison  
Shade Tree Commission

**Commissioner James R. Kern, III**

Cultural & Historical

Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs  
Morris Canal Committee  
Municipal & Charitable Conservancy  
Trust Fund Committee  
War Veterans

Public Safety

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center  
Fire Chiefs Association  
Police Chiefs Association  
Prosecutor's Office  
Public Safety  
Sheriff's Office  
Correctional Center

Public Health

Health Services

Additional Assignments

Planning Board Member  
Transparency and Technology Task Force  
COVID-19 Task Force  
N.J.A.C. Delegate  
NJIIF Liaison

**ALL THREE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners' Office  
Personnel Department  
CFO/Treasurer's Office  
Purchasing Department  
County Counsel  
Information Systems Department  
Department of Public Information  
Planning Department  
Boards of School Estimate  
Department of Land Preservation

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

Item [13]

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**RESOLUTION 4-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES  
INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A COMMISSIONER  
LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the municipalities of Warren County are divided into three districts and a Commissioner is assigned as liaison to each district as follows:

Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski

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Allamuchy Township  
Blairstown  
Frelinghuysen  
Hackettstown

Hardwick  
Independence  
Mansfield

Commissioner Lori Ciesla

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Belvidere  
Greenwich  
Harmony Township  
Hope  
Knowlton

Liberty Township  
Lopatcong Township  
White Township

Commissioner James R. Kern, III

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Alpha  
Franklin  
Oxford  
Phillipsburg

Pohatcong  
Washington Borough  
Washington Township

**RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski 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  
Item [14]

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**RESOLUTION 5-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren for the year 2022. All regular meetings shall be held in the Commissioner Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	15 at 9:00 am B	May	25 at 6:00 pm R
January	19 at 6:00 pm B	June	8 at 6:00 pm R
January	22 at 9:00 am B	June	22 at 6:00 pm R
January	26 at 6:00 pm R	July	13 at 6:00 pm R
January	29 at 9:00 am B	July	27 at 6:00 pm R
February	2 at 6:00 pm B	August	10 at 6:00 pm R
February	5 at 9:00 am B	August	24 at 6:00 pm R
February	9 at 6:00 pm R	September	14 at 6:00 pm R
February	23 at 6:00 pm R	September	28 at 6:00 pm R
March	9 at 6:00 pm R	October	12 at 6:00 pm R
March	23 at 6:00 pm R	October	26 at 6:00 pm R
April	13 at 6:00 pm R	November	9 at 6:00 pm R
April	27 at 6:00 pm R	November	22 at 6:00 pm R*
May	11 at 6:00 pm R	December	14 at 6:00 pm R

R= Regular Meeting

B = Budget Meeting

All Work Session Meetings will be  
advertised in The Star-Ledger as needed.

\* Please note that the second meeting in November is being held on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski 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 6-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE STAR-LEDGER AS THE  
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND THE DAILY RECORD AS THE  
ALTERNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER IN WHICH SHALL BE  
PUBLISHED ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES  
REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED ON BEHALF OF  
THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that The Star-Ledger is hereby designated as the official newspaper and the Daily Record as the alternate official newspaper in which shall be published all advertisements and notices required by law to be published on behalf of the County of Warren. This action is taken pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:23-13 and N.J.S.A. 35:1-2.2 et seq.

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

Item [16]

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**RESOLUTION 7-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION  
IN NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Association of Counties requires official designation of voting and alternate members for each county;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby appoint, for representation in the New Jersey Association of Counties, James R. Kern, III as the Voting Member and Jason J. Sarnoski as the 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Voting Member and Alex J. Lazorisak as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Voting Member.

**RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski 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 8-22**

On a motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO  
THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
AUTHORITY, INC., FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that David K. Dech is hereby appointed as the alternate voting member, representing the County of Warren, to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., at those meetings when Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski is unable to attend during the year 2022.

**RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski 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 9-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN  
DESIGNATING OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO INVEST AND  
DISBURSE FUNDS, AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES, PERMITTED  
INVESTMENTS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
FOR WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC MONIES**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of The County of Warren that, pursuant to N. J. S. A. 40A: 5-14, the annual Cash Management Plan prepared by the Chief Financial Officer of the County of Warren, is hereby approved and adopted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board directs the official charged with the custody of public funds covered under the plan to deposit and invest said funds in accordance with the provisions of said plan.

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

, Clerk

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**RESOLUTION 10-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE  
UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$22,324,395.00 THROUGH THE  
DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2022 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2022 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty days of January, and

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the prior year budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$85,045,316.00 and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2021 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and public assistance in said 2021 budget is the sum of \$22,324,395.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appropriations in the total amount of \$22,324,395.00 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer's Department for their records.

**RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski 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 11-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE  
TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$ 1,054,400.00 TO FUND THE PERMANENT  
DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN  
THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2022 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 20 of the year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 inclusive:

DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY OF WARREN, NJ

Principal Payment of bonds	\$ 950,000.00
Interest Payment on Bonds	104,400.00
Principal Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00
Interest Payment on Notes	0.00
Green Trust Loan Payments	0.00
Total Debt Service	<u>\$ 1,054,400.00</u>

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

, Clerk

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**RESOLUTION 12-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH  
JOSEPH J. BELL, ESQ., COUNTY COUNSEL AND REAPPOINTING  
DAVID T. SHIVAS, AND JOSEPH J. BELL IV AS  
WARREN COUNTY ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSELS**

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43, Joseph J. Bell, Esq., an Attorney-at-Law of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 150 Mineral Springs Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866 shall continue as Warren County Counsel and the Retainer Agreement between the Board and Mr. Bell, setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation which Retainer Agreement is made a part of this resolution by reference is incorporated herein as if set forth verbatim, is hereby approved and the Commissioner Director is authorized to execute said Retainer Agreement on behalf of the Board.
2. David T. Shivas, and Joseph J. Bell IV members of the firm of Bell & Shivas, P.C. are hereby reappointed as Warren County Assistant County Counsels.
3. Contract WC1973FO for County Counsel for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

**to . . . Joseph J. Bell, Rockaway, New Jersey**

**in the amount of . . . \$75,000.00**

**as per their proposal submitted . . . October 25, 2019**

4. This proposal was reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services

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

**RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski 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 13-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2153FO FOR  
LEGAL SERVICES –A, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR  
GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY  
OF WARREN TO BELL & SHIVAS, P.C., FOR THE  
PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AT THE RATE OF \$165.00  
PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS AND \$105.00 PER HOUR FOR  
PARALEGALS, ESTIMATED AMOUNT \$410,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC2153FO for Legal Services – A, Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Bell & Shivas, P.C., Rockaway, New Jersey

**in the amount of . . .** \$165.00 per hour for attorneys and \$105.00 per hour for paralegals, estimated amount \$410,000.00

**as per their proposal submitted . . .** November 19, 2021

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

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

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services

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 14-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2153FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES –B, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI, TIPTON & TAYLOR, LLC, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 AT THE RATE OF \$185.00 PER HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND \$165.00 PER HOUR FOR ASSOCIATES PLUS COST AND EXPENSES ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC2153FO for Legal Services – B, Special Counsel for Labor Related Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC., Phillipsburg, New Jersey

**in the amount of . . .** \$185.00 per hour for partners/ \$165.00 per hour for associates with an estimated amount of \$150,000.00

**as per their proposal submitted . . .** November 19, 2021

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services

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

, Clerk

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**RESOLUTION 15-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2153FO FOR  
LEGAL SERVICES – C, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR  
LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO LAVERY,  
SELVAGGI, ABROMITIS & COHEN, PC.,  
FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022  
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 AT THE RATE OF  
\$140.00 PER HOUR PLUS COST AND FEES, ESTIMATED  
AMOUNT OF \$66,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC2153FO for Legal Services – C, Special Counsel for Land Preservation Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

**to . . . Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen, PC., Hackettstown, New Jersey**

**in the amount of . . . \$140.00 per hour, estimated amount \$66,000.00**

**as per their proposal submitted . . . November 19, 2021**

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds for this contract are provided in trust account 03895/5067 – Open Space Trust Farmland Acquisitions and 01894/5065 – Open Space Trust, Recreation and Conservation Acquisitions

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

, Clerk



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**RESOLUTION 16-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2153FO FOR  
LEGAL SERVICES – D, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR  
GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE  
WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE WARREN  
COUNTY ADJUSTER FOR THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF  
WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT,  
CAPPELLI, TIPTON & TAYLOR, LLC, FOR THE  
PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AT THE RATES OF \$185.00 PER  
HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND \$165.00 PER HOUR FOR  
ASSOCIATES PLUS COST AND EXPENSES ESTIMATED  
AMOUNT OF \$157,500.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC2153FO for Legal Services – D, Special Counsel for the Warren County Department of Human Services, its Divisions and the Warren County Adjuster for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC., Phillipsburg,  
New Jersey

**in the amount of . . .** \$185.00 per hour for partners/ \$165.00 per hour for associates with an estimated amount of \$157,500.00

**as per their proposal submitted . . .** November 19, 2021

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds for this contract are provided in budget accounts 013450/5029 – TASS Contracted Services and 013570/5029 – WC Adjuster Contracted Services

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak

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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, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 17-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2153FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E, BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 AT THE BASE FEE \$3,500.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC2153FO for Legal Services – E, Bond Counsel Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLC, Roseland, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . Base Fee \$3,500.00 plus \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of bonds issued

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 19, 2021

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing bond counsel legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds are or will be provided for this purpose upon adoption of Bond Ordinances as required by N.J.S.A.40A:-2.20

**RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski 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 18-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2022.

**APPOINTMENT OF A FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE NEW JERSEY  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND**

**BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby appoints County Administrator Alex J. Lazorisak as the Fund Commissioner and County Commissioner James R. Kern, III as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund.

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