\*These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on April 14, 2022. 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 February 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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

After leading the flag salute, Mr. Sarnoski confirmed with the County Administrator that notice of this meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, the minutes of the Executive Session of February 9, 2022 were approved.

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

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT/PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **PROCLAMATION 84-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, PROCLAMATION – CELEBRATING 110<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND GIRL SCOUTS WEEK, MARCH 6-12, 2022.

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

Ms. Ciesla welcomed the group of girls and leaders, saying she was pleased to have them here, and it was exciting to know that Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey served 328 girls across Warren County. She said she loved her time in the Girl Scouts, which teaches girls just about everything. She congratulated Girl Scouts of the USA on its anniversary.

Mr. Kern said it was great to see so many smiling faces, especially appreciated since this was the board's first in-person public meeting in a long time. He thought

being here could help the girls fulfill requirements for their civics badges, saying this was a form of early public service. "So many of you are going to go on to do great things, and it's because of this program," he said. He said Katie Couric, Laura Bush and Lucille Ball were notable for their involvement in Girl Scouts. "You all should be proud of yourselves," he said.

Mr. Sarnoski joked that he heard a troubling rumor about his favorite Girl Scout Cookies being subject to shortages, which was very concerning. All kidding aside, he said he had attended many Girl Scout Gold Award ceremonies over the years, and they were very special. It was heartening to witness the many accomplishments of these scouts, which contribute to the betterment of the community.

The proclamation was accepted by Lissette Tufaro, membership recruiter of Girl Scouts of Northern NJ, who was joined by 11 Girl Scouts and a few local leaders. Ms. Tufaro said her organization serves 4.5 counties, which included half of Warren County. She said Girl Scouting builds curiosity and encourages small acts of kindness, big ideas and a can-do spirit. It was noted that there were a few Junior Girl Scouts from Great Meadows in attendance who were working toward their government patches. On behalf of the 328 Warren County scouts in her region, Ms. Tufaro thanked the Commissioners for this honor.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Prosecutor James Pfeiffer took the opportunity to thank everyone involved in the budget process for their hard work and efforts, particularly the Commissioners for extending the opportunity for his office to establish its Cyber Unit, which encompassed getting another attorney and agent. He said it was imperative in these times to have the work force to be able to move forward and to make these things happen. "We have a joint vision together that we've all talked about in terms of where we have to go with this Cyber Unit and our ability to address the problems and issues that are facing our community, especially the attacks that are happening on our children," he said. The Prosecutor commended the Commissioners, saying, "Thank you so much for everything you're doing for the county, for all the members of our community, and especially for our office to empower us to move forward."

Mr. Kern complimented Prosecutor Pfeiffer, and his entire office, for being "fantastic," and noted the strong relationship between the department and the broader law enforcement community. "Obviously, when we have to exceed caps, we want to make sure we're doing it for the right reasons... and this is an absolute no-brainer," he said, and pledged his support.

Ms. Ciesla said she appreciated all the Prosecutor was doing, especially to protect our youngsters.

#### FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

#### **RESOLUTION 85-22**

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

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

County CFO Kim Francisco said the budget was being introduced this evening, and would be posted on the county website and advertised in the official newspaper as required the following day. "It was a very good year," he said, "We're reducing the county tax rate by two cents. Open Space and Library rates will stay the same. So if your assessment of your home did not go up, you should pay less in county taxes." He continued to say we are a pay-as-you-go county, which means we do no issue debt. "So as we pay as we go, we have to save as we go, so we're not only providing services this year, but we're saving for future projects. We're in good shape. It's a good budget."

Budget adoption was scheduled after a public hearing on March 23, 2022.

Director Sarnoski thanked Mr. Francisco and his team for constructing this budget, conferring with departments to get their numbers in on time. "I know it's not easy, takes a lot of work," he said. He noted that this year's budget process was completed quickly and efficiently. Mr. Sarnoski also expressed appreciation to County Administrator Alex Lazorisak for making sure all departments were aware of the Commissioners' expectations, saying it was a group effort that came together well.

In addition to cutting approximately two cents from our tax rate, there was more good news. Even though County Open Space and Library taxes were remaining the same, those departments would actually see increases (\$190,000 in the Open Space fund and \$265,000 in the Library fund) because of debt being retired.

Mr. Sarnoski noted that as the county was still dealing with some of the effects of COVID, including costs, it was making decisions on how to move forward in that context. He lamented that the state had not been very helpful. "Everything that the state controls still goes up – pension, health benefits, things like that – anything that we have to pay the state continues to rise, so we still deal with that," he said.

Director Sarnoski concluded his budget remarks by saying, "I just want to thank everyone and say I'm very proud to be Director of this budget, and thank the board as well for their hard work on this process."

Ms. Ciesla said this was her second budget as Commissioner, and she appreciated all the hard work of department heads. "We're planning for today, we're planning for the future," she said, noting plans to renovate the Catherine Dickson Hofman Library; improve the Administration Building and other facilities; taking care of our roads; and all the services the county offers. She thought it was great to be able to lower the tax burden of our residents. "At the end of the day, it's their money that we are the stewards of," she said, and wanted to do the best job possible.

Mr. Kern thanked Mr. Sarnoski for his leadership, along with the County Administrator and CFO, for completing this budget process in record time. "What I think makes this county so special is that our employees and department heads treat these tax dollars as if they were their own," he said, and wanted county residents to understand how much they care. While Trenton and Washington, D.C. set examples to keep borrowing, "What happens here is just good governance," said Mr. Kern.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak reiterated that department heads had been cooperative. "They toed the line and sharpened their pencils," he said, adding that they seemed to do more with less each year. "Hats off to department heads and employees," he concluded.

#### **RESOLUTION 86-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY TAX LEVY LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK AS PER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 87-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX LEVY CAP TO BE APPLIED TO THE 2022 COUNTY BUDGET.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 88-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO EXCEED THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE BUDGET REQUEST CAP (P.L. 2015, c. 249) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 89-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND COUNTY PURPOSE TAX LEVY OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 90-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY AND ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR THE USE OF THE WARREN COUNTY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 91-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2022 COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND LEVY.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 92-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

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

#### **RESOLUTION 93-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$7,225,089 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 94-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION CANCELING CERTAIN FUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS.

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **RESOLUTION 95-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NJ TRANSIT CORPORATION FOR SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$414,835.08 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 96-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION TOTALING \$28,000.00 TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 TO IMPLEMENT THE WARREN COUNTY STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP) AND ASSIST WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH ENROLLING IN AND ACCESSING MEDICARE-FUNDED BENEFITS; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 97-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET TO CLASSIFY THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY IN THE NEW YORK-NEWARK-JERSEY CITY, NY-NJ-PA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA.

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

Mr. Sarnoski said the statistical area designation has a significant impact on the funds we receive in Warren County. "Really we should be in that metropolitan area, not where we are, which is more in Pennsylvania," he said.

#### **RESOLUTION 98-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN 2022 NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAMS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS FOR THE

COUNTY OF WARREN FLEET VEHICLE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM. Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

Ms. Ciesla said she was happy to be moving forward with electrification of the county's fleet.

#### RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS

#### **RESOLUTION 99-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2022-2023 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WARREN COUNTY – CONTRACT #WC2220.

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

#### RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

#### **RESOLUTION 100-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2219R FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES, FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF JENSEN DRIVE, OXFORD TOWNSHIP TO FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., OF WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000.00.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 101-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2221R FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR JOHNSON CONTROLS METASYS AUTOMATIC TEMPERATURE CONTROL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER, PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HEALTH BUILDING, PROSECUTOR'S BUILDING AND THE WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TO JOHNSON CONTROLS, OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,866.00.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 102-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC2008 FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE TO CHAMPION ELEVATOR CORP., FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$20,700.00, PER YEAR.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 103-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO TUWAY COMMUNICATIONS OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA TO PROVIDE, INSTALL, CONFIGURE AND OPTIMIZE A NEW IP CHANNEL BANK FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$31,615.00.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 104-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2205 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP) FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 TO MAUREEN MARKEY-FERRIS, FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26.00 PER ACRE.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 105-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2206 FOR LABORATORY TESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING OFFICE, OF THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS, FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023 IN THE APPROXIMATE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$8,522.74.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 106-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2210 FOR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TO TUWAY COMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC

CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$177,120.00 PER YEAR. Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

#### **RESOLUTION 107-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2203 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (PROPERTY ADJACENT TO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING) FOR FARMING FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS TO SUEED FARMS LLC, FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$240.00 PER ACRE.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 108-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2222R FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION ROUTE SIGNAGE DESIGN FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO DI GROUP ARCHITECTURE, OF NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 109-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2217R TO ADVANCE TESTING COMPANY, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PAVEMENT RIDE QUALITY TESTING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY 2020 ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT \$11,783.80.

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

#### **RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

#### RECOMMENDATION

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF KATARZYNA BOHATEREWICZ-BRIODY FROM THE WARREN COUNTY AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF KATARZYNA BOHATEREWICZ-BRIODY FROM THE WARREN COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 110-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL.

SALLY ANN CARPENTER – TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/24

ROBIN ENNIS – TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/24

CATHY MILLS – TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/24

MARCELA ZUCHOVICKI – TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/24

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

Ms. Ciesla expressed appreciation to all who serve on these boards.

#### PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

#### **RESOLUTION 111-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE WORKER, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SENIOR TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE WORKER/SIGN MAKER 2, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF ROADS.

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

#### **REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell IV had no report for public session.

County Engineer Bill Gleba reported on a meeting with the NJ DEP regarding Spring Valley Road (CR 659). He said they confirmed the number of items to be addressed and were taken aback by the uniqueness of the situation there. The DEP will get back to us on several of its policies. In the meantime, Mr. Gleba directed the consultant to move forward with the alternative of raising the roadway simultaneously in two locations. He answered a few of Mr. Sarnoski's questions, and confirmed that the Hardwick mayor was being kept apprised of the situation.

County Planner Dave Dech reported that the DEP had certified the county's Solid Waste Management Plan.

County Public Works Director Emily Hammer was pleased to announce that Warren County's vehicle electrification program was officially off the ground. After several months of work – internally and with Mr. Kern's leadership – a number of best approaches in terms of charging station locations, selection of vehicles, etc., had been determined. Grant programs have now opened, and Ms. Hammer thought the county was in a favorable position. The first competitive grant was aimed at reducing our trucks' diesel emissions. The next day she and Mr. Kern were to participate in a webinar, to which mayors were invited, to communicate what may be available for municipalities. The overarching goal was to have 25 percent of the county's fleet electric by the year 2025. Mr. Kern was very pleased with Ms. Hammer's progress and thought Warren County was in a good position.

County CFO Kim Francisco had nothing further to report.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak briefly mentioned the most recent vacancy report, noting a few backfill positions due to resignations.

COVID-19 update: All county employees had returned to work as of February 22, 2022, after several weeks of remote and staggered shift options during the omicron surge. FEMA reimbursement of covered expenditures would end April 1, 2022. The tentative completion date of the state's testing site would be March 17, 2022. "We're certainly out of this pandemic for the moment," Mr. Lazorisak said.

Mr. Sarnoski reminded everyone that the March 9, 2022 Commissioner meeting had been canceled, so the board's next meeting would be the fourth Wednesday of March.

#### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Kern reported on the PBA/Corrections vaccine mandate matter, saying he was grateful for guidance from County Counsel, and for the plan put in place by the County Administrator and Warden to protect jobs, even though the case was not heard. "Once again, this governor and his administration have very little understanding of how county and municipal operations work, and the impact that it could have had on our overall organization," Mr. Kern said. Mr. Sarnoski interjected that the plan not only protected jobs, but also "Allows us to keep the jail open and not have to release prisoners back into society because we can't house without staffing levels."

Regarding the board's resolution seeking the Delaware Water Gap (DWG) National Recreation Area be designated as a National Park, Mr. Kern said the Commissioners had been getting some inquiries. With respect to hunting, he thought he spoke on behalf of the Commissioners when he said they were not opposed to hunting. "We are supporting the concept in theory at this point," he said, with details still to be determined. He mentioned an editorial that had appeared in *The Express-Times* - which he said was inaccurate and hypocritical – claiming the Commissioners were not supportive of free access to the parks. The DWG already charges an admission fee, as many national parks have in certain areas. "We are very supportive of recreation; we spend millions of dollars to preserve open space in Warren County and acquire more land for people to access," Mr. Kern said.

Ms. Ciesla said she was definitely pro-hunting and fishing. "Our sportsmen contribute a lot to the conservation of this state," she said, and wanted to ensure those activities continued at DWG.

Regarding a broadband task force, Ms. Ciesla said the state tasked her with gathering information on the ISPs and internet speeds in the county, and she would be working with the County Administrator as well as municipal officials. "There is a lot of money out there," she said, "They know our area needs it, so it's really good that we're getting the attention that we need."

The next Health and Wellness Field Day was scheduled for May 13, 2022 at Warren Hills High School. This would be a basketball game with law enforcement, and would include various vendors that had participated in the previous event. More details would be determined.

Ms. Ciesla was pleased to report having had another successful trip to Northampton County with Tara Mezzanotte, and the Northampton Commissioners passed a resolution in support of Warren County's resolution asking the NJ DOT to evaluate the safety of the s-curve on Route 80.

Mr. Sarnoski mentioned the redrawing of the legislative district maps resulting from the census. Even though he had written a letter on behalf of the Commissioners requesting Warren County be kept whole based on population, the county was broken up. "I'm not sure there's much more the county can do with regards to this unconstitutional act," he said, but he would continue to look into it.

Regarding the availability of library meeting rooms for public use, Mr. Sarnoski said things were moving forward; it was a process.

The Warren County Technical School Board of School Estimate was slated for March 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. after being rescheduled.

#### **CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tara Mezzanotte of Knowlton Township and the I-80 DWG Coalition said it took two months, but it was nice to have succeeded in convincing Northampton County to pass the resolution Ms. Ciesla mentioned in her remarks. Knowlton Township Mayor Adele Starrs had attended the Northampton County Council meeting to show support, as well as representatives from municipalities across the river in Pennsylvania. Ms. Mezzanotte said the county council asked a number of good questions and gained knowledge. "The more they got educated, the more interested they were," she said, and that they wanted to help Warren County.

Ms. Mezzanotte then proceeded to read aloud the following, Northampton County Council Resolution Number 29-2022, adopted on February 17, 2022:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A REQUEST FOR A STUDY OF INTERSTATE 80 (I-80) IN WARREN COUNTY, NJ THAT IMPACTS NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PA

**WHEREAS**, Northampton County, PA is physically connected to Warren County, NJ by over 40 miles of the Delaware River, seven vehicle and pedestrian bridges and three rail road crossings; and

WHEREAS, in September 2021 the Warren County (NJ) Board of Commissioners passed Resolution 420-21, requesting the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to initiate a Problem Statement to study the safety, mobility, and congestion issues on 1-80 from Exit 4 Columbia/Portland to the Delaware Water Gap Bridge, and

WHEREAS, Northampton County municipalities including Upper Mount Bethel Township, Lower Mount Bethel Township, Plainfield Township, Portland Borough, and Pen Argyl Borough have enacted resolutions in support of the NJDOT Problem Statement Request and have requested traffic impact studies; and

WHEREAS, Northampton County Fire and Rescue Departments, through mutual aid agreements with their New Jersey counterparts, service accidents between the Portland/Columbia Bridge and I-80 Delaware Water Gap Bridge Toll Plaza, as well as emergency, fire, and rescue events in their own and nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, current traffic volumes and anticipated increased traffic volumes affect the safety and lifestyle of residents within Northampton County;

WHEREAS, any traffic disruption near these river crossings creates a well-documented hazardous environmental ripple effect of secondary crashes, disruptions to the flow of commerce and commuters, overflow into residential, tourist and farming communities, lifestyle disruptions affecting shopping, employer/employee access, access to doctors and hospitals, worship, recreation, small business economy, education, and emergency response;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

- Northampton County Council supports regional efforts requesting the NJDOT to immediately 1) initiate a Problem Statement to study all the safety, mobility, and congestion issues on I-80 from Exit 4 – Portland/Columbia Bridge and the Delaware Water Gap Bridge Toll Bridge, 2) initiate a regional traffic study and 3) delay the I-80 Rockfall Project pending the outcome of the studies; and
- 2. Northampton County Council encourages all municipalities, State and Federal Elected Representatives, organizations, and transportation agencies who serve Northampton County to consider similar action supporting regional efforts as stated above.

Introduced by: Tara M. Zrinski and Attested: Linda M. Zembo, Clerk to Council

"Thank you again, Commissioner Ciesla," Ms. Mezzanotte said, concluding her remarks, "We did well."

There were no other public comments.

#### PRESS COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

None.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **RESOLUTION 112-22**

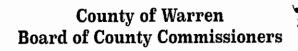
On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 AT 6:46 P.M. Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, the board adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, and there being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



## roclamation

110<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY & GIRL SCOUTS WEEK MARCH 6-12, 2022

WHEREAS, March 12, 2022, marks the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, the largest and most impactful leadership program for girls in the world; and

WHEREAS, since our beginnings, Girl Scouts has emphasized public service and civic engagement, and has fostered a sense of community in girls; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts works to champion the ambitions, cultivate the talents, and develop the skills of girls to confidently pursue their passions and make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, during a time when girls are experiencing increased levels of anxiety, stress, loneliness, and depression, Girl Scouts provides community, consistency, and connection for girls, and is a safe haven in all the uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, girls say that Girl Scouts support their mental health and is an accepting, safe space where they feel free to be themselves and where leaders and other girls are sources of support during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, at a time when civics education is missing from many schools, Girl Scouts engages girls of all grade levels in civics programming that deepens their understanding of democracy and government, prepares them for a lifetime of civic engagement, and motivates them to take action on issues that are important to them; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts offers girls 21st century programming in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); the outdoors; entrepreneurship; and beyond, helping girls develop invaluable life skills; and

WHEREAS, Gold Award Girl Scouts take on projects that have a measurable and sustainable impact on a community by assessing a need, designing a solution, completing a project, and inspiring others to sustain it; and

WHEREAS, today, more than 50 million women - trailblazers, visionaries, and leaders - are Girl Scout alums who have made the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey serves 328 girls across Warren County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim March 6-12, 2022 as Girl Scout Week in Warren County, applauding the Girl Scout Movement and Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey for providing girls with a safe, inclusive, all-girl space where they can hone their skills and develop leadership abilities, along with celebrating the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA.

Jason J. Sarnoski, Director Board of County Commissioners Lori Ciesla, Deputy Director Board of County Commissioners

James R. Kern III, Commissioner Board of County Commissioners

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#### **RESOLUTION 85-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2022-7 and 2022-8, dated February 23, 2022, in the amount of \$2,990,186.43 including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of County Commissioners.

2022-7	2/16/2022	\$1,161,526.05	
2022-8 TOTAL	2/23/2022	460,741.83	\$1,622,267.88
TOTAL			\$1,022,207.88
Open Space Wire	(Detail Below)	\$41,263.95	
TOTAL-OTHER			41,263.95
Payroll	2/10/2022	\$1,326,654.60	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			1,326,654.60
GRAND TOTAL			\$2,990,186.43

Open Space			Reimburse-	<b>County</b>		
Wire Transfer:	<b>Date</b>	Total Paid	<u>ments</u>	<b>Portion</b>		
Thompson, Robert P	2/17/22	\$194,530.05	\$153,266.10	\$41,263.95		
Total				\$41.263.95		

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 Warre	n on the date ab	ove mentioned.			

		, Clerk
Alex I Lazorisak		

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#### **RESOLUTION 86-22**

### RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY TAX LEVY LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK AS PER N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a county shall limit any increase in its county tax levy to **2.5%** unless authorized by resolution to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's county tax levy, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a county may, when authorized by resolution, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual county tax levy and the 3.5% percentage rate, subject to certain exceptions, as an exception to its final county tax levies in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 budget by up to 3.5%, subject to certain exceptions, over the previous year's final county tax levy, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that a one percent increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 578,867 in excess of the increase in final county tax levy otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not levied, as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final county tax levy in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the budget of the County of Warren shall, in accordance with this resolution and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 1%, amounting to \$ 578,867, and that the CY 2022 county budget for the County of Warren be approved and adopted in accordance with this resolution; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not levied as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final county tax levy in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution upon adoption, with the recorded vote included there on be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, the resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2022:

<b>ADOPTED</b>	BY RESOLUTION	ON FIRST READING

DATED: February 23, 2022 ROLL CALL: Mr. Kern YES

Ms. Ciesla YES Mr. Sarnoski YES

On motion by , seconded by the resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 23, 2022:

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION ON SECOND READING

DATED: March 23, 2022 ROLL CALL: Mr. Kern

Ms. Ciesla Mr. Sarnoski

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

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#### **RESOLUTION 87-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

### RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX LEVY CAP TO BE APPLIED TO THE 2022 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the County introduced its 2022 County Budget on February 23, 2022, which is scheduled for adoption by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners on March 23, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the County's Budget has to be reviewed and approved by the Division of Local Government Services within the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Division has reviewed the County's Budget, has determined that the 1977 and 2010 maximum allowable amount to be raised by taxation is the same and is requiring that the County signify adoption of a tax levy cap by Resolution of its Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS,** a careful review of the New Jersey Local Budget Law which governs the formulation, approval and adoption of a County Budget, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45a(1) requires that the amount to be raised by taxation in the case of a County shall not exceed the amounts permitted under the 1977 Tax Levy Cap Law; and

**WHEREAS,** based upon a review of the Local Budget Law provisions, the County Counsel and County Chief Financial Officer believe that the law requires the County to adhere to the tax cap levy provisions established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.4 and 40A:4-45.45;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the County does hereby adopt the 1977 tax levy cap provisions provided for in the aforementioned statutes and that said provisions shall govern the enactment and enforcement of Warren County's 2022 Budget.

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

I hereby o	certify the	above to	be a tru	e copy	of a	resolution	adopted	by the	Board	of	County
Commissioners of	f the Count	y of Warre	en on the	date ab	ove 1	mentioned.					

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#### **RESOLUTION 88-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO EXCEED THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE BUDGET REQUEST CAP (P.L. 2015, c.249) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

- WHEREAS, P.L. 2015, c. 249 requires a county entity to submit a budget request to the county governing body that is comprised of two parts; the amount to be raised by property taxation, and the amount to be funded wholly through Federal or State funds, fees raised by the county entity, or other sources; and
- WHEREAS, the term "county entity" means a county board of taxation, office of the county superintendent of election, office to the county board of election, office of the county register of deeds and mortgages, office of the county clerk, office of the county surrogate, office of the county prosecutor, and county sheriff's department; and
- **WHEREAS**, P.L. 2015, c. 249 limits the increase in the portion of a county entity budget request funded by property taxation to no more than two percent (2%) of the previous year's budget request, subject to certain limited exceptions; and
- **WHEREAS**, the portion of the budget request submitted by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office that is funded by property taxation does not exceed the cap imposed by P.L. 2015, c. 249; and
- **WHEREAS**, over the last three years, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Cyber Crimes Unit has seen an alarming growth in cyber tips from the National Center for missing and exploited children along with a work load increase of sixty (60) percent since the inception of the unit in 2015; and
- WHEREAS, additional personnel will enhance both a proactive and reactive response in conducting investigations into the endangerment of children, which arrive in the form of child pornography or the luring of children; and
- WHEREAS, the Warren County Cyber Crimes Unit will also provide assistance to other county and state law enforcement agencies, conduct computer forensic services in the field and provide public awareness through internet safety lectures to adults and children; and
- WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby determines that a one percent (1%) increase beyond the maximum increase permitted by the budget request cap set forth in P.L. 2015, c. 249, which amounts to \$55,412.00 in excess of the increase in the portion of the budget request funded by property taxation otherwise permitted P.L. 2015, c. 249, is advisable and necessary; and
- **WHEREAS**, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that this increased amount becomes the base upon which future CAP calculations will be determined.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren has determined that a one percent (1%) increase beyond the maximum increase permitted by the budget request cap set forth in P.L. 2015, c. 249 shall not cause the County of Warren to exceed the levy cap set forth in 1977 and 2010 levy cap laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.4) and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 respectively).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren a majority of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office shall, in accordance with this resolution, be increased by one percent (1%) beyond the maximum increase permitted by the budget request cap set forth in P.L. 2015, c. 249, amounting to \$55,412.00 in excess of the increase in the portion of the budget request funded by property taxation otherwise permitted P.L. 2015, c. 249, and that said increase shall be presented as part of the county budget submission to be approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services alongside all other documents required to be submitted with the introduced county budget.

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

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#### **RESOLUTION 89-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

### RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND COUNTY PURPOSE TAX LEVY OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the following statements of revenues and appropriations herein set forth shall constitute the County Budget for the year 2022;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a summary of said budget shall be published in the Star Ledger in the issue of March 9, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date herein indicated. A public hearing on the County Operating, Open Space and County Library budget and Tax Resolution is scheduled on Wednesday March 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 So., Belvidere (White Township), New Jersey. Objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2022 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

#### SUMMARY OF BUDGET REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2022

Total Appropriations	\$ 99,552,241.36
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 25,652,241.36
Amount to be Raised by Taxation – County Purpose Tax	\$ 73,900,000.00

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

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#### **RESOLUTION 90-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

## RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY AND ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR THE USE OF THE WARREN COUNTY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Warren County Public Library budget herein set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$4,720,000.00 for the county to be raised by taxation and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.

#### SUMMARY OF REVENUES

#### General Revenues

Surplus Appropriated	\$ 1,168,655.00
State Aid	\$ 49,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	\$ 85,702.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$ 4,720,000.00
Total General Revenues	\$ 6,023,857.00

#### SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

#### General Appropriations

Operations Including Contingent	\$ 4,505,118.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 1,518,739.00
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 6,023,857.00</u>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33-9, the sum of \$4,720,000.00 is hereby authorized to be raised by taxation for the use of the Warren County Free Public Library; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby instructed to notify the Warren County Board of Taxation of this action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a summary of said budget shall be published in the Star Ledger in the issue of March 9, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date herein indicated. A public hearing on the County Operating, Open Space and County Library budget and Tax Resolution is scheduled on Wednesday March 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 So., Belvidere (White Township), New Jersey.

other interested persons.			
On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded County Commissioners of the Cou			
ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION	ON FIRS	T READING	
DATED: February 23, 2022	ROLL CALL:	Mr. Kern Ms. Ciesla Mr. Sarnoski	YES YES YES
On motion by , seconder Commissioners of the County of Wa	arren at a meeting	s held March 23, 20	as adopted by the Board of County 022:
ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION	ON SECO	ND READING	
DATED: March 23, 2022	ROLL CALL:	Mr. Kern Ms. Ciesla Mr. Sarnoski	
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Public comments on the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2022 may be presented by taxpayers and

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#### **RESOLUTION 91-22**

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 on February 23, 2022.

### RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2022 COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND LEVY

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1993, the County, pursuant to a ballot question, created a dedicated tax in the amount of 2 cents per \$100.00 of County equalized real property for the County Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, said dedicated tax was increased by an additional 2 cents per \$100.00 of the county equalized real property on the November 2, 1999 election to assess up to a maximum of 4 cents per \$100.00 of the total County equalized real property valuation, and that the County would annually determine the rate to be levied, which could not exceed the maximum of 4 cents per \$100.00 of total County equalized real property valuation; and

WHEREAS, said dedicated tax was increased again by an additional 2 cents per \$100.00 of the county equalized real property on the November 5, 2002 election to assess up to a maximum of 6 cents per \$100.00 of the total County equalized real property valuation, and that the County would annually determine the rate to be levied, which could not exceed the maximum of 6 cents per \$100.00 of total County equalized real property valuation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have reviewed the proposed 2022 expenditures from the Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund, and have determined that the amount of **2.0 cents** per \$100.00 of County equalized real property valuation will be sufficient to assist the Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Program in the County of Warren for the year 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners hereby approves a 2022 levy of **2.0 cents** of County equalized real property valuation pursuant to the County Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust fund established in November, 1993, modified in November, 1999, and modified again in November, 2002; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners hereby certifies to the Warren County Board of Taxation, the 2022 Warren County Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund levy in the amount of **2.0 cents** per \$100.00 of the County equalized real property valuation, which is estimated to provide a levy of \$2,426,253.

#### 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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#### **RESOLUTION 92-22**

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 on February 23, 2022.

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, hereby states that it has complied with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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 dated above mentioned.

	, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak	<del></del>

### COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE

#### **RESOLUTION 93-22**

#### **NUMBER 2022-A**

## AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$ 7,225,089 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The capital improvements described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance are hereby authorized as General Improvements to be made by the County of Warren, New Jersey. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$7,225,089 from the General Capital Improvement Fund for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2(A).

Section 2(A). The improvements hereby authorized and the proposed appropriations are for the following purposes:

follow	ing purposes:	-	
(1)	Road Resurfacing Improvements	\$	601,594
(2)	Road and Drainage Improvements  Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county roads and intersections.	\$ 1,	691,560
(3)	Bridge and Culvert Improvements	\$ 1,2	200,000
	Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county bridges and culverts		
(4)	Equipment and Furnishings	\$ 1,0	096,860
	Acquisition of office, communications, safety & security, maturnishings, and computer hardware and software	ainten	ance equipment, furniture &
(5)	Buildings & Grounds Improvements	\$ 1,7	700,000
	Design, construct or renovate and improve various county fa	cilitie	s
(6)	Specialty Vehicles and Maintenance and Construction Equipment Trucks, snowplows, sanders, tractors, mowers, and maintenance and heavy construction equipment	\$	935,075
(7)	New Building and Land Acquisitions	\$	0

\$ 7,225,089

Section 2(B). The maximum amount of money to be appropriated for said purposes is \$7,225,089 no part of which is to be borrowed.

Section 3. The said purpose(s) described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance are not Current Expenses and can be funded by the issuance of bonds if they were not being permanently funded by capital funds on hand.

Section 4. These appropriations are made as a result of the need to improve existing county infrastructure and facilities.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be published, together with a Notice of Introduction thereof and of the Date of Final Passage in the manner provided by law. Final Passage is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM., in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey or at such other date and time to which it may be adjourned.

Section 6. At least one (1) week prior to the date set for Final Passage of this Ordinance, there shall be posted on the bulletin board of the Board of County Commissioners, a copy of this Ordinance and a notice that copies of same will be made available upon request during the ensuing week up to and including the date set for final passage and the notice shall set forth the place at which such copies may be made available; and

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage as provided herein.

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, the resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2022:

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

DATED: February 23, 2022 ROLL CALL: Mr. Kern YES
Ms. Ciesla YES

Ms. Ciesla YES Mr. Sarnoski YES

On motion by , seconded by Capital Improvement Ordinance 2022-A was adopted on the second reading by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 23, 2022:

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION XXX-22 ON SECOND READING DATED: March 23, 2022

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

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#### **RESOLUTION 94-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

### RESOLUTION CANCELING CERTAIN FUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS

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

Section 1. The following funded appropriations remaining as balances in capital ordinances heretofore adopted by the County of Warren, New Jersey (the County) are hereby cancelled and transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund:

1.a: ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-A, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING \$ 4,758,707.00 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

Date of Introduction: 02/14/2018 Date of Adoption: 03/14/2018 Amount of Appropriation to be transferred to Capital Improvement Fund:

0418A208 5063 Road Improvements \$ 100,000.00

1.a: ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-A, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING \$ 6,430,869.00 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

Date of Introduction: 02/27/2019 Date of Adoption: 03/27/2019 Amount of Appropriation to be transferred to Capital Improvement Fund:

0419A302 5064 Bridge Improvements \$ 350,000.00 0419A512 5062 Building & Grounds Improvements \$ 50,000.00

# TOTAL CANCELLATIONS FROM ALL ORDINANCES RETURNED \$ 500,000.00 TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 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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#### **RESOLUTION 95-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NJ TRANSIT CORPORATION FOR SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$414,835.08 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2021, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners approved the 2022 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) application through the NJ Transit Corporation; and

WHEREAS, NJ Transit has approved the 2022 Warren County SCDRTAP application with anticipated funding of \$414,835.08.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute the Agreement with the NJ Transit Corporation for the use of the 2022 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program funds for a total of \$414,835.08.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true cop	y of a resolution	n adopted b	y the	Board	of	County
Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date	above mentioned	•				

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#### BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN

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#### **RESOLUTION 96-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners at a meeting held on February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION TOTALING \$28,000.00 TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 TO IMPLEMENT THE WARREN COUNTY STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP) AND ASSIST WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH ENROLLING IN AND ACCESSING MEDICARE-FUNDED BENEFITS; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services has made \$28,000.00 available to the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services to implement the Warren County State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP); and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services will continue to provide individual Medicare counseling, enrollment and outreach assistance to Warren County residents accessing Medicare benefits, as per the availability of funds through this grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners authorizes the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services to submit a grant application to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services in the amount of \$28,000 to assist Warren County residents with enrollment in and utilizing the benefits for which they are entitled under the Medicare Program.

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 Warren County Board of
County Commissioners on the date above mentioned.

Clerk

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#### **RESOLUTION 97-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

## RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET TO CLASSIFY THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY IN THE NEW YORK-NEWARK-JERSEY CITY, NY-NJ-PA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

**WHEREAS**, currently, the U.S. Census Bureau classifies Warren County in the Allentown Urban Area and the Office of Management and Budget classifies Warren County within the Allentown-Bethlehem Easton, PA Metropolitan Statistical Area (ABE MSA); and

WHEREAS, Warren County's classification within the Allentown Urban Area and the ABE MSA will be reevaluated according to the proposed standards for defining Urban Areas and Core Based Statistical Areas and using the data from the 2020 Decennial Census and the American Community Survey; and

WHEREAS, a Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) is a "geographical statistical entity consisting of a county or counties associated with at least core (Urban Area) of at least 10,000 population, plus adjacent counties having a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured through commuting ties with the counties containing the core. Metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas are the two categories of core based statistical areas"; and

WHEREAS, a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is "a core based statistical area associated with at least Urban Area that has a population of at least 50,000. The MSA comprises the central county or counties containing the core, plus adjacent outlying counties having a high degree of social and economic integration with the central county or counties as measured through commuting"; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Standards for Delineating Core Based Statistical Areas (the Standards) state that "A Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) is a geographical entity associated with at one core of 10,000 or population, plus adjacent territory that has a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured by commuting ties"; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Standards state that "Commuting and employment estimates are derived from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey"; and

WHEREAS, according to the Standards "a county qualifies as an outlying county of a CBSA if it meets the following commuting requirements: a) At least 25 percent of the workers living in the county work in the central county or counties of the CBSA; or b) At least 25 percent of the employment in the county is accounted for by workers who reside in the central county or counties of the CBSA; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2015-2019 American Community Survey (the most recent available), 49.39% of Warren County's workforce commuted to employment locations within the New York-Newark MSA while only 4.33% of Warren County's workforce commuted to locations within the ABE MSA; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent American Community Survey, 17.5% of the jobs in Warren County were held from commuters from the counties within the New York – Newark MSA, and 17.5% of the jobs in Warren County were held from commuters from counties with the ABE MSA; and

WHEREAS, based on the above survey data there is a much stronger commuting tie to the counties located within the New York-Newark MSA than to the ABE MSA; and

WHEREAS, Warren County is a member of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization that is comprised voting membership of the 13 northern NJ Counties and two cities, Jersey City and Newark, to plan for and award federal funds for needed transportation projects and programs in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, twelve of the thirteen counties that are members of the NJTPA are classified within the New York-Newark MSA with the exception of Warren County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the commuting data, Warren County's socio-economic characteristics and New Jersey's taxation and regulatory policies, support reclassifying Warren County into the New York-Newark MSA rather than continuing with the ABE MSA; and

**WHEREAS,** the data supports the fact that Warren County is more closely affiliated with the New York-Newark MSA than with the ABE MSA; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the above data and affiliations, it is justified to classify Warren County within the New York-Newark MSA, along with the adjacent counties of Sussex, Morris, and Hunterdon Counties and the other counties within the NJTPA region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners formally requests that the U.S. Census Bureau and the Office of Management and Budget change Warren County's CBSA-MSA Classification to the New York Newark MSA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of the this resolution be sent to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Office of Management and Budget, U.S. Senators Robert Menendez, and Cory Booker, Congressman Josh Gottheimer, and to the Mayor of Warren County Municipalities.

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 E	Board o	of County
Commissioners of the C	ounty of Warren o	n the date ab	ove mentioned.				

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#### **RESOLUTION 98-22**

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 February 23, 2021.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN 2022 NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAMS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN FLEET VEHICLE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

**WHEREAS,** the County of Warren endeavors to undergo conversion of a portion of its gasoline and diesel-powered vehicle fleet to battery electric vehicles, and construct battery charging infrastructure to serve said vehicles, in an initiative known as the County of Warren Fleet Vehicle Electrification Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren wishes to apply for grant funding to offset costs associated with this electrification of a portion of its fleet vehicles, and the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging stations; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection have announced current and pending grant application processes with awards to be conferred in 2022; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to prepare and submit grant applications on their behalf to programs administered by these agencies, for the acquisition of funding to support the County of Warren Fleet Vehicle Electrification Program.

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

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

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### **RESOLUTION 99-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2022-2023 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WARREN COUNTY - CONTRACT #WC2220

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the plans and specifications for the following Maintenance, Repair and Construction Materials:

- 1. CRS-2P Polymer Modified Emulsified Asphalt
- 2. Hot Mix Asphalt Surface Course
- 3. Hot Mix Asphalt Base Course
- 4. Hot Mix Asphalt Curb Mix
- 5. UPM High Performance Bituminous Cold Patch

- 6. 1/4" Washed Broken Stone
- 7. Abrasive Grits
- 8. Dense Graded Aggregate
- 9. Dense Graded Aggregate using Recycled Concrete

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10. Concrete

for the Warren County Department of Public Works for the 2022-2023 construction year are hereby approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the above project at least ten (10) days prior to the receipt of bids in

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ADVERTISING DATE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 02, 2022 BIDS TO BE RECEIVED – TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022 AWARD DATE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022

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

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#### **RESOLUTION 100-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2219R FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES, FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF JENSEN DRIVE, OXFORD TOWNSHIP TO FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., OF WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000.00

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the professional services of an Engineer to provide engineering and surveying services on the above mentioned property in Oxford Township; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et. seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" 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 contract meets the statute and regulations governing the award of such contracts; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in accounts 011650/R5029 and 011650/5029

**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 Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc., of Washington, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
- 2. The Director of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.

3.	This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4.	A notice of this action shall be published in the Star-Ledger, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.
REC	CORDED VOTE: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes
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### **RESOLUTION 101-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2221R FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR JOHNSON CONTROLS METASYS AUTOMATIC TEMPERATURE CONTROL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER, PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HEALTH BUILDING, PROSECUTOR'S BUILDING AND THE WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TO JOHNSON CONTROLS, OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,866.00

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a contract for Johnson Controls Metasys Automatic Temperature Control System Maintenance, at the Warren County Correctional Center, Public Safety Building, Administration Building, Health Building, Prosecutor's Building and the Warren County Courthouse as outlined in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) et. seq.) requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services" 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,** 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 contract to Johnson Controls, of Allentown, Pennsylvania for services for the above project, at a cost not to exceed \$38,866.00 per letter of agreement which is on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing and is made a part hereof by reference.

2.	This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services defined cannot reasonably be described by written specifications to assure that the qualitative and quantitative assessment of the problems involved, which require expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor are obtained.
3.	A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.
	ing for this contract is provided in budget account 01310/5029 – Building & Grounds Contracted Services ertified by the County Chief Financial Officer.
REC	ORDED VOTE: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes
Comi	I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County missioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.
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#### **RESOLUTION 102-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC2008 FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE TO CHAMPION ELEVATOR CORP., FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$20,700.00, PER YEAR

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that Warren County Contract WC2008 for elevator maintenance is hereby extended for the third and final year of a three year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(7) said contract is hereby extended for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023

to... Champion Elevator Corp., New York, NY

In the estimated amount of ... \$20,700.00

as per their bid submitted ... February 25, 2020

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts 013100/5029 – Buildings & Grounds Contracted Services, 013112/5029 – Buildings & Grounds Annex Contracted Services

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

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 103-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO TUWAY COMMUNICATIONS OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA TO PROVIDE, INSTALL, CONFIGURE AND OPTIMIZE A NEW IP CHANNEL BANK FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$31,615.00

**WHEREAS**, it has been recommended that the county issue a purchase order to provide, install, configure and optimize a new IP channel bank 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 to provide, install, configure and optimize a new IP channel bank 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 0421A406/5058-0421A407/5058

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

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#### **RESOLUTION 104-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2205 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP) FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 TO MAUREEN MARKEY-FERRIS, FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26.00 PER ACRE

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that Contract WC2205 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in Franklin Township, identified as Block 1, Lot 1 and Block 18, Lot 27, approximately 75 total acres, 25 acres which are available for agriculture is hereby awarded

to... Maureen Markey-Ferris, Allentown, Pennsylvania

annual rent of \$26.00 per acre for a total amount of \$1,950.00

as per her bid submitted February 15, 2022

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

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

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Commission	ners of the C	County o	of Warr	en on	the da	te abo	ve me	entioned.						

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### **RESOLUTION 105-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2206 FOR
LABORATORY TESTS FOR THE WARREN
COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING OFFICE, OF
THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
TO LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA
HOLDINGS, FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2022
THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023 IN THE

**APPROXIMATE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$8,522.74** 

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that contract WC2206 for laboratory tests for the Warren County Public Health Nursing Office of the Warren County Health Department is hereby awarded

to ... Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, Raritan, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of ... \$8,522.74

as per their bid submitted . . . February 15, 2022

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

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts 013302/5030 – Public Health Nursing Community Health services Operating Supplies and 013302/5046 – Public Health Nursing Community Health Service T.B. Program

**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

<b>,</b>	Clerk

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#### **RESOLUTION 106-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2210 FOR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TO TUWAY COMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$177,120.00

PER YEAR

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that Warren County Contract WC2210 for communication system preventive maintenance is hereby awarded

to... TuWay Communications, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

In the amount of . . . \$177,120.00

as per their bid submitted . . . February 15, 2022

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012500/5026 – Communications Center - Contracted Equipment Maintenance

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

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#### **RESOLUTION 107-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2203 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (PROPERTY ADJACENT TO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING) FOR FARMING FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS TO SUEED FARMS LLC, FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$240.00 PER ACRE

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that Contract WC2203 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in White Township identified as Block 21, Lot 14, approximately 15 acres is hereby awarded

to ... SueEd Farms LLC of Washington, New Jersey

annual rent of \$240.00 per acre for a total amount of \$3,600.00.

as per his bid submitted February 15, 2022

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

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

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Commissioners	of the County	y of Warrer	n on the da	ate above	me	ntioned.						

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#### **RESOLUTION 108-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2222R FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION ROUTE SIGNAGE DESIGN FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO DI GROUP ARCHITECTURE, OF NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of an architect to provide architectural design services for Emergency Evacuation Route Signage Design; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et. seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" 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 contract meets the statute and regulations governing the award of such contracts; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in capital account 0409A510/5062

**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 DI Group Architecture, of New Brunswick, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the approximate amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 per letter of agreement and outline of hourly rates, fees and expenses, currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
- 2. The Director of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.

3.	the Local Public Contracts Law (40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4.	A notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Ledger, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.
REC	ORDED VOTE: Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes
Com	I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County missioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.
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#### **RESOLUTION 109-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

# RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2217R TO ADVANCE TESTING COMPANY, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PAVEMENT RIDE QUALITY TESTING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY 2020 ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT \$11,783.80

**WHEREAS,** there exists a need for the professional services of an Engineer to provide Pavement Ride Quality Testing for the Warren County 2020 Roadway Resurfacing Project; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et. seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" 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 contract meets the statute and regulations governing the award of such contracts; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in accounts 0417A101 5063

**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 Advance Testing Company, Inc. of Campbell Hall, New York, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$11,783.800 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
- 2. The Director of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.
- 3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
- 4. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star-Ledger, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.

	I hereby certify	the above to	be a true cop	y of a resolution	adopted by	the Boa	rd of Coun	ty Commiss	sioners
of the 0	County of Warre	n on the date a	above mention	ned.					

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# **RESOLUTION 110-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

# RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby re-appoint the following persons to the Warren County Aging Services Advisory Council:

Sally Ann Carpenter Term to Expire: 12/31/2024

808 Charles Road

Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Robin Ennis Term to Expire: 12/31/2024

11 Froehlich Lane Belvidere, NJ 07823

Cathy Mills Term to Expire: 12/31/2024

56 Victoria Drive Belvidere, NJ 07823

Marcela Zuchovicki Term to Expire: 12/31/2024

68 Limerick Lane Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

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

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### **RESOLUTION 111-22**

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 February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE WORKER, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SENIOR TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE WORKER/SIGN MAKER 2, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF ROADS

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, that a full-time position of *Traffic Maintenance Worker*, classified, is created within the Warren County Department of Public Works, Division of Roads to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time position of *Senior Traffic Maintenance Worker/Sign Maker 2*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, Range 1040 is hereby abolished.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the full-time position of *Traffic Maintenance Worker*, classified, within the Warren County Department of Public Works, Division of Roads is created and established on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 0640 and made effective February 24, 2022.

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

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### **RESOLUTION 112-22**

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, 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 February 23, 2022.

# 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: Bastedo eviction from county property.

**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: 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