

## MINUTES

JULY 13, 2022

*\*These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on September 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 July 13, 2022 at 6:01 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, County Counsel Joe Bell, County CFO Kim Francisco, County Engineer Bill Gleba and Deputy Commissioner Clerk Tracy Matlock.

Following the FLAG SALUTE, Director Sarnoski confirmed with the County Administrator that notice of this meeting was in accordance with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (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 Regular Session of May 25, 2022 were approved.

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

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, the minutes of the Regular Session of June 08, 2022 were approved.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

### FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

#### **RESOLUTION 297-22**

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

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

**RESOLUTION 298-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, INSERTION INTO THE 2022 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR VETERANS TRANSPORTATION.

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

**RESOLUTION 299-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AUDIT REPORT OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2021.

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

County CFO Kim Francisco reported another clean audit for 2021, no negative findings, no disallowed costs, no comments or recommendations, a good year. “I would like to thank my staff, we have a good team down there; Tracy from the Commissioner’s Office; Marie and her team from Purchasing. We work well to keep the lights on, the phones connected and everything going.” Commissioner Sarnoski, “thanked Kim and his staff for the excellent work. It always good to hear that our audit is clean, I know it is a deep dive and they spend a couple of days in the room going through everything, comes out clean and there is no findings. Means the commissioners are doing a great job and your office is doing an excellent job, so thank you very much.” Commissioner Ciesla, thanked Kim for a clean audit, I know it is not always easy. Commissioner Kern, also thanked Kim, especially this past year with the influx of federal and state funds coming into that budget, made things more complicated.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 300-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,194.00 TO SUPPORT THE COORDINATION OF THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION 301-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 DMHAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES AND TRAININGS; FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH A GRANT AWARDED TO NJ GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (DMHAS) FOR A TOTAL OF \$14,654.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 302-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO THE 2022 NEW JERSEY EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.

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

**RESOLUTION 303-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2022 GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY BUDGET-OPERATION HELPING HAND GRANT PROGRAM SUBGRANT AWARD SFYOHH-21-2022 AMOUNT OF THE AWARD IS \$123,809.50.

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

**RESOLUTION 304-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN NO PASSING ZONES ALONG COUNTY ROUTE #519 (HOPE-JOHNSONBURG ROAD), FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP.

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

**RESOLUTION 305-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USAGE AND CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #617 (GREEN POND ROAD & MOUNTAIN LAKE ROAD), WHITE TOWNSHIP, AND COUNTY ROUTE #679 (MOUNTAIN LAKE ROAD), LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, ON SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022 FOR THE TRI MOUNTAIN LAKE SPRINT TRIATHLON.

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

**RESOLUTION 306-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE AND RETURN OF PERFORMANCE SURETY AND RESTORATION BONDS POSTED FOR THE POHATCONG VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUPERFUND SITE OU2 WATER SYSTEM EXTENSION PROJECT TO RIO TINTO AuM COMPANY.

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

**RESOLUTION 307-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL’S SPECIAL CONDITIONS ON LIMITED BREWERY LICENSEES.

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

Commissioner Kern, “Mr. Director I would like to speak on E8, thank you for allowing this to be on the agenda tonight. I would, if you would oblige me to read it into the record just because I think it is important to really understand what this is.

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL’S SPECIAL CONDITIONS ON LIMITED BREWERY LICENSEES**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (NJABC) issued new special conditions on each limited brewery licensee in the state beginning Friday, July 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, under the license conditions, craft breweries are limited to hold 25 on-site activities open to the general public annually, as well as 52 private parties. Breweries can also attend 12 off-premises events, such as town, charitable and holiday celebrations; and

**WHEREAS**, under these license conditions, craft breweries have restrictions on the types of television programing they can air in their tasting rooms, restricts what types of live or record music they can play or host, limits what food options they can make available to customers, bans the sale of coffee, and prohibits the sale of soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages not made onsite at the brewery; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the national Brewers Association, the one-hundred and forty-one craft breweries operating in New Jersey in calendar year 2021 contributed almost \$2 billion to the state’s economy, creating over 11,000 jobs at an annually income of more than \$55,000 per employee; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County is home to four microbreweries: Czig Meister Brewing Company and Man Skirt Brewing in Hackettstown, Butzville Brewing Company in Washington Borough and Invertase Brewing Company in Phillipsburg; and

**WHEREAS**, this past spring, these breweries created the “Skylands Ale Trail,” which has brought thousands of visitors to Warren County to experience these breweries and visit other neighboring local businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, these new conditions will force these local, homegrown small businesses to rethink business models and closely consider which events they should participate in or host, which will reduce their profits and their opportunities to engage in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, visiting these microbreweries is about each of their unique experiences, and these proprietors have found exciting ways to engage other local businesses, vendors and artists in their communities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren strongly opposes the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control’s Special Conditions on Limited Brewery Licensees; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to each municipality in Warren County, all the counties of New Jersey, the leaders of the New Jersey Legislature and Governor Phil Murphy.

Commissioner Kern wanted to read this into the record, “This ruling actually began in 2019 and the state held off on it after significant push back for the Brewery community because of what it would do to their business model. Then was suspended again because of COVID, because they did not want to impact these businesses during a pandemic and then, to a surprise to many breweries, after talking to them, this went into effect the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Now it’s causing great concern in the micro-brewery community. As you know, the four listed in Warren County are incredible successful, each of them works so well with their local communities. There seems to be this false narrative of an adversarial relationship between the breweries and the restaurants, which in Warren County couldn’t be any further from the truth because the breweries work with the restaurants, they deliver the food there, serve the beer in the restaurants themselves. This is truly a text book definition of bad government of just awful regulation. I don’t know who is behind it or what the reasoning is behind it, but I hope that the legislature and the governor act to rescind this immediately. The governor can do it with executive order, legislature could pass a bill, which it sounds like there is something being worked on.” Commissioner Kern has been in touch with the breweries in Warren County, the local elected officials in each of these communities, and especially want to thank Eric Orlando of the Brewers Guild of New Jersey who helped craft this resolution, which will be the first county in the state to pass it. It is really important, we want to support small businesses. The governor and administration are out there doing and “Take a Shot and Get a Beer” during COVID that would be considered an event by this standard, this is absolute lunacy. Commissioner Kern, thanked Director Sarnoski for having this item on the agenda.

Director Sarnoski, Governor Murphy’s administration pushed hard on the brewers to push his COVID shot agenda, with the shot and beer campaign, now he seems to punish them. It is really sad, they stepped up to plate for his administration back then, to help with the COVID shot, now he can’t step up to the plate for them. He hurt small business in Warren County and all around the state to maybe help large brewers and large restaurant owners. I am happy to have this on the agenda tonight.

Commissioner Ciesla understands who he is actually helping, Warren County is a small county we only have about 100,000 people. Years ago when they changed the laws, they put into effect, you could only have one liquor license per 3,000 people. We don't get a lot of people out here, so our breweries actually work with our restaurants because we are not overloaded with them. However, a few years ago in Short Hills, because of these antiquated rules, a chain restaurant paid \$2.3 million dollars for a liquor license in Short Hills because these are the hottest items. Part of the problem is the dollar amount that is being paid for liquor licenses. The average cost in the State of New Jersey is \$350,000.00 to hold a Class C license, which is what the restaurants obtain. New York restaurants do not come into New Jersey, because it is ridiculous, they cannot get the license, there is barely any licenses to get. Class A license is what the breweries get, cost is approximately \$10,000.00, and this is where they are getting upset. The four breweries in Warren County are part of the community and they are helping the restaurants. Glad we are the first to do this resolution, hoping for bipartisan support around this state, these rules are antiquated and ridiculously big. The municipal handbook for municipal clerks to deal with this kind of liquor license is eighty-four pages, one hundred and eleven sections in the N.J.S.A. law that govern liquor license. Along with thirty-three sections of the New Jersey Administrative Code. It is ridiculous even if you wanted to have a beer tent at your community day event. Hope this gets the ball rolling so we can get some changes made in this state so we can finally compete.

**RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS**

**RESOLUTION 308-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC2247 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR WARREN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY REPAIRS TO TOWER ENVELOPE.

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

**RESOLUTION 309-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC2234A AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE HALLWAY ASBESTOS ABATEMENT.

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

**RESOLUTION 310-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC2235A AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE HALLWAY CEILING AND LIGHTING UPGRADE.

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

RESOLUTIONS REJECTING BIDS

**RESOLUTION 311-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR WC2228A, THE WAYNE DUMONT, JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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

**RESOLUTION 312-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR WC2234, THE ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT THE WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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

**RESOLUTION 313-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR WC2235, WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE CORRIDOR UPGRADE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

**RESOLUTION 314-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ENGINEERING AND LAND PLANNING OF HIGH BRIDGE, NEW JERSEY FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE BLAZEK PROPERTY BLOCK 5, LOT 32.01, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, APPROXIMATELY 9.45 ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 315-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO SPACE FARMS, INC. UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #51 DEER CARCASS REMOVAL & DISPOSAL SERVICES, FOR THE WARREN

COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022 THRU JUNE 30, 2023, AT THE PRICE OF \$35.00 PER DEER, ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 .

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 THE RESIGNATION OF NICHOLA LYDON FROM THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

**RESOLUTION 316-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL. HANK ICKES-TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/24

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

**RESOLUTION 317-22**

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

WILLIAM GODFREY-TERM TO EXPIRE 2/1/27

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

**RESOLUTION 318-22**

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD.

LORI KING-TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/23

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

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

None.



REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joe Bell had no official report this evening.

County Engineer Bill Gleba reported NJ DOT did return back to Knowlton Township to look into the interchange. Our traffic engineer met with DOT on-site, they are looking into signage updates and some different types of channelization. We will see what they come up with. Director Sarnoski commented, unless they change that roadway and narrow it, or do something to divert the trucks, it's very difficult to stop the trucks from going that way. Mr. Gleba reported part of the problem is there is no signage, so the trucks are going across the bridge. DOT is trying to come up with a system to address the situation. As we asked they are looking into the situation.

County Planner Dave Dech discussed the Warren Scenic Byway meeting held on Monday, July 11, 2022. Draft nominations of the applications were prepared for the northern and southern extensions, the scenic byway committee concurred with the write ups. Nominations will be sent to NJDOT, Scenic Byway Coordinator, hopefully the application will be approved for the extension of the scenic byway out to Waterloo Village and to Union Square in Phillipsburg.

County Public Works Director Emily Hammer was not in attendance.

County CFO Kim Francisco did not have anything more to report tonight.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak discussed the current vacancy report, nothing out of the ordinary. Few backfill of positions, we are having difficulties trying to fill positions. Also, reminded County Commissioner meeting for July 27, 2022 has been cancelled, the next regular scheduled meeting will be August 10, 2022.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Kern had been talking with County CFO and County Administrator, regarding the opioid settlement. We should be identifying what agency or groups that money should go to. County Administrator Lazorisak is looking at the conditions of the settlement as to who the money should be administered by, along with how the monies can be spent per the settlement documents. Thank you New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) for their assistance. Warren County is getting one percent, which equals approximately \$104,000.00, equivalent to \$1.00 per resident.

Commissioner Ciesla, thanked Commissioner Kern, for what he has done for the breweries.

Commissioner Ciesla reported municipal voices have been finally heard regarding receiving some of the utility money. I think we may get a little extra money for the energy receipts, NJ League of Municipalities has been working on. Commissioner Ciesla has spoken with John Donnadio at NJAC to ask what additional monies would be received. This will help the municipalities, they have been missing this money for quite a long time.

In the southern end of the county, Comcast has been visiting the towns with an interest in laying new lines as an additional company to the one that is currently servicing that area. This could create competition, which could help with pricing along with provide better speed.

Commissioner Ciesla and Public Works Director Emily Hammer will follow the updates regarding the monies for broadband services, along with compile data on the cellular service from the municipalities in the county. More information will be forth coming.

Regarding the Health and Wellness grant monies, there is monies left over that need to be used. Another mini Health and Wellness Field Day will be held at the Firth Youth Center.

Commissioner Director Sarnoski participated in the Terry Lee Memorial Run over the past weekend. Thank you to Diane Malanga with Rolling Thunder NJ Chapter 3. It was a great day, great event, had very good weather for it, and well attended. Also, thank everyone who participated and also the Sheriff's Office for all that they did and everyone else.

### CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diane Malanga, President of Rolling Thunder NJ 3, came before the Board to request a parking spot for Purple Heart recipients at the courthouse near the War Memorial. Ms. Malanga presented the Board with a parking sign. When additional signs are available would like them placed around the county as well. Rolling Thunder is willing to participate with other veteran organizations to hold a small ceremony to honor our Purple Heart recipients. Commissioner Director Sarnoski asked County Administrator along with Public Works Director to look into getting the sign erected.

Ms. Malanga also presented the Board with print #915, along with the meaning, “Valley of Tears”, a thousand lithographs and have been numbered. She tried to get a print number close to one of our county route numbers, was unable to get 519 so she settled for 915, which is 519 backwards. The picture along with the meaning was presented to the Board, and asked that it be hung somewhere in the county. Diane will make an appointment with the Sheriff and present his office with a copy as well.

Diane Malanga, as a citizen, would like to discuss a private matter with the Board. County Administrator Alex Lazorisak recommended reaching out the Commissioner Director Sarnoski to schedule a meeting to discuss the matter.

Ms. Malanga, had one more topic for the Board, regarding the foreclosure industry, a lot of houses are going to become vacant, after the moratorium. Ms. Malanga is a foreclosure specialist, houses are going to become abandoned again. People have not paid their mortgages in over two years, mortgage companies are livid and they want people out, want to see their houses, sometimes in different areas, undesirable areas, they become distressed and become an eye sore. When I lived in Belvidere, I worked with Belvidere to make money off of registering a vacant house. The county could also do this, it forces them to maintain the buildings, grass, roofs, and it is called property preservation. There are some really bad eye sores. The number of homes from the northern end to the southern end is staggering. As a county we should make the mortgage companies responsible. Ms. Malanga was advised this is a municipal issue, municipalities have the ordinance to enforce this issue. Commissioner Director Sarnoski will discuss this in more detail with Ms. Malanga in further detail. Ms. Malanga, thanked the Board for allowing the use of County property.

Theresa Chapman, Harmony, asked about the abandoned buildings. For example the grass area going to Target and Lowes, weeds are six feet tall, and the Phillipsburg Mall. The municipalities have the authority to enforce property maintenance. Maybe the Commissioners could reach out to the municipalities to have the ordinance enforced this is a reflection on the county as a whole. Ms. Chapman had been advised this is a municipal issue.

Tara Mezzanotte – I80 DWG Coalition – Presented an update, Monday evening Knowlton Township Mayor Adele Starrs had announced at the committee meeting that she had reached out to the NJ DOT for an update on when the updated visual impact assessment would be released, as well as the archeological studies that we do know where done, meaning the field work was done, so when is the report coming out. She was told that will happen before the end of the year. In addition, the environmental assessment will be released in the spring. That lost us six to nine months, so it really

kind of changed the game. Instead of everything happening the end of 2023, now they are talking about this happening in the spring. When the environmental assessment is released we literally have thirty days to comment whether or not we agree with the points that are put forward regarding impacts. The Commissioner Board has asked for meetings with NJ DOT, in preparation of this type of thing. We are about a year and a half out from those kinds of meetings. The technical studies that will be released will be something like a traffic study. In order for anyone to have an opinion, you will have thirty days to review it and have an opinion. So the question will be, is it possible for other cooperating agencies, get to see these technical studies before release. Since we are not a cooperating agency, we do not have the ability to ask for such a thing. How would the county feel about sending a letter asking for the technical study on the traffic study before the release of the environmental impact assessment? Commissioner Director Sarnoski would like to talk with County Planning Director Dave Dech to see where we are at with any response to a meeting. County Planner has not gotten anything back regarding our continuous requests. Commissioner Director stated we can ask again and can ask that we be included with any environmental assessment and environmental study that way we have to time to review and comment. Ms. Mezzanotte thinks that would be prudent. Commissioner Director requested advance notice to allow Ms. Mezzanotte additional time to present at an upcoming meeting. Will be able to allow fifteen minutes at an upcoming meeting to give an update on the Rock fall Mitigation and S-Curve projects. Ms. Mezzanotte requested to be put on the agenda for August 10, 2022.

Stuart Ridley, Phillipsburg, asked Commissioner Sarnoski when the Parental Bill of Rights Forum will be taking place. Commissioner Director Sarnoski is working on scheduling it, have been very busy with working on other items going on within the county. Working to get something before the end of the summer, so there is something to release before the end of summer.

PRESS COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**RESOLUTION 319-22**

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 6:38 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

Dr. Diane Tribble, Phillipsburg, came before the Board to discuss a matter regarding her property. Commissioner Director Sarnoski has made Dr. Tribble aware that the Public Comment portion of the meeting has been closed and it is not customary of the Board to allow additional Public Comment after the Executive Session of the meeting. County Counsel advised the Board, in his professional opinion, the Commissioners follow the format of the meeting agenda, do not allow for Public Comment. The others are denied to hear the public comment. Commissioner Director Sarnoski did not open the meeting back up to public comment at this time. Commissioner Sarnoski did agree to speak with Dr. Tribble and Mr. Riewerts after the meeting or willing to make an appointment to discuss the matter at another time.

#### P. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, and there being no further business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

**RESOLUTION 297-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**Be and it is hereby resolved** that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2022-26, 2022-27, and 2022-28, dated July 13, 2022,** in the amount of **\$5,622,502.79** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of County Commissioners.

2022-26	6/29/2022	\$1,116,317.24	
2022-27	7/6/2022	693,883.51	
2022-28	7/13/2022	<u>580,252.69</u>	
TOTAL			\$2,390,453.44
Horizon (Prescription, Claims, Admin)	6/30/2022	\$913,124.49	
Aetna	6/30/2022	172,035.28	
Sun Life Financial	6/30/2022	67,723.94	
Delta Dental	6/13/2022	36,892.15	
Home Depot	6/29/2022	4,804.40	
PNC Bank Commercial Card	7/11/2022	2,791.41	
Open Space Wire	(Detail Below)	<u>583,433.96</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			1,780,805.63
Payroll	6/30/2022	\$1,328,250.13	
Election Pay	7/7/2022	<u>122,993.59</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,451,243.72</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$5,622,502.79</u>

<u>Open Space</u>			<u>Reimburse-</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Wire Transfer:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>ments</u>	<u>Portion</u>
Dykstra Farm	6/23/22	\$1,116,885.90	\$784,683.94	\$332,201.96
Campgaw Farm	6/24/22	\$251,232.00	\$0.00	<u>251,232.00</u>
Total				<u>\$583,433.96</u>

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

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

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

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**RESOLUTION 298-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**INSERTION INTO THE 2022 BUDGET OF THE  
COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$ 7,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS  
AFFAIRS, FOR VETERANS TRANSPORTATION**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2022 in the sum of \$ 7,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, For Veterans Transportation

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$ 7,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, For Veterans Transportation  
(administered by the Human Services Dept.)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Military & Veterans Affairs.

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

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

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION 299-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AUDIT REPORT  
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2021**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2021 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners as per the requirements of N.J.S.A.40 A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each local unit shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled; Comments and Recommendations ; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled: Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:



R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavits to said Board 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 date above mentioned.

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

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Belvidere, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 300-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,194.00 TO SUPPORT THE COORDINATION OF THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, on July 13, 2022, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners approved the FY 2023 Municipal Alliance Spending Plan for anticipated funding through the NJ Governor's Council in the amount of \$105,194.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds are to be used as follows:

Alliance Coordination	\$ 70,000.00
Municipal Alliance Programs	<u>\$ 35,194.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$105,194.00</u>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Board be authorized to execute a Letter of Agreement with the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to support Municipal Alliance Coordination; Agreement ceiling not to exceed \$105,194.00 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

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

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Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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

Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building  
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**RESOLUTION 301-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 DMHAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES AND TRAININGS; FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH A GRANT AWARDED TO NJ GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (DMHAS) FOR A TOTAL OF \$14,654.00.**

**WHEREAS**, the NJ Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug abuse has made available to Warren County a total of \$14,654.00 for community and youth leadership activities and trainings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration, has prepared the FY' 2023 DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant application for use of these funds, which has been approved by the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) and the County Alliance Steering Subcommittee (CASS).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners approves the FY' 2023 Youth Leadership Grant application for anticipated funding of \$14,654.00; subject to availability from the NJ Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

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

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

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Alex J. Lazorisak

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

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 302-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO THE 2022 NEW JERSEY EQUIPMENT  
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, there are monies available under the NJ Department of Environmental Protection-Air Quality Energy and Sustainability Division for the replacement of diesel equipment with gasoline powered equipment and the replacement is eligible for a 30% grant towards purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be in the best interest of the County of Warren to apply for said monies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Public Works Director is authorized to sign any and all documents in order to submit an application for 2022 Equipment Modernization Grants, for a project period of July 1, 2022 through July 1, 2023.

**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

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 303-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
IN THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2022 GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY  
BUDGET-OPERATION HELPING HAND GRANT PROGRAM SUBGRANT AWARD  
SFYOHH-21-2022 AMOUNT OF THE AWARD IS \$123,809.50**

**WHEREAS**, Warren County wishes to apply and accept funding of \$123,809.50. The award period is September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

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

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

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

- 1) As a matter of public policy the Warren County Prosecutor's Office wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Federal Grant Program and the Office of the Attorney General Department of Law and Public Safety.
- 2) The Office of the Attorney General Department of Law and Public Safety has allocated funds dedicated for the purpose.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren authorizes the County Commissioner Director to execute the Governing Body Resolution as required to validate the application.

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

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

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Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**  
Wayne Dumont Jr., Administration Building  
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Belvidere, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 304-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN  
NO PASSING ZONES ALONG COUNTY ROUTE #519  
(HOPE –JOHNSONBURG ROAD), FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that No Passing Zones be established and maintained along County Route #519 (Hope - Johnsonburg Road), Frelinghuysen Township, in accordance with the plan entitled “Striping, Pavement Marking and No Passing Zone Plan – County Route #519” (Station 2873+50 to 2902+50), bearing the latest revision date of June 28, 2022.

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

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

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Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**  
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**RESOLUTION 305-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USAGE AND CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF  
COUNTY ROUTE #617 (GREEN POND ROAD & MOUNTAIN LAKE ROAD),  
WHITE TOWNSHIP, AND COUNTY ROUTE #679 (MOUNTAIN LAKE ROAD),  
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, ON SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022  
FOR THE TRI MOUNTAIN LAKE SPRINT TRIATHLON**

**WHEREAS**, the Arc of Warren County & DASH Multisport, LLC has requested permission to use and close a portion of County Route #617 (Mountain Lake Road) from Lakeside Drive West to Green Pond Road, White Township, and County Route #679 (Mountain Lake Road) from Lakeside Drive North to Rader Road, Liberty Township on Saturday, July 16, 2022, from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON for a triathlon.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby approve the usage and closing of the noted portion of County Route #617 in White Township and County Route #679 in Liberty Township for the above mentioned event with the following conditions:

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to White Township and Liberty Township.

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

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

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

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 306-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE AND RETURN OF PERFORMANCE SURETY AND RESTORATION BONDS POSTED FOR THE POHATCONG VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUPERFUND SITE OU2 WATER SYSTEM EXTENSION PROJECT TO RIO TINTO AuM COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, the United State Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) through its responsibilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) required Pechiney Plastic Packaging Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Rio Tinto, to remediate groundwater contamination in Franklin Township and Greenwich Township as part of the Pohatcong Valley Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site OU2 (Operable Unit 2) Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the USEPA mandated remediation with potable water system extensions that were constructed by Rio Tinto with the associated restoration work along County Route #633 (Edison Road) & Bridge #05087 and Bridges #05028 & #05029 (Stewartsville Road) within Franklin Township as well as portions of County Route #637 (North Main Street) & County Route #638 (Greenwich Street) & Bridge #07006 within Greenwich Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the USEPA has indicated its Federal sovereignty to perform or have performed by the responsible party of the contamination said remediation work; and

**WHEREAS**, the water system extensions and improvement work is represented and certified to have been completed by Rio Tinto and engineering consultant Arcadis, the USEPA and the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE); and

**WHEREAS**, as built plans of the improvements have been provided and certified by professional licensed land surveying services performed by Mountain View Layout; and

**WHEREAS**, it is represented that the New Jersey American Water (NJAW) and Aqua New Jersey (ANJ) water companies have inspected, tested, approved and accepted the potable water system extension improvements by their respective Asset Transfer Agreements to fully own, operate and maintain the systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the associated restoration work is represented and certified as having been performed by Rio Tinto and engineering consultant Arcadis, the USEPA and the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby authorize and approve of the release and return of the Performance Surety Bond and Restoration Bond posted for the work to Rio Tinto AuM Company.

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

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

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Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**  
Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building  
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**RESOLUTION 307-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL'S SPECIAL CONDITIONS ON LIMITED BREWERY LICENSEES**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (NJABC) issued new special conditions on each limited brewery licensee in the state beginning Friday, July 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, under the license conditions, craft breweries are limited to hold 25 on-site activities open to the general public annually, as well as 52 private parties. Breweries can also attend 12 off-premises events, such as town, charitable and holiday celebrations; and

**WHEREAS**, under these license conditions, craft breweries have restrictions on the types of television programming they can air in their tasting rooms, restricts what types of live or record music they can play or host, limits what food options they can make available to customers, bans the sale of coffee, and prohibits the sale of soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages not made onsite at the brewery; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the national Brewers Association, the one-hundred and forty-one craft breweries operating in New Jersey in calendar year 2021 contributed almost \$2 billion to the state's economy, creating over 11,000 jobs at an annually income of more than \$55,000 per employee; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County is home to four microbreweries: Czig Meister Brewing Company and Man Skirt Brewing in Hackettstown, Buttzville Brewing Company in Washington Borough and Invertase Brewing Company in Phillipsburg; and

**WHEREAS**, this past spring, these breweries created the "Skylands Ale Trail," which has brought thousands of visitors to Warren County to experience these breweries and visit other neighboring local businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, these new conditions will force these local, homegrown small businesses to rethink business models and closely consider which events they should participate in or host, which will reduce their profits and their opportunities to engage in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, visiting these microbreweries is about each of their unique experiences, and these proprietors have found exciting ways to engage other local businesses, vendors and artists in their communities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren strongly opposes the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Special Conditions on Limited Brewery Licensees; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to each municipality in Warren County, all the counties of New Jersey, the leaders of the New Jersey Legislature and Governor Phil Murphy.

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

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

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Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**  
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Belvidere, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 308-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC2247 AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS  
FOR WARREN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY REPAIRS  
TO TOWER ENVELOPE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that specification WC2247 for Warren County Fire Academy repairs to tower envelope is hereby approved

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

Funds for this contract will be provided in capital account 0420A509/5062

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

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

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

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**  
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**RESOLUTION 309-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC2234A AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS  
FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE HALLWAY  
ASBESTOS ABATEMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that specification WC2234A for the Warren County Courthouse Hallway Asbestos Abatement Project is hereby approved

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

Funds for this contract will be provided in capital account 0409A510/5062

**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 310-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC2235A AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS  
FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE HALLWAY  
CEILING AND LIGHTING UPGRADE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that specification WC2235A for the Warren County Courthouse Hallway and Lighting Upgrade is hereby approved

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

Funds for this contract will be provided in capital account 0409A510/5062

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

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

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

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

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**RESOLUTION 311-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR WC2228A, THE  
WAYNE DUMONT, JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, bids were received on Tuesday, June 16, 2022 for WC2228A for the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building Roof Replacement for the Warren County Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, Nine bids were received for the project from SMAC Corp., of Saddle Brook, NJ, Cypreco Industries, Inc., of Neptune, NJ, Patwood Roofing, of Little Falls, NJ, J.P. Patti Tecta America, LLC, of Saddle Brook, NJ, Northeast Roof Maintenance, of Perth Amboy, NJ, Arco Construction, Inc., of West Caldwell, NJ, Detwiler Roofing, of East Earl, PA, G.C. Dynatech Construction, LLC., of South Amboy, NJ, D.A Nolt, Inc., of Berlin, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, the price bids exceeded the funds available for this project available in the budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners that the bid for the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building Roof Replacement for the Warren County Department of Public Works- WC2228A be rejected.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized to rebid the above project at a future date.

**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

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

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**RESOLUTION 312-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR WC2234, THE  
ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT THE WARREN COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, bids were received on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 for WC2234 for the asbestos abatement at the Warren County Courthouse for the Warren County Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, Nine bids were received for the project from SMAC Corp., of Saddle Brook, NJ, Two Brothers Contracting, of Totowa, NJ, Unicorn Contracting Corp., of Bloomfield, NJ, VMC Company, Inc., of Clifton, NJ, Shade Environmental, Inc., of Maple Shade, NJ, B&G Restoration, Inc., of Butler, NJ, Lesco Services, Inc., of Wallington, NJ, Savic Construction Corp., of Totowa, NJ, ADP Group, of Paterson NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, the price bids exceeded the funds available for this project available in the budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners that the bids for Asbestos Abatement at the Warren County Courthouse for the Warren County Department of Public Works-WC2234 be rejected.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized to rebid the above project at a future date.

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

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

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

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 313-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR WC2235,  
WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE CORRIDOR UPGRADE  
FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, bids were received on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 for WC2235, for the Warren County Courthouse corridor upgrade for the Warren County Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, Four bids were received for the project from De Sapia Construction, Inc., of Frenchtown, NJ, ADP Group, Inc., of Paterson, NJ, BGD Contracting, of Bayonne, NJ, Epic Management, Inc., of Piscataway, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, the price bids exceeded the funds available for this project available in the budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners that the bid for the Warren County Courthouse corridor upgrade for the Warren County Department of Public Works-WC2235 be rejected.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized to rebid the above project at a future date.

**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



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

**RESOLUTION 314-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ENGINEERING AND LAND PLANNING  
OF HIGH BRIDGE, NEW JERSEY  
FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE BLAZEK PROPERTY  
BLOCK 5, LOT 32.01, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP,  
APPROXIMATELY 9.45 ACRES, PROPOSED FOR  
ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL,  
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, The Warren County Board of Recreation has developed a list of Property for Preservation for the year 2022; and

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

**WHEREAS**, land surveys are required by the State Green Acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisitions; and

**WHEREAS**, said surveys will be in accordance with the with the State Green Acres Retention Handbook, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Surveyor's Practice;

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

**WHEREAS**, Engineering and Land Planning was pre-qualified as a surveyor by WC2147FO on November 23, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in account 03894 5065 – Open Space Trust – Preliminary Expenses

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Engineering and Land Planning, in the amount of \$7,000.00 to prepare a survey on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Commissioner Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-LEDGER, as required by law, within ten (10) days of adoption.

**RECORDED VOTE: 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 315-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE PURCHASE  
ORDERS TO SPACE FARMS, INC. UNDER THE  
MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT  
#51 DEER CARCASS REMOVAL & DISPOSAL  
SERVICES, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD  
DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022  
THRU JUNE 30, 2023, AT THE PRICE OF \$35.00  
PER DEER, ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRACT  
AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue purchase orders for Deer Carcass Removal and Disposal for the Warren County Road Department and is hereby awarded

**to . . .** Space Farms, Inc., of Wantage, New Jersey

**in the approximate amount of . . .** \$20,000.00

at the prices established under Morris County Cooperative Contract #51

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012900/5029 – Road Department Contracted Services

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

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

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Alex J. Lazorisak

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**RESOLUTION 316-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE  
WARREN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following individual to the Warren County Transportation Advisory Council:

**Appoint:**

Hank Ickes  
21 Walnut Valley Road  
Blairstown, NJ 07825  
Consumer

Term to expire: 12/31/24

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

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

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Alex J. Lazorisak

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**RESOLUTION 317-22**

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 July 13, 2022.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following member to the Warren County Pequest River Municipal Utilities Authority:

William Godfrey  
29 Colby Court  
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire February 1, 2027  
Representing Township of White

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

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

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Alex J. Lazorisak

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**RESOLUTION 318-22**

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 June 13, 2022.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE  
WARREN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following individual to the Warren County Mental Health Board.

Lori King  
7 Old Farm Road  
Stewartsville, NJ 08886  
Consumer/Advocate

Term to expire: 6/30/23

**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 319-22**

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 July 13, 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: Status of W.M./C.C./R.M. Litigation, Jeffress Litigation and Selective Litigation.

**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  
Alex J. Lazorisak