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JANUARY 6, 2018

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Reorganization Session in Court Room #1 at 1:07 p.m. at the Warren County Court House, Belvidere, New Jersey on January 6, 2018.

The meeting was then called to order by Mr. Gardner at 1:07 p.m. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Richard Gardner, Freeholder Edward Smith and Freeholder Jason Sarnoski. Also attending were County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

Freeholder Rick Gardner read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2018 WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR-LEDGER, AND DAILY RECORD AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.”**

Mr. Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The invocation was delivered by Pastor James Scovell of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington.

The Oath of Office of County Clerk was administered to Holly Mackey by State Senator Michael J. Doherty as her husband, Devlen and son, Adam held the Bible.

The Certification of Election of Richard D. Gardner, Freeholder was read by County Clerk Holly Mackey.

Mr. Gardner then took the Oath of Office of Freeholder administered by Senator Doherty. Accompanying Mr. Gardner were his adult children, Stephanie and Daniel.

RESOLUTION 1-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING EDWARD J. SMITH AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2018

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Edward J. Smith is appointed Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2018.

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

Freeholder Smith was administered the Oath of Office as the Board's Director for 2018 by Congressman Leonard Lance. Accompanying Mr. Smith were his wife, Eileen and granddaughter, Lily Brunell.

RESOLUTION 2-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JASON J. SARNOSKI AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2018

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Jason J. Sarnoski is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2018.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 3-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

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

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

Freeholder Richard D. Gardner

Land Use & Agriculture

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

Cultural and Historical

Cultural and Heritage
Library Commission
Morris Canal Committee
Municipal & Charitable Conservancy

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Soil Conservation
Weights and Measures

Trust Fund Committee
Shade Tree Commission
War Veterans

Additional Assignments

Projects Committee Liaison
Planning Board Member

N.J.A.C. Delegate
PRMUA Liaison

Freeholder Edward J. SmithEducation

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

Public Safety

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

Additional Assignments

Planning Board Member
N.J.A.C. 1st Alternate
Mosquito Commission

PCFA Liaison/ Solid Waste
NJIF Representative
Public Works

Freeholder Jason J. SarnoskiPublic Health and Human Services

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

County Departments

Board of Elections
Board of Taxation
County Clerk
Housing Program
Surrogate
Trustee-Warren County Legal Services

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Additional Assignments

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Economic Development Advisory Council Liaison
Planning Board Alternate

ALL THREE FREEHOLDERS

Freeholders’ Office
Personnel Division
CFO/Treasurer’s Office
Purchasing Department
County Counsel
Information Systems
Department of Public Information
Planning Department
Boards of School Estimate

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 4-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2018

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

Western Municipalities _____ Freeholder Richard D. Gardner

Alpha Borough
Franklin Township
Greenwich Township
Harmony Township

Lopatcong Township
Phillipsburg
Pohatcong Township

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Belvidere

Oxford Township

Blairstown Township

Washington Borough

Hope Township

Washington Township

Knowlton Township

White Township

Eastern MunicipalitiesFreeholder Jason J. Sarnoski

Allamuchy Township

Independence

Township

Frelinghuysen Township

Liberty Township

Hackettstown

Mansfield Township

Hardwick Township

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 5-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2018

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren for the year 2018. All regular meetings shall be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	17 at 5:30 pm R (Executive Session only)		
January	17 at 7:00 pm B	July	11 at 7:30 pm R
January	20 at 9:00 am B	July	25 at 7:30 pm R
January	24 at 7:00 pm R	August	8 at 7:30 pm R
January	27 at 9:00 am B	August	22 at 7:30 pm R
January	31 at 7:00 pm B	September	12 at 7:30 pm R
February	14 at 7:00 pm R	September	26 at 7:30 pm R
February	28 at 7:00 pm R	October	10 at 7:00 pm R
March	14 at 7:00 pm R	October	24 at 7:00 pm R
March	28 at 7:00 pm R	November	14 at 7:00 pm R
April	11 at 7:00 pm R	November	28 at 7:00 pm R
April	25 at 7:00 pm R	December	12 at 7:00 pm R

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May 9 at 7:30 pm R
 May 23 at 7:30 pm R
 June 13 at 7:30 pm R
 June 27 at 7:30 pm R

R= Regular Meeting

B = Budget Meeting

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 6-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

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

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 7-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION IN NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby appoint, for representation in the New Jersey Association of Counties, Richard D. Gardner as the Voting Member and Edward J. Smith as the 1st Alternate Voting Member and Steve Marvin as the 2nd Alternate Voting Member.

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 8-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2018

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that David K. Dech is hereby appointed as the alternate voting member, representing the County of Warren, to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., at those meetings when Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski is unable to attend during the year 2018.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 9-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

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

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

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 10-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

MINUTES**JANUARY 6, 2018****PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,520,382 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2018 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2018 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

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

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the prior year budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$93,410,979 and

WHEREAS, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2017 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and public assistance in said 2018 budget is the sum of \$24,520,382.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations in the total amount of \$24,520,382 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer's Department for their records.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 11-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$1,645,961.50 TO FUND THE PERMANENT DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2018 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 inclusive:

DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY OF WARREN, NJ

Principal Payment of bonds	\$ 1,380,000.00
Interest Payment on Bonds	234,200.00
Principal Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00
Interest Payment on Notes	0.00
Green Trust Loan Payments	<u>31,761.50</u>
Total Debt Service	<u>\$ 1,645,961.50</u>

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 12-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION GRANTING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR DISCRETIONARY VETO AUTHORITY OVER MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF COUNTY AUTHORITIES

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:20-71.3, the Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby consent to authorize and empower the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders to exercise at his discretion, the veto authority granted in the cited statute over any action taken by any County authority or any member thereof at a meeting of a County authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders shall retain the authority to amend or rescind any such referenced veto action by a majority vote of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 13-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren as follows:

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

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3. Contract WC1688FO for County Counsel for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

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

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

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 22, 2016

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes, Mr. Gardner yes

RESOLUTION 14-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1764FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO BELL & SHIVAS, P.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 AT THE RATE OF \$165.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT \$410,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1764FO for Legal Services – A. Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to . . . Bell & Shivas, P.C., Rockaway, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$165.00 per hour, estimated amount \$410,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 17, 2017

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 15-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1764FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOUSTON AND PALMER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 AT THE RATE OF \$145.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT \$5,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1764FO for Legal Services – A. Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to . . . Houston and Palmer, Hackettstown, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$145.00 per hour, estimated amount \$5,000.00 as per their proposal submitted . . . November 17, 2017 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 16-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1764FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO FLORIO PERRUCCI STEINHARDT & CAPELLI, L.L.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 AT THE RATE OF \$165.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT \$5,000.00

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BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1764FO for Legal Services – A. Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to . . . Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Cappelli, L.L.C., Phillipsburg, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$165.00 per hour, estimated amount \$5,000.00 as per their proposal submitted . . . November 17, 2017 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 17-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1764FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – B. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO FLORIO PERRUCCI STEINHARDT & CAPELLI, L.L.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 AT THE RATE OF \$165.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT \$125,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1764FO for Legal Services – B. Special Counsel for Labor Related Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to . . . Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Cappelli, L.L.C., Phillipsburg, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$165.00 per hour, estimated amount \$125,000.00 as per their proposal submitted . . . November 17, 2017 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 18-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1764FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – C. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO LAVERY, SELVAGGI, ABROMITIS & COHEN, P.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 AT THE RATE OF \$140.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT \$66,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1764FO for Legal Services – C. Special Counsel for Land Preservation Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

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

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

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 17, 2017

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 19-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1764FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – D. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE WARREN COUNTY ADJUSTER FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOUSTON AND PALMER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 AT THE RATE OF \$145.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT \$77,000.00

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BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1764FO for Legal Services – D. Special Counsel for Legal Services for the Warren County Department of Human Services, its Divisions and the Warren County Adjuster is hereby awarded to . . . Houston and Palmer, Hackettstown, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$145.00 per hour, estimated amount \$77,000.00 as per their proposal submitted . . . November 17, 2017 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 20-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1764FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E. BOND COUNSEL FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN,LLC FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 AT THE BASE FEE \$3,500.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1764FO for Legal Services – E. Bond Counsel Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to . . . McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLC, Roseland, New Jersey in the approximate amount of . . . Base Fee \$3,500.00 plus \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of bonds issued as per their proposal submitted . . . November 17, 2017 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing bond counsel legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on January 6, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

Mr. Smith invited a number of dignitaries to say a few words.

Senator Steven Oroho of New Jersey's 24th District began by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and noting that Assemblyman Parker Space could not attend due to the death of a dear friend. Mr. Oroho said it had been his honor to swear in newly elected Assemblyman Hal Wirths earlier in the week, whom he said saved New Jersey more than \$1 billion worth of fraud and is one of the few legislators who has served in a cabinet position. Senator Oroho said he looked forward to continuing to work with the 23rd District legislative team and with the Freeholders.

After congratulating Mr. Smith as Freeholder Director, Congressman Lance spoke of his first full-time job as a law clerk in this Court Room. He said the Freeholder Board at the time paid him \$11,000 per year and Judge Aaroe was the Assignment Judge. Just prior to that, the Assignment Judge had been Brendan Byrne who very recently passed away. Mr. Lance said we pay tribute to him for his many accomplishments.

Congressman Lance was happy to represent seven municipalities in the southern portion of Warren County. Previously, as State Senator, he represented the entire county. He wished for the new year to bring prosperity to the American people and peace across the globe and expressed particular concern for those serving in the military.

Senator Doherty thanked and congratulated his former Chief of Staff Ed Smith as well as Mr. Gardner on his re-election. He said Warren County is very well served by this outstanding Freeholder Board. He thanked Ms. Mackey for the great honor of swearing her in. He said he was sure she would do a great job as County Clerk based on her record to date. Senator Doherty noted Congressman Lance's integrity and looked forward to working on a number of interesting things with his colleagues DiMaio, Peterson, Oroho and Wirths. He expressed concern about the newly elected Governor's agenda, particularly his plan to legalize marijuana, but he wished everyone the best, predicting that 2018 would be a great year for the economy.

Assemblyman John DiMaio congratulated the Freeholders for doing a great job. The legacy of Warren County is improving every year and he said the Board has really jelled as a group. He offered congratulations to the new County Clerk. Mr. DiMaio spoke of losing our current governor and predicted that in a couple of years, he will be much more popular. He said the new governor seems to be a very nice person and a nice guy, but he wants to be a nice guy with taxpayers' money. Mr. DiMaio said he was excited to continue to serve the 23rd District and vowed to continue to vote "no" on things we should and support things we should. He closed by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

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Assemblyman Erik Peterson apologized for arriving late; he had been attending a swim meet. He congratulated Mr. Gardner, Mr. Smith and Ms. Mackey, saying Warren County is in good hands. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Assemblyman Hal Wirths thanked everyone for their hospitality and said he looked forward to working with a good group of conservatives. He was optimistic that they would get things done. He congratulated Mr. Gardner, Ms. Mackey and Mr. Smith.

Warren County Sheriff James McDonald also offered congratulations to Ms. Mackey, Mr. Gardner and Mr. Smith. He said he was proud of his officers and staff for making his first year successful. He wished all a very Happy New Year.

Warren County Surrogate Kevin O'Neill congratulated Ms. Mackey, Mr. Smith and Mr. Gardner and wished all a warm, healthy, happy new year.

Warren County Clerk Holly Mackey said regarding goals, she had only one: to serve this county as well as her predecessors, Pat Kolb and the late Terry Lee. She expressed appreciation for her staff and Deputy Clerk Betty Wilson for their help in the transition. She wished all a Happy New Year.

Mr. Smith took a moment to publicly recognize the following current and former elected officials in attendance: former Mayor and State Republican Chairman Doug Steinhardt; County Prosecutor Richard Burke; Mayor James Mengucci and Committeeman Bill Wright of Lopatcong Township; Pohatcong Township Mayor James Kern; White Township Mayor Sam Race; former Phillipsburg Mayor Gloria Decker; former Bogota Mayor Steve Lonagan; former Warren County Freeholder Chris Maier; former Lopatcong Township Councilwoman Lori Ciesla; former Councilwoman Nancy Brown and former Washington Township Mayor Samir Elbassiouny.

Mr. Smith began his remarks by thanking his granddaughter Lily, wife Eileen and Congressman Lance for being with him as he was sworn in. He said Eileen has a lot to put up with as he is gone a lot.

The following is a transcript of Freeholder Director Edward J. Smith's speech:

A couple of decades ago, I was told it would be a cold day before I got anywhere in politics. Given today's temperatures, today must represent some kind of threshold as I begin my third term as Director.

Congratulations to Rick on his re-election; congratulations to Holly, good luck in your new endeavor and thank you to my colleagues, Rick and Jason, for your vote of support to allow me to lead this Board during 2018.

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The dividends of difficult choices and the hard work of this Board over the past few years are paying off. The County Budget remains below where it was when I was elected to office. This year, the final payment on the Open Space bonded debt will be retired. The current cash balance in the Open Space Fund is a healthy \$25 million with the current four cent tax. Then, the only debt remaining for the County will be \$2.6 million which is primarily Chapter 12 bonds for the County College that are retired in 2025. Payments on those bonds are shared with the state and have been significantly reduced with refinancing to take advantage of lower interest rates.

This Board has kept its word and has not incurred new bonded debt without voter approval. This is significant given the number of capital projects that have been completed. Nearly a decade ago, Freeholder Gardner's Projects Committee outlined a path to address the facility needs of the County. That long-range goal is nearly completed and has been done on a pay-as-we-go basis.

New facilities for the Prosecutor's Office have been completed and upgrades to our Library System with a new library facility in Greenwich scheduled to open in July of this year. We have relocated the Board of Taxation, Human Services and Surrogate's Office in modernized facilities and have significant exterior restoration projects of our historic Court House that have been or will soon be, completed. The new roof will be finished this spring. Our roads are well maintained and Warren County Community College will break ground on its long planned expansion this year. Given this aggressive capital program, the County tax levy has been unchanged for the last three years. County appropriations for 2017 were less than they were in 2005 due to operating cost reductions yielded from the sale of Warren Haven. In addition, nearly \$7 million of the proceeds from the sale of Warren Haven still remain in savings to address the future capital needs of the County.

Unfortunately, all news is not good. I remain confounded by the Court's failure to provide a definitive decision regarding the alleged unconstitutionality of Court Room #2. Five years of legal nonsense, predominately orchestrated by the Public Defender's Office at taxpayer expense, has effectively terminated the plans that could have yielded a renovated interior of the room we now occupy. Further provision of the next phase of renovations at this Court House will remain on an indefinite hold until the matter is finally resolved. This is truly unfortunate.

So let's get back to the good news! In addition to the fiscal dividends noted earlier, an unpopular increase in the gas tax has resulted in a \$2 million increase in State road aid received by the County. I plan, with the support of my colleagues, to work during the upcoming budget process to provide a tax cut thereby passing on the benefits of increased State road aid funding and debt reductions noted earlier that will provide direct property tax relief to the residents of Warren County as Senator Oroho, the sponsor of the legislation, intended. This savings will help to offset the impact of higher prices at the gas pump from the gas tax. I challenge other counties and municipalities to provide similar property tax relief with the new revenue they have received from increases in State road aid. It is not appropriate that this revenue should be used to pad budgets that expand the insatiable appetite of government.

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On the public safety side, the County has been researching a 21st century solution to public safety communication problems that have plagued Warren County's first responders for years. I am pleased to report that testing has been successful and that a new system, utilizing the existing cellular tower network, will be ready to begin deployments during 2018. This is great news for police, fire and rescue units across the county as well as good news for the taxpayers. Chronic poor communication areas caused by terrain obstructions across the county will be dramatically reduced without the capital expense of building and maintaining additional transmitters at County expense. This has the potential of saving millions of tax dollars for county and municipal governments.

I am honored to be one of Warren County's Chosen Freeholders. I am looking forward to a happy and prosperous new year here in Warren County and wish you all the same.

Mr. Sarnoski was then invited to make some remarks. The following is a transcript of Freeholder Deputy Director Jason J. Sarnoski's speech:

Good afternoon. Thank you all for being here today. The year 2017 was a year of changes, challenges and opportunities and 2018 looks to be the same.

To begin with, we see the change in leadership at the Clerk's Office. Pat Kolb was one of the first people who greeted me when I decided to run for office. Her open manner made me feel comfortable with the electoral process and that I could have a place in government and elected office wasn't beyond my reach, but that is the way she treated everyone. As the Clerk, she knew it was her job to treat every candidate the exact same way and she always did it to the highest ethical standard. I have no doubt that Holly Mackey will run the office in the same manner although Holly has big shoes to fill and it will be a lot of hard work. Every Christmas, my wife will make her pignoli cookies which in my opinion is the greatest benefit of the office. So she has that to look forward to.

The Freeholder Board and the various boards and agencies in the county face many challenges in the coming year. The Warren County Addiction Awareness Task Force co-chaired by Doug Steinhardt and myself is taking the fight against addiction head on. The potential legalization of marijuana in this state will only proliferate drug use and addiction and make our jobs that much harder. I will oppose the legalization of marijuana in this state and do all I can to keep drugs out of our county and the hands of our young people. Using a data oriented approach, we will address the most pressing issues facing our community and help provide the tools for our residents to do the same. For example, by working with Warren County Community College President Will Austin, we will be creating an Addiction Specialist Certification Program to help train the future soldiers in the fight against addiction. The preliminary classes for this program are already proving to be some of the most popular at the college and I am sure this will be a benefit to the community at large.

The Economic Development Committee has a lot of work ahead of it as well. We are fortunate to have seen an uptick in economic activity in Warren County over the past year. Having the EDC has helped us be proactive in welcoming businesses to our neighborhood. We need to act quickly to take advantage of opportunities for private industry economic growth in our area. We

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cannot afford the “NIMBY” attitude that every development is good except when it is near me. That model will lead to higher taxes and fewer opportunities for our residents. The EDC’s goals this year will be to improve our communication tools for municipalities and engage elected officials and residents more to continue the dialog of positive growth for the county. By working with the Community College Business Center, we can help private employers train their employees while developing a revenue source for ourselves. By continuing to focus on our agriculture and tourism programs with initiatives like Grow Warren, we will keep our county rural and beautiful for both residents and travelers alike to enjoy. The economic future can be bright if we allow it to be.

All of these changes and challenges have brought us a lot of great opportunities. As I have said in the past, this Freeholder Board has not been afraid to address the difficult issues facing us. Because of that, I too believe we have the opportunity to lower the County taxes and make the decisions that will see future budget years look as good as I believe this year does.

I am proud to serve as a Freeholder and join with all of the wonderful people who work so hard in so many different ways to make Warren County an even better place to live. If 2017 has taught me anything, it is that you can trust people to be loyal and to work hard for the people they care for. I care for Warren County and the people who live here and will work every day to make this a better place for all to live. Thank you and God bless you.

Mr. Gardner then took to the podium. He began by thanking Pastor Jim for the invocation and then said a few words about recently retired County Clerk Pat Kolb. He said he wanted to take a moment to thank her for running the office with great proficiency. In her ten year tenure, Mr. Gardner encountered only one complaint regarding the office. He said that is a great track record of which she should be proud. He saluted Ms. Kolb for her years of service to County Government and her professionalism as County Clerk. Mr. Gardner congratulated Ms. Mackey on becoming the new County Clerk and wished her much success.

The following is a transcript of Freeholder Richard D. Gardner’s speech:

No single person in elected office gets to their respective position on their own. It takes help from many individuals. I have many folks to thank today, starting with my wife, Janette and my children whom afford me the time necessary to do the people’s work! A great big thank you to all in attendance today for all the marvelous support I have received both recently and over the years. This is my sixth term in office and I feel quite blessed to receive this continued great support.

The Year 2018: What’s new and what can be expected of Warren County Government for the Board of Chosen Freeholders? This beautiful building you are assembled in today, the Warren County Court House, which I refer to as County Building Number One, is in the process of receiving a new roof. If the weather begins to cooperate once again, the project will be finished by winter’s end.

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There is much excitement stirring about the new library branch which will open this summer. This will be the third time in the County Library System that the Board of Chosen Freeholders has purchased an existing building, remodeled it to service the greater needs of the public. There are several significant reasons why this project is taking place. First, the space occupied by what is currently the Franklin Branch in the Vo-Tech School is slated to be used for other purposes by the school administration. Secondly, it has been a concern for a long time that we needed a more centralized southern location for our library users. The new branch outside the historic town of Stewartsville will become our most utilized branch in the entire Library System. Third, our agreement with the Town of Phillipsburg, where we had a shared arrangement, had become too costly and inefficient.

Additionally, Warren County received a top award by the New Jersey State Library Association for 2017 for overall improvement to its Library System. We are proud of this award, but what's more important here is how well the public is served by the great staff of every branch, our Library Commission and Library Director Maureen Wilkinson.

Grow Warren is a new concept coming from the Land Preservation Department. We are exploring this. We have a great deal of interest in the county. We have a number of folks who own property, but they don't have a solid direction of what they are doing with that property. We hope this may become a brand; we're not sure where it will end up, but there is a significant level of interest in this and we want to see where we can take it. This is another area where we want to help the people of the county because there's nothing worse than undertaking an expensive project and then become disinterested.

Lastly, I simply want to acknowledge some of the great people from behind the scenes that provide the necessary services and you know, they do this 24/7, 365 and it makes our life on this Board much easier. I want to acknowledge our great County Administrator Steve Marvin; our County Counsel, Joe Bell and there are so many others. Our department heads in this county just do a phenomenal job and it transmits right through the lineup of all the employees. We are truly blessed in this county.

I do agree with my colleagues: we have the ability to actually lower the County tax level and that's pretty significant in this day and age. The only caveat for me is I want to see this new Governor-Elect keep the two percent Cap Law in place. If we don't have that, it's a problem. It's a problem for all municipalities and all County Governments. That's where we have to see; that's where the rubber is going to meet the road.

I want to say thank you to all of you. I wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018. I think it is going to be great year. Regarding this great historic Court House, we need this great room for swing space as far as our judicial operations, but the Judiciary has to work with us in a better way. We want to see this room renovated in the best possible way and we're going to work on that. It's a tough road, but we have to do it.

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Mr. Gardner invited everyone to join him at Top of the Green Restaurant at Apple Mountain to share in some fellowship there. "Thank you, God bless, God bless Warren County. I'm bullish on Warren County, we all know that," he said.

Mr. Smith noted a few individuals who arrived late: Belvidere Councilman Charlie Makatura; former Oxford Mayor Alex Lazorisak and Mike Lavery, former Hackettstown Mayor, former State Chairman and Chairman of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission.

Pastor Scovell then delivered a benediction.

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, at 1:51 p.m., and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board