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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Regular Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on March 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Smith and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Jason Sarnoski and Freeholder Edward Smith. Also attending were County Engineer Bill Gleba, Assistant County Counsel Joseph J. Bell, IV and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Smith.

Freeholder Richard Gardner was absent due to a recent death in the family so Mr. Smith requested a moment of silence be observed.

Director Smith read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2018 WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS 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.”**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Minutes of the Regular Session held on March 14, 2018 were approved.

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

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Minutes of the Executive Session held on March 14, 2018 were approved.

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

PROCLAMATION 162-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 28, 2018.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH, APRIL 2018

WHEREAS, since April of 1987, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) has sponsored Alcohol Awareness Month to increase public awareness and understanding, establish stigma-free communities and encourage local communities to focus on alcohol and alcohol related issues; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most widely used substance of abuse in the United States; 17.6 million people, or one in every twelve adults suffers from alcohol abuse or dependence; and

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WHEREAS, approximately 15% of the population is in need of alcohol and substance abuse treatment in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that children who have conversations with their parents about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50% less likely to use these substances;

WHEREAS, establishing Stigma-Free Communities will raise awareness of resources and encourage residents to engage in treatment as soon as the need is identified so recovery can begin, hope is inspired and tragedies are avoided; and

WHEREAS, responsibility rests with both public and private sectors for assuring reductions of alcohol and substance abuse related problems and for providing access to treatment for all individuals and family members affected by alcohol and substance abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby proclaim the month of April as **ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH** and calls upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals and schools in Warren County to support efforts to end underage drinking, increase awareness of alcohol use disorders and the success of prevention and treatment.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Sarnoski said Warren County established an Addiction Awareness Task Force which originally started out as an opioid and heroin task force, but we realized we have to look at the problem holistically. Alcohol is legal and accessible. The earlier we can talk to our kids about it, the better. We should be tackling the issue with our family and friends. He thanked the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) and the task force for their efforts and he looked forward to continuing to make progress.

Mr. Smith said there are many legal substances that can lead to addiction. He said having served as liaison to LACADA was a real eye-opening experience. Helping to promote awareness is a worthy endeavor. If we can help even one person avoid the pitfalls of alcohol abuse, it is worthwhile.

Accepting the proclamation was Professor Alessandre Singher. She thanked the Freeholders, the Department of Human Services and Warren County Community College for fostering this journey on addiction issues.

Under Public Comments on Agenda Items, Bud Allen of the Brookfield section of White Township remarked on Item E3, the Alternative Mitigation Agreement. He said it has been a long application process with the DEP and thanked Mr. Smith for accomplishing what he did as liaison to the PCFA. He said it was a fine piece of work.

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On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2018-11 and 2018-12, dated March 28, 2018,** in the amount of **\$4,813,366.23** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2018-11	3/21/18	\$965,279.16	
2018-12	3/28/18	<u>1,054,812.53</u>	
TOTAL			\$2,020,091.69
Medical-March	3/15/18	\$1,330,169.76	
Open Space Wires	<i>(Detail Below)</i>	<u>68,391.24</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			1,398,561.00
Payroll (including fringe)	3/15/18	\$1,394,093.54	
Subsistence	3/15/18	<u>620.00</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,394,713.54</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$4,813,366.23</u>

<u>Open Space</u>			<u>Reimburse-</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Wire Transfers:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>ments</u>	<u>Portion</u>
Benbrook Property	3/20/18	\$171,512.74	\$103,121.50	\$68,391.24
Open Space Wires				<u>\$68,391.24</u>

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 164-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A REVISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL DIRECTIVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #646 (BELVIDERE ROAD/UPPER BELVIDERE ROAD), ROSEBERRY STREET AND THE PHILLIPSBURG HIGH SCHOOL DRIVEWAY, TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG AND TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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WHEREAS, a traffic condition exists at the intersection of County Route #646 (Belvidere Road/Upper Belvidere Road), Roseberry Street and the Phillipsburg High School Driveway, in the Township of Lopatcong and Town of Phillipsburg, in the County of Warren, which requires a traffic control signal; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has certified that the traffic signal is in the interest of safety and the expedition of traffic; and

WHEREAS, a revised traffic control signal directive is needed to address actual conditions being experienced with vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, that:

1. Subject to the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 39, the following location shall be controlled by a traffic control signal based on the designated traffic signal plan.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Designated Plan</u>
County Route #646, Roseberry Street, and the Phillipsburg High School Driveway, Lopatcong Township and Town of Phillipsburg	Intersection Improvements for County Route 646 (Belvidere Rd) and Roseberry St. and the Phillipsburg High School Driveway, bearing the latest revision date of 11/09/16 and the Traffic Signal Directive bearing the latest revision date 3/5/18.

2. This resolution shall take effect upon completion of signal timing adjustment and activation.

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 165-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE
GROUND LEASE FOR THE LANDFILL**

WHEREAS, the County of Warren ("County") and the Pollution Control Financing Authority ("PCFA"), previously entered into a Ground Lease, dated July 8, 1987, for the premises and property more commonly known as the Warren County District Landfill ("Landfill") and for the payment by the PCFA of the cost of the acquisition of the property for the same; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Solid Waste Management Plan identifies certain blocks and lots that are designated as part of the Landfill site that are leased to the PCFA, which are not needed for purposes of the pending expansion permit for the Landfill and not previously, nor currently, used for operation of the Landfill; and

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WHEREAS, as a condition of the approval of an application for a major modification to the Landfill Operating Permit for the expansion, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) imposed certain requirements regarding Wildlife Mitigation, which the DEP subsequently agreed to resolve by the donation of property owned by the County to the DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to the terms of an Alternative Wildlife Mitigation Agreement and under which the DEP further agreed that by said donation the PCFA shall be deemed to have satisfied any and all past and present obligations with respect to Wildlife Mitigation and shall have no further obligations in connection with the same; and

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to provide County owned property currently leased by the PCFA pursuant to a Ground Lease, dated July 8, 1987, for donation to the DEP, some of which is designated in the County Solid Waste Management Plan and the Landfill Operating Permit as part of the Landfill and some of which is not; and

WHEREAS, the County, the PCFA, and the DEP entered into an Alternative Mitigation Agreement relative to the resolution of said Wildlife Mitigation matters that will require the amendment of the County Solid Waste Management Plan and may require the amendment of the Operating Permit or Permit Application for the Landfill, to facilitate the donation, transfer and subdivision of the property contemplated in said Agreement; and

WHEREAS, an Addendum to the Landfill Ground Lease is necessary in order to redefine and clarify the lands and premises of which the Landfill is comprised and which are subject to the lease and in order to effectuate the prompt approval of the Landfill Expansion Permit, the amendment of the County Solid Waste Management Plan and to clarify the Parties respective obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby authorize the Freeholder Director to execute the Addendum to Ground Lease with the PCFA on behalf of the County of Warren in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein.

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 166-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE MITIGATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the County is the owner of certain undeveloped and unused property acquired and leased to the Pollution Control Financing Authority (“PCFA”) for purposes of the establishment and operation of the Warren County District Landfill (“Landfill”); and

WHEREAS, the Landfill is included in the County Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders submitted a Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) to extend the life of the Landfill, which was expected to reach capacity in 2021, by an additional forty (40) years; and

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WHEREAS, the final design of the Landfill expansion submitted by the PCFA to the DEP for a major modification to the Landfill Operating Permit to expand the footprint of the Landfill encroached upon a portion of the existing wildlife mitigation area as established pursuant to the terms of the original Operating Permit for the Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the County identified several parcels of unused and undeveloped County owned property in and around the Landfill site for the replacement of the existing portion of the wildlife mitigation area that would be impacted by the expansion and that would otherwise significantly increase the overall amount of land in and around the Landfill preserved and dedicated exclusively to wildlife habitat and mitigation for donation to the DEP for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Alternative Mitigation Agreement between the County, the PCFA and the DEP, the DEP would approve the amendment to the County Solid Waste Management Plan and the application for a major modification of the Landfill Operating Permit to facilitate the proposed expansion as contemplated therein and the County would donate certain unused and undeveloped property to the DEP for wildlife mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the Alternative Mitigation Agreement is in the best interests of the County as it serves to ensure the continued life and viability of the Landfill while preserving additional open space within the County for the benefit of wildlife and the use and enjoyment of the citizens of Warren County and alleviating the financial and administrative burdens of managing wildlife mitigation property in accordance with the requirements imposed under the Operating Permit by the DEP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby authorize the Freeholder Director to execute the Alternative Mitigation Agreement with the DEP and the PCFA on behalf of the County of Warren in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein.

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 167-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A DONATION AGREEMENT FOR UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the County of Warren is the owner of certain undeveloped and unused property acquired and leased to the Pollution Control Financing Authority ("PCFA") for purposes of the establishment and operation of the Warren County District Landfill ("Landfill"); and

WHEREAS, the Landfill is included in the County Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders submitted a Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") to extend the life of the Landfill, which was expected to reach capacity in 2021, by an additional forty (40) years; and

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WHEREAS, the final design of the Landfill expansion submitted by the PCFA to the DEP for a major modification to the Landfill Operating Permit to expand the footprint of the Landfill encroached on a portion of the existing wildlife mitigation area established pursuant to the terms of the original Operating Permit for the Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the County identified several parcels of unused and undeveloped County owned property in and around the Landfill site for the replacement of the existing portion of the wildlife mitigation area that would be impacted by the expansion and that would otherwise significantly increase the overall amount of land in and around the Landfill preserved and dedicated exclusively to wildlife habitat and mitigation for donation to the DEP for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Alternative Mitigation Agreement between the County, the PCFA and the DEP, the property subject to donation for purposes of wildlife mitigation would be transferred pursuant to the terms of a Donation Agreement For Unimproved Real Property between Warren County as the owner of the property and the DEP as the grantee, as required by State rules for acceptance of the donation of open space property; and

WHEREAS, entry into the Donation Agreement is necessary to facilitate the approval of the amendment to the County Solid Waste Management Plan, and the application for a major modification of the Landfill Operating Permit as contemplated by the Alternative Mitigation Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby authorize the Freeholder Director to execute the Donation Agreement For Unimproved Real Property with the DEP on behalf of the County of Warren in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein.

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Sarnoski asked Mr. Gleba for more details in reference to the traffic signal at Phillipsburg High School (Agenda Item E1). Mr. Gleba explained that the original plan dates back to the Year 2004, when the assertion was that all students would be bussed. That is not true and around dismissal time, there is an increased amount of vehicular traffic as well as student pedestrians. This will employ sensor technology at this time each day to mitigate conflicts exiting the school. Mr. Sarnoski noted that this might also be an issue at times of sporting events as well. He asked if the County owned the signal yet; the answer was no.

Regarding Item E4, the Donation Agreement for unimproved real property, Mr. Sarnoski said kudos to Mr. Smith for how hard he has worked to reach an agreement with the DEP. Mr. Smith said it has been a long road. We were at the ten yard line, he said and the DEP came up with a new set of mitigation requirements. He thanked County Counsel for his efforts. He was pleased it appeared that the multi-decade landfill expansion was back on track again.

Agenda Item H1, the award of Contract WC1600A was tabled.

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On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1803 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (LANDFILL PROPERTY) FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019 TO JIM SMITH FARMS LLC FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$431.40

BE IT RESOLVED that Contract WC1803 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in White Township, Landfill property identified as Block 32, Lot 18, approximately 43.14 acres is hereby awarded

to . . . Jim Smith Farms LLC, Belvidere, New Jersey

annual rent of \$10.00 per acre for a total amount of \$431.40

as per his bid submitted March 20, 2018

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of 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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 169-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1824FO FOR ELECTION BALLOT PRINTING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK TO RELIANCE GRAPHICS FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019 AT THE RATE OF \$.24 PER SIDE PER BALLOT AND \$.24 PER SIDE PER SAMPLE BALLOT FOR AN ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1717FO for Election Ballot Printing for the Warren County Clerk is hereby awarded

to . . . Reliance Graphics, Verona, New Jersey

in the estimated amount of . . . \$100,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . March 13, 2018

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 ballot printing services under the direction of the Warren County Clerk, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds will be provided in budget account 011200/5100 – County Clerk Program Operating Expenses.

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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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 170-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1825R FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CATHERINE DICKSON HOFMAN LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT TO DI GROUP ARCHITECTURE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of an architect to provide architectural design and engineering services for the Catherine Dickson Hofman Library Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et. seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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

WHEREAS, Warren County has received all necessary documentation to allow award of this contract including the Business Entity Disclosure Certification, Certificate of Compliance With Campaign Contribution Law and the Determination of Value and these forms are on file; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Purchasing has certified that this contract meets the statute and regulations governing the award of such contracts; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in capital account 0415A505/5062 – Library Septic System.

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and DI Group Architecture, of New Brunswick, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the approximate amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 per letter of agreement and outline of hourly rates, fees and expenses, currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

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4. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star-Ledger, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 171-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORMAN J. GOLDBERG, INC. OF CLINTON, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE HAYDU FARM PROPERTY, HARMONY TOWNSHIP, BLOCKS 11.01, LOT 1 AND BLOCK 21, LOTS 34.01, 34.03, 34.04, 34.05, 34.06, 34.07 AND 34.08, APPROXIMATELY 45.46 TOTAL ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,125.00

WHEREAS, The Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for preservation for the year 2018; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Norman J. Goldberg, Inc., was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC1757FO on November 21, 2017; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders as follows:

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Norman J. Goldberg, Inc., in the amount of \$2,125.00 to prepare an appraisal on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Freeholder 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.

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

MINUTES**MARCH 28, 2018****RESOLUTION 172-18**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LANDMARK I APPRAISAL, LLC OF CHESTER, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE HAYDU FARM PROPERTY, HARMONY TOWNSHIP, BLOCKS 11.01, LOT 1 AND BLOCK 21, LOTS 34.01, 34.03, 34.04, 34.05, 34.06, 34.07 AND 34.08, APPROXIMATELY 45.46 TOTAL ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,815.00

WHEREAS, The Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for preservation for the year 2018; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Landmark I Appraisal, LLC, was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC1757FO on November 21, 2017; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders as follows:

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Landmark I Appraisal, LLC, in the amount of \$1,815.00 to prepare an appraisal on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Freeholder 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.

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 173-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORMAN J. GOLDBERG, INC. OF CLINTON, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE DYKSTRA FARM PROPERTY, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 601.02, LOT 44 AND BLOCK 601.03, LOT 48, APPROXIMATELY 302.5 TOTAL ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,325.00

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WHEREAS, The Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for preservation for the year 2018; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Norman J. Goldberg, Inc., was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC1757FO on November 21, 2017; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders as follows:

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Norman J. Goldberg, Inc., in the amount of \$2,325.00 to prepare an appraisal on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Freeholder 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.

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 174-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOM RODRIGUEZ ASSOCIATES OF STOCKTON, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE DYKSTRA FARM PROPERTY, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 601.02, LOT 44 AND BLOCK 601.03, LOT 48, APPROXIMATELY 302.5 TOTAL ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,090.00

WHEREAS, The Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for preservation for the year 2018; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Tom Rodriguez Associates, was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC1757FO on November 21, 2017; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders as follows:

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Tom Rodriguez Associates, in the amount of \$2,090.00 to prepare an appraisal on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Freeholder 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.

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 175-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1704 TO PREMIER DISPOSAL, INC. FOR PICKUP AND DISPOSAL OF TRASH FROM COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019 FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(3) IN THE APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$38,184.00

BE IT RESOLVED that Warren County Contract WC1704 for pickup and disposal of trash is extended for a second year as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(3) said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019

to . . . Premier Disposal, Inc., Glen Gardner, New Jersey

In the approximate amount of . . . \$38,184.00

as per their bid submitted . . . March 14, 2017

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts 013100/5029 – Buildings & Grounds Contracted Services, 012900/5029 – Road Maintenance Contracted Services, 153901/5029 – Library Administration Contracted Services.

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 176-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

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RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1706 TO CHE MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019 FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE BASE AMOUNT OF \$4,300.00 WITH UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE TO BE BILLED AT FIXED LABOR CHARGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108.00, \$160.50 AND \$213.00 (REGULAR, OVERTIME AND HOLIDAY RATES) AND PARTS AT 20% ABOVE COST, APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT \$80,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that Warren County Contract WC1706 for heating and air conditioning maintenance and service for the second year of a three year as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(7) said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019

to . . . Che Mechanical Services, Inc., Easton, Pennsylvania

In the approximate amount of . . . \$80,000.00

as per their bid submitted . . . February 28, 2017

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 013100/5024 – Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Facility – Maintenance Repair and Cleaning.

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 177-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1710 OFFICE SUPPLIES & ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS TO JIORLES OFFICE SUPPLIES & INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019 FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL YEAR OF A TWO YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15 AT THE DISCOUNT RATE OF 50% FOR FURNITURE, 36% ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER SUPPLIES, 63% GENERAL SUPPLIES AND 68% PAPER PRODUCTS, AN ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1710 for office supplies for County Departments for the second and final year of a two year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15, said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019

to . . . Jiorles Office Supplies & Industrial Equipment, Phillipsburg, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . \$200,000.00

as per their bid submitted . . . February 28, 2017

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

Funding for this contract will be provided in individual department budget accounts.

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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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 178-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WC1826R FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AT MULTIPLE WARREN COUNTY
BUILDINGS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO STRUNK-ALBERT
ENGINEERING OF EAST STROUDSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000.00**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of an Engineer for fire protection systems at multiple Warren County Buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et. seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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

WHEREAS, Warren County has received all necessary documentation to allow award of this contract including the Business Entity Disclosure Certification, Certificate of Compliance with Campaign Contribution Law and the Determination of Value and these forms are on file; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Purchasing has certified that this contract meets the statute and regulations governing the award of such contracts; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in capital account 0409A701/5060 – Building Improvements, and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer,

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Strunk-Albert Engineering, of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, for professional services for the above project, in the amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.

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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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 179-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WC1827R FOR PROFESSIONAL PRESERVATION CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY HISTORY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO ECLECTIC ARCHITECTURE LLC OF PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of an Architect for professional preservation consulting services for the County History Partnership Program for the Warren County Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et. seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Purchasing has certified that this contract meets the statute and regulations governing the award of such contracts; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in grant S81805352/5029 – Historical Commission Grant, and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer,

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Eclectic Architecture LLC, of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY SHADE TREE COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following individual to the Warren County Shade Tree Commission as a Regular Member:

James McCabe
12 Ridge Road
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Term to expire: 12/31/22

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RECOMMENDATION

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following recommendation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 28, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JOCELYN ACKERMAN FROM THE WARREN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a recommendation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 181-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY MORRIS CANAL COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following individual be appointed to the Warren County Morris Canal Committee as a Special Interest Representative with no term limit:

Randy Piazza Sr.
309 Mercer Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Special Interest

No Term Limit

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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The Board was grateful to all serving in volunteer capacities.

RESOLUTION 182-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR ELECTED, UNCLASSIFIED, MANAGERIAL AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR FISCALYEAR 2018

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders desires to adjust the annual salaries of its elected, unclassified, managerial and confidential employees as remuneration for services rendered; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has determined that the adjustment to the annual salaries of said Warren County employees is deemed to be equitable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the salary adjustments affixed hereto be approved for its elected, unclassified, managerial and confidential employees and be made effective January 1, 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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 183-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN APPOINTED PERSONNEL OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PROSECUTOR

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:157-10 et seq. and 2A:158-1 et seq., the Prosecutor shall recommend the compensation for the appointed personnel of the Prosecutor's Office in accordance with County guidelines and within the budget allocation, and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor has recommended salary establishment and adjustments for certain appointed personnel and has so memorialized by schedule which document is incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby approve the 2018 salary adjustments for certain appointed personnel of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office to be made effective January 1, 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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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Reports and Comments

Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell, IV had one matter for discussion in Executive Session.

County Engineer Bill Gleba had no report.

County Planner Dave Dech said he had provided the Freeholders with a copy of the Planning Board draft of the latest Open Space Plan. A public hearing is slated for May 21.

County Administrator Steve Marvin had the latest Vacancy Report for approval and reminded the Board that the Board of School Estimate for Warren County Technical School will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 11.

Freeholder Comments

Mr. Sarnoski spoke of a logo contest underway for the Addiction Awareness Task Force, hoping to pick a winner in April and present the award in May. Mr. Sarnoski wished Mr. Marvin a happy birthday one day early.

Mr. Smith reported having attended what was probably one of the most depressing meetings he had been to: the recent NJAC Meeting. We can expect more burdens to be placed on the counties without funding which is a great disappointment.

Regarding the PCFA matter mentioned earlier, he said the next step would be to get the permit finalized and hopefully, be able to move forward with construction to get back on track to handle our capacity issues there.

Mr. Smith had received a call from John Anderson, Executive Vice-President of External Affairs of JCP&L. He said they had a very candid discussion regarding how important it is to ensure that our roads are open. We need to come up with a protocol for the roads to be cleared for emergency response vehicles. Mr. Anderson agreed to meet with Mr. Smith and Public Safety Director Frank Wheatley, among others, in an effort to correct the problem. He thought the prospects were promising.

Closing Public Comments

Bud Allen approached the Board again and began by thanking Freeholder Sarnoski for making strides with regard to addiction issues. He said marijuana is a huge issue and he was a firm believer in the Rule of Law. He was very concerned about the possibility of it being legalized in New Jersey before the end of the year even though it is in violation of Federal Law.

Mr. Allen provided a rather lengthy and detailed presentation regarding Attorney General Jeff Sessions' stance on the matter, reading aloud a memo directing all U.S. Attorneys to enforce the laws enacted by Congress and to follow well-established principles when pursuing prosecutions related to marijuana activities.

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It was Mr. Allen's understanding that former Governor Christie had allowed the issuance of six licenses to distribute medical marijuana and only three have been purchased so far. He said ten municipalities in five different counties in New Jersey have taken a stance to opt out of the current proposed law to legalize marijuana for recreational use. According to Mr. Allen, nine additional towns are considering following suit with resolutions of their own. He said three counties have also opted out: Monmouth, Ocean and Cape May.

Mr. Allen said the Freeholders must be aware that Edible Gardens Greenhouses on Route 519 in White Township which is owned by Terra Tech in California, intends to convert its facility to cultivate, process and distribute marijuana with the goal of becoming the largest producer of marijuana on the east coast. Mr. Allen thought this would make Warren County the epicenter of controversy, similar to what has happened in cities in California, Washington, Colorado and other states. "I strongly urge you to join these municipalities and counties and pass a resolution prohibiting the cultivation, processing and distribution of marijuana in Warren County and send it to Governor Murphy, telling him you want him to uphold Federal Law," said Mr. Allen and he thanked the Board for its time. He distributed copies of the Sessions' memorandum and an nj.com article he had referenced.

Mr. Smith said the real discussion here is whether or not we're going to follow Federal Law. "As far as my position is, if there's a Federal Law under the Constitution, we are sworn to abide by that," said Mr. Smith. We have discussed this here before, he said. We don't know yet what that law is going to look like. "At this point, it is against State law and it is also against Federal Law," Mr. Smith said. Whether or not there is going to be a challenge of states' rights, there are several other states that are way ahead of us at this point. Mr. Smith was not convinced the proposed law had "legs to go anywhere yet anyway" based on what he has been able to find out from the Legislature.

In some states, it will be up to the municipalities and in others, it will be up to the counties. The last Mr. Smith heard, in New Jersey, it would be the municipalities. If we are told that we have jurisdiction to make a decision, Mr. Smith said, his personal opinion was that there should be a referendum, yet he did not think the issue would get to that point. Mr. Smith said at the present time, it is illegal according to the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and the Constitution of the United States of America. "I don't really see the purpose in passing a resolution at this point until I know how they intend to circumnavigate that because this is a one-shot deal," Mr. Smith said.

Mr. Allen totally disagreed; he thought the Board should take a lead and be proactive.

Mr. Sarnoski said he thought Warren County has been proactive in taking a stance on addiction; passing this evening's proclamation, establishing the Addiction Awareness Task Force, creating an addiction specialty program at the Warren County Community College, devoting time and money to the effort. He said there has been a lot of discussion regarding marijuana laws among the addiction awareness community. An educational seminar was conducted in conjunction with the Family Guidance Center on the lessons learned in Colorado and where we stand in New Jersey. All municipal leaders were invited and many showed up. He wanted to know what the other proclamations looked like. Mr. Allen didn't know.

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Rita Foti of White Township said it will fall on the townships to pass an ordinance. They are debating the current bills now. The Freeholders cannot pass an ordinance, but Ms. Foti said they can lend their moral support to keep marijuana out of White Township.

Mr. Smith reiterated his assertion that to make a strong statement as a county, there should be a voter referendum. Then it is coming from the citizenry of the county. "That's how I believe government should work," Mr. Smith said, "but I'm not asking that question until I know what the law is," he said.

Mr. Sarnoski wasn't sure he completely agreed with Mr. Smith about a Warren County referendum on marijuana use, but if the State posed a referendum as California did, we would know how Warren County feels about it, but we're not even close to that point. Mr. Sarnoski said he would be glad to sign a letter to the Governor taking a position, but it will have more power if we know what it is we are opposing. Ms. Foti said White Township did pass a resolution (not an ordinance). Regarding a referendum, she said, take it from a former schoolteacher, most people don't read and don't understand the issues.

Mr. Smith said he wasn't prepared to shoot until he knows what the target is. Ms. Foti agreed that was an intelligent approach that made sense and that she respected it. Mr. Smith said, "I am fully prepared to visit this when and if the Legislature does respond. Then it's going to be a hot topic and that's when I would look to address it."

Ms. Foti further expressed concerns regarding how the operation would affect the soil, ground level and water table in the community.

Next to speak was John Wyckoff, Christmas tree farmer, of White Township. He thanked the Freeholders for this evening's proclamation and spoke of having worked for the NJ Department of Corrections for 25 years in a drug treatment unit. He talked about the grim statistics regarding addiction and overdose deaths. He said he would be remiss if he didn't express concern about the potential legalization of marijuana. The question had been posed to the White Township Municipal Attorney if a medical marijuana license were to be issued, would it preclude recreational use. The attorney thought the answer was no.

Mr. Sarnoski asked Mr. Wyckoff how the farming community felt about the topic. Could it be a right-to-farm issue? Mr. Wyckoff said he didn't think the average farmer had the ability to enter this business without outside assistance. This is a whole new situation "coloring outside the lines for a run-of-the-mill farmer in Warren County in the State of New Jersey", Mr. Wyckoff said. He had heard that there is much apprehension because the fear is that if they do start to grow it, the Federal Government could confiscate not only the crop, but also the farm. Mr. Smith said, "There's a lot of teeth in the Federal Law if they choose to enforce it."

Judy Wyckoff Morris came forward saying she has lived on the farm in White Township for her entire life. She relayed the tale of a man robbing her house, breaking a window and leaving a blood trail throughout. They later caught him, revealing the motive was drug-related. She felt very

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violated and subsequently installed an alarm system.

Fred Foti of White Township said Governor Murphy wants recreational marijuana to be legal by the beginning of next year. Mr. Smith said he can't do it without the Legislature. Mr. Foti read from an article, "Say No to Dope" written by former State Police Superintendent Rick Fuentes that had appeared in the Star-Ledger. It cited problems being encountered in Colorado. Mr. Smith said that was a synopsis of the film, "Rocky Mountain High" that he had mentioned before.

RESOLUTION 184-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Smith, at 8:00 p.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 28, 2018.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 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

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders 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: SDA, W.M./R.M./C.C., et al. and discussion with Tilcon re: purchase of County property.

(2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining*: Items to be discussed include: Status of labor negotiations with FOP 171, CWA 1071-TASS; Prosecutor mediation with PBA 331-Detectives; PBA 280-Sheriff's Officers; AFSCME 671; CWA 1032- Prosecutor's Clerical.

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.

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 March 28, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board adjourned executive session at 8:51 p.m. and returned to open session.

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

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On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Smith, and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board