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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 September 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Sarnoski and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder James Kern, III and Freeholder Jason Sarnoski. Also attending were County Administrator Alex Lazorisak, County Engineer Bill Gleba, County Counsel Joe Bell and County CFO Kim Francisco. Freeholder Richard Gardner was absent.

Mr. Sarnoski asked for everyone to remain standing after the salute to the flag. After leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Sarnoski noted this date of September 11, a significant date in our country's recent history, and requested a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the terror attacks of that day in 2001.

Upon conclusion of the moment of silence, everyone took a seat and Mr. Sarnoski read the following OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) statement: **ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 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. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the minutes of the Public Hearing of August 14, 2019 were approved.

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the minutes of the Regular Session of August 28, 2019 were approved.

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the minutes of the Executive Session of August 28, 2019.

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

PROCLAMATION 460-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

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WHEREAS, in each of America’s past wars, our Prisoners of War have represented a special sacrifice. On them has fallen an added burden of loneliness, trauma and hardship. Their burden becomes double when there is inhumane treatment by the enemy in violation of common human compassion, ethical standards and international obligations (proclamation by President Jimmy Carter, 1979); and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed a resolution authorizing the first National POW/MIA Recognition Day be observed on July 18, 1979 and later moved the event to be observed on the third Friday in September; and

WHEREAS, in Warren County, we are committed to remembering all veterans who served their country and those presently serving their nation in all corners of the globe and those still Missing In Action and Prisoners of War and remind everyone of the personal sacrifices made by all war veterans to ensure that future generations of American citizens will be able to enjoy our country’s freedoms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and The American Legion, Carl D. Archer Post 528 in White Township, does join our nation in this day of remembrance to demonstrate the country’s continued commitment to the POW/MIA issue at the ceremony held at the established permanent POW/MIA Memorial in White Township.

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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

Mr. Kern said it was very fitting to have this evening’s two proclamations appear together, as they go hand-in-hand. We honor the men and women who sacrificed so much for our county - many of whom are still unaccounted for. He said we cannot forget their service to our County, and why they served. “The freedoms that we have is because of them,” Mr. Kern said, adding he was glad to have such a great group of volunteers in our community who remind us to take pause and remember these individuals. He was honored to have them in attendance this evening.

Mr. Sarnoski said he agreed with Mr. Kern, and introduced American Legion members Milly Rice and Dennis Smith, as well as former World War II POW Joseph Federico, whose autobiographical account Mr. Sarnoski then read aloud:

Experiences of PFC Joseph Federico
WWII The Battle of Normandy
June 1944

I was drafted and reported to the Newark Armory for my physical, passed it and applied for entrance into the Army Air Corps; I was told the quota was filled and I had no choice but the Army. I headed for Fort Dix and after more exams and testing was told I would be assigned to a transportation unit when an opening became available. Two weeks later, I was assigned to the

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Infantry and took basic training at Camp Croft in Spartanburg, SC and later classified for overseas assignment. We boarded the British Victory Ship - Bienville and sailed the evening of April 6 where we joined a huge convoy. Seasickness on the ship ran rampant and the British menu of hard-boiled eggs and beans did not help - the smell alone was nauseating. I could only eat Mounds candy bars which I had to pay for! The crossing took 14 days.

We finally landed near Taunton, Scotland. I was on temporary assignment to the motor pool while in England.

June 1, I was ordered to report back to my infantry company and prepare for combat. We left the training center June 8, boarded a troop train to marshaling area near the Port of Weymouth. The next morning we left and went to the port area where we boarded an LST and headed for the English Channel. Again we experienced rough seas and sea sickness for three days until the morning of the 12 when we finally landed on Utah beach. We scrambled ashore wearing two sets of uniforms, a full field pack and horseshoe roll, an M1 rifle with bandoliers, hand grenades, trenching tools, bayonets, plus dragged our duffel bags across the beach and beyond. Not easy for a 5'6", 110 lbs., GI. We marched inland through Normandy. There were so many dead German soldiers, cows and horses. We were assigned to the 90th Infantry Div. 357th Regiment I company as replacements.

We received orders to help capture the Port City of Cherbourg, which was important because of its port facility.

We moved from hedgerow to hedgerow, encountering small arms fire. We took a break to rest and eat, a few moments later machine gun fire started, and we hit the ground and artillery shells exploded around us. Shrapnel from the first shell struck my leg shattering the bones and passed completely through. I looked around, most of the GIs were dead, and the rest of my company had disappeared. After a few hours, a German patrol came and took food or cigarettes and left. Another patrol came and left. Again, I was by myself. Finally a German medical patrol appeared and treated my wound; made a stretcher and loaded me on a German tank, when I felt someone was reaching into my pocket. At this point, I didn't care, but the Sergeant loudly berated the soldier and he returned my wallet to me which I still have today. We traveled further down the road to another air station where they lifted me off of the tank and carried me into the farmhouse with wounded German soldiers in the living room - now a hospital. I was taken into the operation room and they operated on my leg and told me I would be all right. Later I was loaded onto a military ambulance taken to a farmhouse and later taken with other American and Canadian soldiers to the POW hospital in Rennes, the old capital of Brittany, region of France. The

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nurses were French and the doctors were French and Polish.

My nurse was Josephine and she bought me a ham sandwich for my 19th birthday from her home but they had to check my wound again and give me ether so I was too sick to eat it.

From a letter of 27 July 1944:

Artillery and mortar fire continued for a few more days then the American Forces unleashed a tremendous amount of firepower at the City of Rennes. Then at 0300 hours, the door at the end of the ward slowly opened and there appeared a US Infantry man - in camouflage from the 8th Infantry Division- and in a weak voice he asked- anybody here from the 8th Division - those words I will take to my grave. He then left saying he had to report what he had discovered and shortly thereafter appeared several soldiers to cheer us up and give us water and food. Someone rolled a piano into the courtyard and started playing the Star Spangled Banner loud and clear - I could not stop the tears from flowing and I was not alone. They moved us quickly from the prison hospital to the 35th Evacuation MASH hospital - where they had a little celebration for us. After they removed my cast and gave me injections of penicillin – I found out my weight was down to 70 lbs. Shortly we were flown to Southampton in England to a military hospital.

I wrote the following letter home on August 10, 1944:

Two months later we were going home via a US Army Hospital ship Larkspur out of Liverpool Harbor- headed to Charleston SC-Stark General Hospital US Army- only to be greeted by a hurricane- so needless to say we didn't get much sleep that night. The next morning we were flown to Richmond VA- where the citizens of that town came to the hospital with food, all kinds of drinks and musicians. We had a great time. The next day we boarded a hospital train to Staunton VA where I stayed for eight months. The doctors were amazed by the work the German doctor had done on my leg and saved it from being amputated.

I finally was given leave to go home and see my family. One day a delivery boy delivered a telegram from the War Department, which I signed for, opened and read - "report just received through the International Red Cross states that your son- Pvt. Joseph Federico is a POW of the German Government- letter of information follows from Provost Marshal General - Dunlop Acting the Adjutant General."

It felt funny and terrific at the same time to be reading this telegram, safe and sound in my hometown.

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In May of 1945, a group of us were being transferred to Camp Upton, Long Island NY for medical discharges. At Penn Station, I stepped out of the train and in front of me stood my Uncle Joe and Cousin Pat Zito, who also was on crutches, and had suffered leg wounds in Europe. We stared at each other - only had time to wave to each other as I boarded another train and was discharged and became a civilian again a month later.

"I hope I did the story justice," Mr. Sarnoski said, after concluding the reading. To hear such a harrowing story on this day in our country's history, what men like PFC Joseph Federico have done for our county, and those who have sacrificed. "It's an honor to have you here, sir, and it's my pleasure to present this proclamation to the three of you," said Mr. Sarnoski.

Ms. Rice invited everyone to attend a Recognition Day ceremony at the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action memorial, located at the Oscar Unangst Memorial Fields, across from Flowerland Growers, at 6:00 p.m. on September 20. She advised bringing a lawn chair, and join in honoring heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country and families. Honorees include three Korean War veterans and two female POWs from the Gulf War that had been captured and released.

PROCLAMATION 461-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

PROCLAMATION –CONSTITUTION WEEK, SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2019

WHEREAS, General William Maxwell Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in Belvidere, Warren County, New Jersey on December 21, 1931; and

WHEREAS, Chapters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution all over the world are requesting proclamations and recognition of the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2019 marks the two hundred and thirty-second anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Warren County do hereby proclaim September 17 through September 23, 2019 is proclaimed Constitution Week.

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 September 11, 2019.

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Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

Present to accept the proclamation was Jan Hunold, General William Maxwell Chapter Regent, whom Mr. Sarnoski thanked for all her group's work in recognizing our country, our freedoms, and the greatest document ever written.

Mr. Kern said he thought it was truly fitting to remember this document each year, when we organize in our form of government, in public meetings of democratically elected representatives, with public participation. "It's important to honor our roots in what is the greatest form of government in the greatest country in the world, to honor this founding document," Mr. Kern said, thanking the DAR for all it does to remind us of our roots.

Ms. Hunold said the DAR started Constitution Week back in the 1950s, and President Dwight Eisenhower signed it into law in 1956. A display case is available for viewing at the Washington Borough Library for those interested in learning about local history relative to the Constitution and this DAR Chapter. Seeking a home for a plaque, she asked for ideas for a Warren County building that has some association with the American Revolution. "Shippen Manor is always available," Mr. Sarnoski suggested. Ms. Hunold appeared thrilled at the prospect.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Nancy Mason of Belvidere inquired about agenda item H-9, an appraisal of the Old Orchard Farm Road property. Land Preservation Director Corey Tierney said this was relative to a Farmland Preservation application. Ms. Mason stated her support of the resolution to authorize applying for funding for a transportation analysis (item E-2).

Jane Primerano of Hope thanked the Freeholders for reconstituting a Cultural & Heritage advisory board in time to prepare for the County's bicentennial in 2025 (item I-4).

RESOLUTION 462-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2019-35 and 2019-36, dated September 11, 2019,** in the amount of **\$3,090,061.62** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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2019-35	9/4/19	\$607,756.84	
2019-36	9/11/19	<u>1,185,518.03</u>	
TOTAL			\$1,793,274.87
PNC Bank Commercial Card	9/5/19	\$2,046.13	
Home Depot	9/10/19	<u>2,642.67</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			4,688.80
Payroll (including fringe)	8/29/19	\$1,292,097.95	
Subsistence	8/29/19	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,292,097.95</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u><u>\$3,090,061.62</u></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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 463-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

INSERTION INTO THE 2019 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$192,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES, CHILDHOOD LEAD EXPOSURE PREVENTION PROGRAM

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2019 in the sum of \$192,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 192,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Program (administered by Health Dept.)

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior 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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 464-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

INSERTION INTO THE 2019 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES, SPECIAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICES, CASE MANAGEMENT

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2019 in the sum of \$76,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Special Child Health Services, Case Management

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County's Match of \$76,127.00 is included in the 2018 County Budget – County Health Services Interlocal Agreement (NJS40:8A-1) S&W Sheet 20-b and Group Insurance Plan for Employees Sheet 17

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$76,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Special Child Health Services, Case Management (administered by Health Dept.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior 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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 465-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

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RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY AND THE NEW STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WILL PERMANENTLY EXTEND THE 2.0% CAP ON BINDING INTEREST ARBITRATION AWARDS THAT EXPIRED IN 2017; AND, TO FURTHER REQUIRE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION (PERC) TO INCLUDED IN ALL ARBITRATION AWARDS; A FULL FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT THAT SUMMARIZES THE TOTAL COST OF ALL AWARDS IN A CLEAR, CONCISE, AND TRANSPARENT MANNER

WHEREAS, the failure to permanently extend the 2.0% cap on binding interest arbitration awards has inequitably altered the collective bargaining process in favor of labor at the expense of property taxpayers as police and fire unions have been aggressively leveraging its expiration to win contracts that far exceed the 2.0% spending cap imposed on local governing bodies for nearly a decade; and

WHEREAS, between 2011 and 2017, the 2.0% cap on binding interest arbitration awards allowed local governments to live within their limited means and kept public safety employee salaries and wages under control as parties were closer to an agreement from the onset of negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the 2.0% cap on binding interest arbitration awards established clear parameters for negotiating reasonable successor contracts that preserved the collective bargaining process and took into consideration the separate and permanent 2.0% spending cap; and

WHEREAS, recent arbitration decisions, which do not readily disclose the total cost of the contract, underscore the vital need to restore the cap as at least one of the awards included annual salary increases that range from a minimum of 8.54% to a maximum of 20.54% when step increases are included with the widely reported annual raises of 2.0% to 2.25%; and

WHEREAS, the substantial annual salary increases do not included longevity pay, employer pension contributions of which equal approximately 30.0% of the annual salary of a public safety sector employer, and an additional 20.0% to 35% in employer health benefit contributions; and

WHEREAS, the equation is clear, failure to permanently extend the 2.0% cap on binding interest arbitration awards is unsustainable without increasing property taxes, reducing non-union staff, or eliminating essential services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Warren County does in fact, hereby urge Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature to enact legislation that will permanently extend the 2.0% cap on binding interest arbitration awards that expired in 2017; and , to further require the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) to include in all arbitration awards; a full financial impact statement that summarizes that total cost of all awards in a clear, concise, and transparent manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution are forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey Phil Murphy, the President of the New Jersey State Senate Stephen M. Sweeney, the Speaker of the General Assembly Craig L. Coughlin, and the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC).

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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 466-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL
TO PREPARE A WARREN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS OF
EXISTING LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONE**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has adopted the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (the Act); and

WHEREAS, the Act created the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council); and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council was charged with the preparation and adoption of a regional master plan for the entirety of the Highlands Region; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council was directed by the Act to prepare a regional master plan that satisfies a range of goals; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council adopted the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP) on July 17, 2008, which became effective on September 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the RMP includes goals, policies, and objectives related to land use and transportation in the Highlands Region; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council has appropriated funds to support implementation of the RMP at both the municipal and county level; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has prepared a Transportation Technical Study Update; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Technical Study Update is the first phase of a process to prepare the Transportation Plan Element of the Warren County Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, one of the findings of the Transportation Technical Study Update is that growth of the logistics and supply chain industries is creating new economic opportunities, but straining many roadways with heavy truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, another of the findings of the Transportation Technical Study Update is the need to balance potential trucking impacts on the County road system; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has a need to understand the build-out potential of lands zoned for light industry; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has prepared a preliminary scope of work to prepare this study; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the scope of work for the Transportation Analysis of Existing Light Industrial Zoning is \$60,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council has determined that the County of Warren, in undertaking these planning activities, is supporting implementation of the RMP by advancing several of its goals, policies and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren desires to apply to the Highlands Council for funding to complete the Transportation Analysis of Existing Light Industrial Zoning.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Planning Director is directed to prepare and submit the final scope of work to the New Jersey Highlands Council, and the Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute such documents as may be required to accept grant funding from the New Jersey Highlands Council for the purpose of preparing a Warren County Transportation Analysis of Existing Light Industrial Zoning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be provided to the New Jersey Highlands Council, 100 North Road, Chester, NJ 07930 as part of the application for funding.

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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

Mr. Kern said earlier in the day, along with Mr. Dech and Mr. Lazorisak, he had met with Lisa Plevin, Highlands Council Executive Director; and Maryjude Haddock-Weiler, Planning Manager. He said it was a positive discussion. They were very interested in pursuing this with us, and thought it was an appropriate use of Highlands funding. Mr. Kern said we identified 14 properties in Warren County, and they asked the County to act as liaison between the Council and municipalities. After furnishing a few more details, Mr. Kern said we will submit it to them, and he hoped for action in October. "It was a very good meeting," he said.

RESOLUTION 467-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AMENDING AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1807R FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, FOR THE ADDITION TO THE WARREN COUNTY MAIN ROAD DEPARTMENT GARAGE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RAYMOND E. O'BRIEN R.A. INC., OF BLAIRSTOWN, NEW JERSEY FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$3,500.00, TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500.00

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of an architect to provide services for the addition to the Warren County Main Road Department Garage for the Warren County Department of Public Works; 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

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WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in capital account 0417A702/5061 – Road Department Garage Addition

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 Raymond E. O'Brien R.A. Inc., of Blairstown, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$12,500.00 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director of the Board of 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.
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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 468-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1944 FOR THE 911 MISCELLANEOUS
TOWER UTILITY BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ROOF MANAGEMENT INC.,
IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$117,300.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1944 for the 911 Miscellaneous Tower Utility Building Roof Replacement Project is hereby awarded to...**Roof Management, Inc., Wall, New Jersey** in the amount of...**\$117,300.00**

as per their bid submitted...**August 13, 2019**

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

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0419A508/5062 – Allamuchy Tower Building

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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

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On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1958 JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR VARIOUS WARREN COUNTY OFFICES FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR ONE ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW 40A:11-15 TO BEST CLEANING BUILDING SERVICE INC., IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$139,200.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1958 for janitorial services for various Warren County Offices is hereby awarded to...**Best Cleaning Building Service Inc., Ridgefield, New Jersey** in the amount of...**\$139,200.00**

as per their bid submitted...**August 27, 2019**

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 budget account 013100/5024 – Buildings & Grounds Facility Maintenance, Repair & Cleaning and 153908/5024 – Library Facility Maintenance, Repair and Cleaning

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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 470-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1966R FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, FOR THE BARRY HOUSE LIFT BUILDING PROJECT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RAYMOND E. O'BRIEN R.A. INC., OF BLAIRSTOWN, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500.00

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of an architect to provide services for the Barry House Lift Building Project for the Warren County Department of Public Works; 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

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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 grant account S92755383/5100 – Child Advocacy Cap Program

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 Raymond E. O'Brien R.A. Inc., of Blairstown, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director of the Board of 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.
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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 471-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, OF MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE ROUTE 57 PARTNERSHIP FARM PROPERTY, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 1, LOT 6, APPROXIMATELY 69.1 ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,450.00

WHEREAS, the Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for Preservation for the year 2019; and

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

WHEREAS, land surveys are required by the State Agricultural Development Board prior to negotiations for acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, said surveys will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention and Development Act, N.J.S. A. 4:1C-11, et. Seq.,

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

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open contract; and

WHEREAS, Keller & Kirkpatrick, was pre-qualified as a surveyor by WC1871FO on November 19, 2018; and

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

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Keller & Kirkpatrick, in the amount of \$7,450.00 to prepare a survey 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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 472-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SHI INTER-NATIONAL CORP., FOR BIBLIOTHECA SOFTWARE AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS, UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT A89851 COVERING COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND LICENSES AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$23,833.93

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for Bibliotheca Computer Software and associated Products for the Warren County Library and this purchase is hereby awarded to...**SHI International Corp., Somerset, New Jersey** in the amount of. **\$23,833.93**

at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A89851

Funding for this contract has been provided in library account 153903/5059 – Library Data Processing

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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 473-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SHI INTER-NATIONAL CORP., FOR INVESTIGATIONS SUB MODULE ENHANCEMENTS FOR SANE PROGRAM

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SOFTWARE, UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT A89851 COVERING COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND LICENSES AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for Investigations Sub Module enhancements for SANE Program Software for the Warren County Prosecutor's Office and this purchase is hereby awarded to...**SHI International Corp., Somerset, New Jersey**

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

at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A89851

Funding for this contract has been provided in grant account F2019-5337-275/5058 – Crime Victims Assistance

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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 474-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED FOR BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-6 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING TO OPERATE THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR TO CROWDER JR. CO., IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,127.61

WHEREAS, the OEM Director, Frank Wheatley, has reported that the transfer switch operating the emergency generator had failed putting the operation of the Communications Center at risk, which would cause a dangerous situation to the safety of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the transfer switch is necessary for the operation of the generator at the Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, Quotes were obtained and Crowder Jr. Co., submitted the lowest responsive and responsible quote received; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in capital account 0419A409/5063 – Future Projects Public Safety

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby declares an emergency situation as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-6 and authorizes the purchase and installation of the transfer switch.

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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

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On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JOSHUA D. MACKOFF, LLC, OF MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE OLD ORCHARD ROAD FARM PROPERTY, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 1201, LOT 1, APPROXIMATELY 74.22 TOTAL ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,650.00

WHEREAS, the Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for preservation for the year 2019; 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, Joshua D. Mackoff, LLC, was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC1872FO on November 19, 2018; 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 Joshua D. Mackoff LLC, in the amount of \$1,650.00 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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 476-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LANDMARK I APPRAISAL, LLC, OF CHESTER, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE OLD ORCHARD ROAD FARM PROPERTY, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 1201, LOT 1, APPROXIMATELY 74.22 TOTAL ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,625.00

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WHEREAS, the Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for preservation for the year 2019; 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 WC1872FO on November 19, 2018; 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 \$1,625.00 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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 477-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

**RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following individual to the Warren County Advisory Council on Disabilities:

Carissa Cirotti

Term to expire: 12/31/21

6 Flower Avenue

Washington, NJ 07882

Consumer Advocate

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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

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On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY
BICENTENNIAL CULTURAL AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, by Resolution 276-19 on May 22, 2019 the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Board") established the Warren County Bicentennial Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board (the "BCHAB") for the purpose of developing programs that promote the public interest in local history, arts, and culture, including planning for the commemoration of the County's Bicentennial Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 276-19, the BCHAB shall be composed of not less than five residents of Warren County and not more than seven residents of Warren County to be appointed by Board;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 276-19, the first three members appointed to the BCHAB shall serve an initial term of three years, the fourth and sixth members appointed shall serve an initial term of two-years, and the fifth and seventh members appointed shall serve an initial term of one year, with all members serving three-year terms thereafter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 276-19, vacancies on the BCHAB shall be filled in the same manner for the unexpired term and the members shall serve without compensation, but with the prior approval of the Board they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the BCHAB; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, hereby appoints the following individuals to the Warren County Bicentennial Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board:

1. **Laurie Rapisardi**
47 Barn Owl Drive
Allamuchy, NJ 07840
Term: 3 years expiring September 11, 2022
2. **Jeanette Iurato**
2 Heller Hill Road
Blairstown, NJ 07825
Term: 3 years expiring September 11, 2022
3. **Nancy Miller**
258 Mountain View Road West
Asbury, NJ 08802
Term: 3 years expiring September 11, 2022
4. **Jane Primerano**
329 Johnsonburg Road
Hope, NJ 07844
Term: 2 years expiring September 11, 2021

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P.O. Box 11
 Allamuchy, NJ 07820

Term: 1 year expiring September 11, 2020

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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 479-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoint the following individual to the Warren County Mental Health Board:

Sonia Ron Term to expire: 06/30/20
 107 Park Avenue
 Washington, NJ 07882
 Consumer/Advocate

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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 480-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING REGULAR MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoints the following regular members to the Warren County Planning Board with terms to expire September 19, 2022.

Desiree Dunn Term: 9/20/19 – 9/19/22
 49 Millbrook-Stillwater Road
 Hardwick, NJ 07825
 Deborah A. Pasquarelli Term: 9/20/19 – 9/19/22
 511 Standish Place
 Stewartsville, NJ 08886

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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

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Mr. Sarnoski thanked Ms. Primerano for her earlier comments about the new advisory board; he said he knew each of the appointees and thought they would do a great job. He thanked all others for their hard work through volunteer service.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joe Bell had no report.

County Engineer Bill Gleba had nothing new to report.

County Planner Dave Dech advised of the paper-shredding event being held at the Administration complex from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, September 14, and provided guidelines.

Mr. Dech reported on the completion of the "Hole in the Wall" project - the lowering of the railroad tracks at South Main Street, Phillipsburg, leased to Norfolk Southern from Chesapeake. This was achieved at a substantially lower cost, and more quickly, than other proposed methods. It was noted that former Freeholder Ed Smith worked very hard to make it happen.

Also part of the Washington Secondary Freight Study was a railroad culvert in Hackettstown unable to withstand a 286,000-pound car, identified for improvement. A public hearing had been held the previous evening, but no one showed up because they didn't know it existed. Mr. Sarnoski said, "With the NJ TPA, this is one of the first projects I got involved with when I became a freeholder... and it's just starting nine years later." "Things are moving along," said Mr. Dech.

County CFO Kim Francisco had no report

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak had the customary vacancy report for review and approval, which contained nothing out of the ordinary. He reminded everyone that the next meeting would be the last to commence at 7:30 p.m. until next May. October-April meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

FREEHOLDER COMMENTS

Mr. Kern said it was a great honor to participate in the Patriot's Day Ceremony held over the weekend at the 911/Emergency Services Memorial, saying it was well attended. It was a moving remembrance of those who have lost their lives on September 11, and also in the line of duty in Warren County. Fire Marshal Joe Lake, along with the Public Safety Department, did a great job with the ceremony.

Mr. Sarnoski also remarked on the ceremony, complimenting Mr. Kern on his very moving keynote speech. He thanked Mr. Lazorisak for making sure a bench on the site was repaired in time for the event.

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A meeting was coming up the following week regarding the intersection of Routes 519 & 57, with updates from the NJ DOT and NJ DEP. Mr. Sarnoski hoped to hear good news regarding right-of-way acquisition, and see the project move forward.

An NJ TPA (Transportation Planning Authority) board member, Mr. Sarnoski reported that the Route 80 rock fall mitigation project, which he opposes, was lumped in with numerous other worthy projects in the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program). Numerous mayors and other representative came out to speak in opposition of the Route 80 project, but the TIP passed anyway so as not to jeopardize other projects. Mr. Sarnoski pledged to continue to work toward extracting that project from the TIP, and he thought there was enough support to do so as more information becomes available. He voted against the TIP because he wants to see the 519/57 project move along, and not spent \$58 million for less than half a mile of Route 80.

Before opening up the floor for public comments, Mr. Sarnoski made a statement regarding the Jandl property issue in Warren County. Having conferred at length with County Counsel, Mr. Sarnoski said, "The Board has again been advised that it is in the best interest of the community, the County and Freeholders, that we not comment on any aspect of this contemplative private property issue with a potential application in front of the Board. Just because we're not speaking about it right now does not mean there's nothing being done. And just because we're not talking does not mean we're not listening." He went on to say he understood the White Township Planning Board had met the prior evening and discussed its land use and zoning with regard to this property. The Freeholder Board has always contended that this is primarily a land use and zoning issue, and we must allow that process to continue forward. "Every day, we're working hard on behalf of all the residents of Warren County, and I ask that you be patient, allow this process to move forward, and trust that we are working for you," Mr. Sarnoski said.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elizabeth MacKinnon of White Township approached the Board to express her disappointment regarding the action taken at its last meeting, supporting Ocean County's litigation against the Attorney General's Directive 2018-6. "Instead of celebrating the diversity that we are now getting in this county – which is so important – to instead send fear throughout the community." She said there is a lot of fear in schools and families in the area and she was sorry the Freeholders chose to take this position. "I would hope you would do things to celebrate the diversity that will make this county special," concluded Ms. MacKinnon.

Sarah Hare of Hope began by thanking Mr. Sarnoski for responding to a very lengthy email she had sent to the Freeholders regarding her opposition to the warehouses, and she was pleased to hear they may be working behind the scenes toward some resolution. However, she had come forward to speak about the matter of supporting Ocean County's litigation. She noted this is one of three counties, of 21 in the state, which has chosen to pursue this. She said only eight of New Jersey's 565 municipalities have taken similar action. Ms. Hare wondered why. We want to bring homebuyers and businesses into this county, she said, and asked how Warren County was now

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going to be perceived. She thought the perception would be anti-immigrant and perhaps even racist. Ms. Hare said she teaches in a public school system where 43 different languages are spoken, and also at a county college where three quarters of her class are immigrants. She said she regularly hears stories from children who live in fear of federal policies, afraid their parents will not come home each day. The directive was meant to encourage immigrants to feel comfortable reporting crimes. She urged the Board to think about this in a broader context.

RESOLUTION 481-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

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 at 8:09 p.m.

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: Covanta/PCFA Negotiations, AJSC Rivas decision Re: Courtroom 2, Status of Prosecutors Motion for reconsideration, Status of W.M./C.C./R.M. Litigation, Depositions, Bastedo eviction from county property, Sale of real property PCFA Subdivision, CR 659 Flooding.

(2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining*: Items to be discussed include: Status of CWA 1071-TASS Negotiations and Unfair Labor Practice, Additional mediation results. AFSCME 3287 Negotiations, CWA 1071-Nurses – Negotiations, PBA Local 280 – Sheriff’s Officers, FOP 170 – Corrections Supervisors.

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 September 11, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, at 8:43 p.m., the Board adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session.

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner absent, Mr. Sarnoski yes

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On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, and there being no further business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

ATTESTED TO:

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board