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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 October 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Sarnoski requested everyone remain standing following the salute to the flag. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Sarnoski noted the recent passing of two individuals with ties to the County. An employee of the Road Department stationed at the Alpha garage, Brian Solt, lost a long battle with cancer the previous evening. John Inscho, former chief of Mountain Lake Fire Company (1965-70), former member of Liberty Township Committee (1975-82), and father of current Liberty Township Mayor John Inscho, also passed away. Mr. Sarnoski presided over a moment of silence in honor of both men.

Mr. Sarnoski then read the following OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT statement: ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF *OCTOBER 23, 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. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the minutes of the Regular Session of October 9, 2019 were approved.

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

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the minutes of the Executive Session of October 9, 2019 were approved.

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

PROCLAMATION 523-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL VETERANS AWARENESS WEEK, NOVEMBER 10-16, 2019

WHEREAS, over the past 125 years, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States while hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving; and

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WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the advent of the all-volunteer Armed Forces has resulted in a sharp decline in the number of individuals and families with any personal connection to the Armed Forces and a decrease in the awareness by young people of the nature and importance of the accomplishments of those who have served in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the system of civilian control of the Armed Forces makes it essential that the future leaders of the Nation understand the history of military action and the contributions and sacrifices of those who conduct such actions; and

WHEREAS, the veterans of The American Legion, Carl D. Archer Post 528 of White Township have voiced strong support this resolution to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders designates the week of November 10 through November 16, 2019, as “National Veterans Awareness Week” for the purpose of emphasizing educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans, and encourages the people of the United States to observe National Veterans Awareness Week with appropriate educational activities.

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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Kern expressed gratitude to members of the Carl D. Archer post for the work they do every day – not just during Veteran’s Awareness Week – and he thought passing those values on to the next generation was vital. With an all-volunteer military, Mr. Kern said, we need to recognize the sacrifices our veterans make for the sake of our country, and we need to preserve that through awareness.

Mr. Gardner joined Mr. Kern in thanking the Carl D. Archer post for bringing a heightened awareness to the selfless sacrifices of our veterans, their valor, and what their families go through. “It is really the military that protects our Constitutional Republic, and therefore, it is the great democracy that we have that, really, no other nation in the world has,” Mr. Gardner said. He thought it was important to help raise awareness of how critical it is to have a strong military. We have many veterans in Warren County who have given a lot to their country, he said.

Mr. Sarnoski agreed with his colleagues, and was pleased to announce the County’s next War Veterans Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, May 16, 2020. This will be the 17th ceremony honoring war veterans with ties to Warren County since the program’s inception in 2004. So far, 2,197 men and women who served our nation during wartime, from World War I through the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, have been awarded a medal, lapel pin and certificate.

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As we announce our next ceremony and encourage war veterans to apply for recognition (or their loved ones to submit the application on behalf of a veteran), Mr. Sarnoski said, tonight we wish to recognize a World War II serviceman who will be the 2,198th person to be honored in this program: Dominick “Don” DeBacco.

Don DeBacco was born in Gladstone, NJ in February 1926, and was about five years old when his family moved to Washington Borough, where he lived until moving in with his daughter and son-in-law earlier this year.

In 1944, 18-year-old Don DeBacco quit school during his senior year and enlisted. He sought to join the Army’s Air Force but all the spots were filled, so he enlisted in the Army, entering active service on April 24, 1944 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. After basic training, Private First Class DeBacco headed across the Atlantic Ocean on a troop ship to Southampton, England, where he joined the 11th Armored Division of Gen. George Patton’s Third Army as a gunner in a Sherman tank.

PFC DeBacco went into action in Northern France, noting, “All I knew was I had a job to do and I wanted to do it.”

PFC DeBacco recalls that at Christmas, the cook was making their Christmas dinner when a battle broke out and the unit was ordered to move into action right away. He and his fellow soldiers ended up having their Christmas dinner at 4 o’clock in the morning.

Another time, they were in light tanks but encountered heavier German tanks. The tank he was in was hit, as were many of the others, resulting in the deaths of 16 American soldiers, while PFC DeBacco was wounded by shrapnel. The shrapnel was removed at a field hospital and he kept right on going, he said.

The 11th Armored Division pushed on, crossing the Rhine several times, and on May 8 became the first unit of the Third Army to meet up with the Soviet Red Army, our allies in battling the Germans.

PFC DeBacco assisted in the liberation of the Mauthausen concentration camp in May 1945, recalling that the scene “was terrible.”

After Germany’s surrender, PFC DeBacco said his unit was supposed to come home immediately, but instead was attached to another division, and it was six months more before he returned home.

After the war, he resumed his education, became a welder, and a teacher, as he taught industrial arts at Warren County schools.

He married his wife Shirley in 1948 and they had three children, Candy, with whom he now lives, Susan, and his son Donald, who died in a workplace accident some years ago. Shirley

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passed away about four years ago, and Mr. DeBacco, now 93 years old, continued to live on his own until earlier this year.

Don DeBacco said he heard about Warren County's Veterans Recognition Program a long time ago, but thought "I didn't do anything better than anyone else." His daughter Candy Kloefer nominated him this past summer, and after a review of the application by the Veterans Recognition Program Committee, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is pleased to present World War II Army veteran Don DeBacco with the Warren County Distinguished Military Service medal, along with a certificate and commemorative lapel pin.

**PRESENTATION OF THE WARREN COUNTY DISTINGUISHED MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL TO
DOMINICK "DON" DEBACCO, U.S. ARMY, WORLD WAR II.**

The proclamation was accepted by Richard Larson, Commander, and Milly Rice, Adjutant, of The American Legion, Carl D. Archer Post 528 of White Township. Ms. Rice announced that three area schools would be hosting ceremonies in honor of Veterans Awareness Week: Belvidere High School on November 5, Allamuchy Township School on November 14, and Warren County Technical School on November 15. It is a great learning experience for the students.

After enjoying a standing ovation, Mr. DeBacco thanked the Freeholders, but said he was just doing his duty. He said it was a pleasure to serve his country.

The veterans returned to their seats, and then Milly Rice was honored for a different role, as secretary and display coordinator for the Warren County Shade Tree Commission.

**PRESENTATION OF "THE COUNTY CUP" TROPHY FOR THE BEST DISPLAY IN THE FREEHOLDERS'
BUILDING, WARREN COUNTY FARMERS' FAIR TO THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

Ms. Rice said after being secretary for 20 years, she was preparing to retire at the end of the year, and it was nice to be recognized this way. Mr. Gardner noted the small size of this commission (five members), and that it is in charge of Garret D. Wall Park.

**CERTIFICATE – 2019 THOMAS M. KENNEDY "EXCELLENCE IN ACCESSIBILITY"
TO OAKWOOD LANES**

Mr. Kern, as liaison to the Department of Human Services, was pleased to present the certificate ensconced in a plaque to Advisory Council on Disabilities member Colleen O'Neill. He said he appreciated all efforts of those involved, saying this was an excellent example of a public and private partnership.

Mr. Gardner said Oakwood Lanes has been a family-run business for about six decades, they do a great job, and he was pleased to support this.

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Ms. O'Neill was happy to accept, saying she has been working with people with disabilities for more than a decade, and worked with Oakwood Lanes throughout that time for parties and functions. "They have been so accommodating," she said.

Mr. Sarnoski said, "This is probably the best food you can get at a bowling alley," saying he was especially partial to their Turkey Club. He admired Oakwood Lanes, and every other business that received the Thomas M. Kennedy award over the years, for going the extra mile to be accommodating.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

RESOLUTION 524-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2019-41 and 2019-42, dated October 23, 2019**, in the amount of **\$4,142,361.15** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2019-41	10/16/19	\$1,131,198.97	
2019-42	10/23/19	<u>600,399.45</u>	
TOTAL			\$1,731,598.42
Horizon (Prescription, Claims, Admin)	10/22/19	\$925,865.91	
Aetna-Oct	10/1/19	144,883.87	
Sun Life Financial-Oct	10/3/19	56,420.55	
Open Space Wire	<i>(Detail Below)</i>	<u>15,262.94</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			1,142,433.27
Payroll (including fringe)	10/10/19	\$1,263,961.46	
Subsistence	10/10/19	0.00	
Uniforms	10/10/19	<u>4,368.00</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,268,329.46</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$4,142,361.15</u>

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<u>Open Space</u>			<u>Reimburse-</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Wire Transfer:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>ments</u>	<u>Portion</u>
Mazza Farm	10/11/19	\$80,873.76	\$65,610.82	\$15,262.94
Total				<u>\$15,262.94</u>

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Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 525-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF VARIOUS 2017 UNCOLLECTED RECEIVABLE BALANCES TOTALING \$183,482.02 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, receivable balances totaling \$183,482.02 remain on the Grant Fund Financial Statements dedicated to various 2017 Grants which have been completed,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel the receivable and its offsetting appropriations from the financial statements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following grant receivable and appropriation balances be cancelled in the amount of \$183,482.02:

<u>2017 Grant Account Title</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	(Appropriation)	
Prosecutor Victims of Crime Act Supplemental	F72755360	\$124,252.00
NJ Transit Route 31 Shuttle	F73555330	22,136.02
Traffic Study	S71805349	1,211.16
NJ Transit Section 5311	S73555340	15,198.73
Municipal Alliance/ Governor's Council	S73555306	9,201.03
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)	S73555310	1,483.08
Juvenile Justice Commission Family Court (JJC)	S73555311	<u>10,000.00</u>
		\$183,482.02
	(Revenue)	
Prosecutor Victims of Crime Act Supplemental	F7275 4356	\$124,252.00
NJ Transit Route 31 Shuttle	S7355 4330	22,136.02
Traffic Study	S7180 4384	1,211.16
NJ Transit Section 5311	S7355 4340	15,198.73
Municipal Alliance/Governor's Council	S7355 4306	9,201.03
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)	S7355 4310	1,483.08
Juvenile Justice Commission Family Court (JJC)	S7355 4311	<u>10,000.00</u>
		\$183,482.02

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

RESOLUTION 526-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

INSERTION INTO THE 2019 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, OPIOID PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE - OPERATION HELPING HAND GRANT #OHH-21-2019

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 \$ 100,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Opioid Public Health Crisis Response - Operation Helping Hand Grant #OHH-21-2019

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 100,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Opioid Public Health Crisis Response - Operation Helping Hand Grant #OHH-21-2019 (Administered by the Prosecutors Dept.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety

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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner said he was looking forward to attending the Opioid Symposium and panel discussion the following evening at Centenary University.

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On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENT #JDAI-20-IF-21 WITH THE NEW JERSEY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION, TOTALING \$120,000 (\$114,000 IN PROGRAM SERVICE FUNDING AND \$6,000 IN ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING) TO BE USED BY THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION FOR JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JDAI) – INNOVATION FUNDING; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2019, the Board of Chosen Freeholders approved an application to the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) for anticipated Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) - Innovation Funding in the amount of \$120,000 (\$114,000 in program service funding and \$6,000 in administrative funding); and

WHEREAS, the JJC has subsequently awarded the county \$120,000 to be used by the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration for Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) - Innovation Funding during the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute grant agreement #JDAI-20-IF-21 with the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, totaling \$120,000 (\$114,000 in program service funding and \$6,000 in administrative funding) to be used by the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration for Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) - Innovation Funding during the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 528-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES THROUGH THE CY 2020 CHAPTER 51 GRANT FOR \$227,485 ANTICIPATED STATE FUNDS AND \$29,790 ANTICIPATED COUNTY MATCH; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, has notified the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders of the anticipated availability of \$227,485 from the Alcohol Beverage Tax (Chapter 51) Grant funds for Calendar Year 2020 to include a county match of \$29,790; and

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WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration has prepared an application for use of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute the CY 2020 Chapter 51 grant application for funds in the anticipated amount of \$227,485 from the NJ Department of Human Services, with a local county match of \$29,790; subject to availability of funds.

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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 529-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR INSURANCE FRAUD REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE FRAUD PROSECUTOR CYCLE 2020, AMOUNT OF THE AWARD IS \$155,504.00

WHEREAS, the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor has been designated by the Legislature to implement funding reimbursement for anti-insurance fraud activities, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 17:33A-28*.

WHEREAS, Warren County wishes to apply and accept funding of \$155,504.00. The award period is January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office for the purpose described in the application;

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

- (1) As a matter of public policy, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor.
- (2) The Attorney General has allocated funds dedicated for the purpose of reimbursing County Prosecutors for anti-insurance fraud activities.
- (3) The Office of Insurance Fraud Prosecutor shall be responsible for the receipt, review and approval of the applications for said funding.
- (4) Office of Insurance Fraud Prosecutor shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders authorizes the Freeholder Director to execute the Governing Body Resolution as required to validate the application.

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Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 530-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR
OPEN BLOCK 1202, LOT 2.02 IN HARDWICK TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2018 the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders (“County”) authorized by Resolution 360-18 the purchase of Block 1202, Lots 2 and 2.02 in Hardwick Township (“Property”) and entered into an Agreement to Purchase Property (“Agreement”) on September 26, 2018 with the owner of the Property (“Seller”); and

WHEREAS, the County subsequently retained Eikon Planning and Design, LLC (“Eikon”) to prepare a Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation Report for the Property which identified three Areas of Concern (AOCs), the most significant of which was AOC-2 “Waste Piles / Dumping” on a portion of Lot 2 (“Main Dumping Area”); and

WHEREAS, because the Main Dumping Area is located on a steep slope which is difficult to access with heavy machinery, the Seller has indicated that it cannot afford to remove the buried solid waste material in accordance with NJDEP Solid Waste regulations at this time; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the acquisition of the property for preservation purposes and to expedite the cleanup and removal of the buried solid waste material, both the County and Seller wish to modify the Agreement to include as follows:

- the County shall purchase only an approximately 11.8-acre portion of Lot 2 and Seller shall retain ownership of the approximately 3.6 acre area on Lot 2 around the Main Dumping Area as well as the entirety of Lot 2.02 which is approximately 4.1 acres; and
- the Seller shall also convey to County a conservation and trail easement over the 3.6 acre area to ensure the County can proceed with connecting its planned trail and greenway south along the Paulinskill river; and
- the County shall pay Seller \$135,500.00 for the approximately 11.8-acre portion of Lot 2, which will provide the Seller with proceeds which may be used to clean up the debris; and
- the Seller shall have the right, but not the obligation, for a period of 12 months commencing upon the parties’ execution of the Amendment to the Agreement to Purchase Property (“Amendment”) to sell the County for \$85,000.00 the approximately 3.6 acre portion of Lot 2 around the Main Dumping Area together with the entirety of Lot 2.02, and

WHEREAS, the modifications set forth in the Amendment shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions in the Agreement, including, but not limited to, the County’s right to investigate for potential environmental concerns and to terminate the agreement if Seller is unable and/or unwilling to resolve such environmental concerns; and

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

1. The cost of the acquisition shall not exceed Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000.00) and is eligible for 50% Green Acres reimbursement.
2. The Freeholder Director and Administrator of Warren County are authorized to sign the Amendment to the Agreement to Purchase Property and any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of this property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adequate funds in the amount of \$220,000.00 remain in account #03894-5065-8941802-5065 and has been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 531-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1854 FOR CCTV MAINTENANCE AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE WITH INTEGRATED SYSTEMS & SERVICES, INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2019 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2020 FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7), IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$46,883.00 WITH UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE TO BE BILLED AT FIXED LABOR CHARGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106.00, \$159.00, AND \$159.00 (REGULAR, OVERTIME AND HOLIDAY RATES) AND PARTS AT 15% ABOVE TRADE COST

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1854 for CCTV Maintenance Services for the Warren County Correctional Center is hereby extended for the second year of a five year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(7) said contract is hereby extended for the period of December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020

to...**Integrated Systems & Services, Inc., North Brunswick, New Jersey**

in the approximate amount of...**\$46,883.00**

as per their bid submitted...**October 10, 2018**

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts 012800/5026 – Correctional Center – Contracted Equipment Maintenance, 012700/5026 – Sheriff's Contracted Equipment Maintenance

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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

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On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1960 FOR ONE 2021 INTERNATIONAL MODEL HV507SFA CAB AND CHASSIS WITH J&J MEDIUM DUTY STAINLESS DYNAHAULER DUMP BODY WITH FALLS SNOWPLOW AND HITCH AND SWENSON TAILGATE SPREADER FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ROAD DIVISION TO BUCK'S COUNTY INTERNATIONAL, INC., IN THE CONTRACT PRICE OF \$187,165.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1960 for one 2021 International Model HV507SFA dump truck with Falls Snowplow and Swenson Spreader for the Warren County Department of Public Works, Road division is hereby awarded to...**Buck's County International, Inc., Langhorne, Pennsylvania** in the amount of...**\$187,165.00** as per their bid submitted...**September 24, 2019** and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funds for this contract are provided in capital account 0419A609/5050 – Capital Single Axle Dump Truck

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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 533-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1963 FOR TASS AGENCY OFFICE SECURITY FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2019 THRU NOVEMBER 30, 2020 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR PER THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW 40A:11-15 TO ACCOMPLISHED INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES, LLC, AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$34.00 PER HOUR TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTRACT \$84,000.00 PER YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1963 for TASS Agency Office Security for the Warren County Department of Human Services, is hereby awarded to...**Accomplished Investigative Services LLC, Long Valley, New Jersey** in the approximate amount of...**\$34.00 per hour, 84,000.00 yearly** as per their bid submitted...**September 24, 2019** and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

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Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 013450/5029 – TASS Contracted Services

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 534-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1974R FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT FOR THE JONESTOWN TOWER CONNECTIVITY PROJECT AND ADDITIONAL UPGRADE OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO TUWAY COMMUNICATIONS OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44,360.00

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a contract for the Jonestown Tower Connectivity Project for the Warren County Public Safety Department as outlined in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) et. seq.) requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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

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

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

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

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a contract to TuWay Communications of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania for services for the above project, at a cost not to exceed \$44,360.00 per letter of agreement which is on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing and is made a part hereof by reference.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services defined cannot reasonably be described by written specifications to assure that the qualitative and quantitative assessment of the problems involved, which require expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor are obtained.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Ledger.

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Funding for this contract is provided in capital account 0419A409/5058 – Future Projects Public Safety, and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 535-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, OF MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE PEREIRA FARM PROPERTY, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 14, LOT 11.01, APPROXIMATELY .75 ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,200.00

WHEREAS, The Warren County Board of Recreation 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 Green Acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisitions; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 03894 5065 – 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 \$1,200.00 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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

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On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, OF MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE PEAR TREE FARM PROPERTY, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 15, LOT 5, APPROXIMATELY 64.17 ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00

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 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 \$5,000.00 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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 537-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, OF MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE PEREIRA FARM PROPERTY, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 15, LOTS 1 & 4, APPROXIMATELY 33.7 ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00

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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 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 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 \$5,000.00 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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 538-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO SPACE FARMS, INC., UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #51 DEER CARCASS REMOVAL & DISPOSAL SERVICES, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2019 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, AT THE PRICE OF \$38.00 PER DEER, ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00

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

to...**Space Farms, Inc., Sussex, New Jersey**

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

at the prices established under **Morris County Cooperative Contract #51**

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

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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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 539-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO DELL COMPUTER CORP., INC., FOR SIXTY (60) OPTIPLEX COMPUTERS UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #M0003 89850 COVERING COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$46,200.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for sixty (60) Optiplex computers for the Warren County Information Systems Department and is hereby awarded

to...**Dell Computer Corp., Austin, Texas**

in the amount of...**\$46,200.00**

at the prices established under **New Jersey State Contract #M0003 89850**

Funding for this contract is provided in capital accounts 0418A404/5059 – Annual Computer Upgrades 2018 and 0419A408/5059 – Annual Computer Upgrades 2019

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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RECOMMENDATION

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following recommendation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MARIN V. MARTIN
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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 540-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE
POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY**

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WHEREAS, the resolution of the County of Warren, entitled "Resolution Creating the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren", adopted August 14, 1974, has become and is fully effective and the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders has filed a certified copy thereof in the Office of the Secretary of State of New Jersey as provided in Section 4 (e) of the New Jersey Industrial Pollution Control Financing Law, and there has been duly created and there is validly existing the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County, a body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey, pursuant to said New Jersey Industrial Pollution Control Financing Law; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders must file with the Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey a resolution appointing or replacing members of the Authority; and

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

Section 1. The following person is appointed as a member of the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County to serve for a term expiring on the first day of February of the year set opposite his name:

Alex J. Lazorisak

Term to expire: February 1, 2022

Section 2. A copy of this resolution, duly certified by the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren shall forthwith be filed by said Clerk in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect October 24, 2019.

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 October 23, 2019.

Holly Luberto, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Sarnoski thanked Mr. Martin for his time on the Mental Health Board. He wished Mr. Lazorisak well, and expressed gratitude to him for serving on the PCFA at a difficult time.

RESOLUTION 541-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 2019.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF TRUCK DRIVER, CLASSIFIED, AND
ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF LABORER 1, CLASSIFIED,
IN THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ROAD DIVISION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that a full-time position of *Truck Driver*, classified, is created in the Warren County Public Works Department, Road Division, to ensure the ongoing effectiveness of departmental operations, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a full-time position of *Laborer 1*, classified, is abolished.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders the newly created full-time position of *Truck Driver* is established on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 0640 and be made effective on November 1, 2019.

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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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joe Bell had a few matters for Executive Session concerning W.M. and Courtroom #2.

County Engineer Bill Gleba advised that the 2019 resurfacing program is now underway. Concrete curb and drainage work is currently being done in the center of Belvidere.

County Planner Dave Dech recalled that a representative from the Census Bureau had attended the last Freeholder meeting, to emphasize the need for a complete count in 2020. Money is available (a grant of up to \$50,000) to form a county complete count committee. Much of the funding social service agencies rely on, including transportation, is determined by population counts. A Freeholder resolution will be required as part of the application to apply for the funding. He requested permission to put an application together, due October 31, 2019, and then have a resolution prepared for the November 13 meeting.

Mr. Francisco asked if a match was required. Mr. Dech said no. Mr. Kern asked how many people would comprise the committee. Mr. Dech said there was no set number, it would start with him and Human Services personnel, and grow from there. It was yet to be determined which of the two departments would spearhead the effort. Mr. Dech expected the group would meet monthly between now and next April. The goal is to get the word out - especially in the low response areas of Hackettstown, Washington and Phillipsburg – to respond to the census, preferably online. Mr. Kern said he could help.

Mr. Sarnoski said he was a little apprehensive at first, but if we're talking about transportation needs and traffic concerns of the future; and Human Services needs and immigration all roll into our complete count, he felt okay going forward with the initiative.

County CFO Kim Francisco had no report.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak had only the position vacancy report for approval, about which there were no questions.

FREEHOLDER COMMENTS

Regarding the proposed transportation study, Mr. Kern reported that the application to the Highlands Council is in the governor review period. If the governor does not veto the minutes by mid-November (and he does not normally veto the minutes), Mr. Kern said that was a good sign.

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Mr. Kern had attended the grand opening of a new brewery in Phillipsburg, and evidently, his fellow Freeholders had also visited the new business recently. Mr. Kern thought that was a great piece of economic development.

Regarding deer carcass removal, Mr. Kern asked if there had been any changes in terms of the state chipping in. Mr. Bell said when the issue first arose, it was considered an unfunded mandate. The power of that committee in Trenton is only to make recommendations, not implement them. He said it is the responsibility of the County at the present time. The State takes care of carcasses on its own roads. Mr. Gardner said they “dumped it onto the municipalities as well.” There were a few more remarks regarding the volume of dead deer (300 per month on County roads), and that costs for removal have come down. Mr. Kern thought it might be appropriate to discuss the matter with the new League president when he is sworn at the end of the year, “and see if we can bubble that up,” Mr. Kern said.

Mr. Gardner mentioned having attended the Family Promise Open House earlier in the day, saying it was a nice turnout. He said they do such a great job for people trying to get back on their feet in society.

The Mill in Asbury project is really moving along, Mr. Gardner said, with the exterior looking great. Mr. Sarnoski asked if there were offices on the second floor. “Not yet,” Mr. Gardner said. The outside is done and windows are in, next comes the inside.

Mr. Sarnoski said he has been working with Hope Township Mayor Tim McDonough regarding traffic issues. “He’s very optimistic about some plans we have to assist with Hope traffic concerns as it relates to trucks,” Mr. Sarnoski said.

Mr. Sarnoski said we have been approached by a representative from the Jaindl organization about land preservation, and will be setting up a meeting in the near future.

A final note, Mr. Sarnoski encouraged all to go out and exercise their right to vote on Election Day, November 5.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stan Prater of JCP&L provided an update on the Reliability Improvement Plan approved by the Board of Public Utilities last year. JCP&L has completed enhanced tree trimming out of the following substations: Port Murray, Mansfield, Alpha and Stewartsville. This is in addition to the company’s four-year tree trimming cycle, along with hazard tree removal with Ash trees. Trip savers have also been installed. This is a smart-type of fuse that will isolate and pinpoint an outage. “Instead of having a 2,000 customer outage, we’ll have maybe 200 customers out, which will isolate that area and we’ll actually know where the outage is,” Mr. Prater said.

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Mr. Gardner said the tree service took care of Cemetery Hill Road and did a great job, but wanted Mr. Prater to know that Mountain View East appears to need a lot more work. Mr. Prater said this enhanced tree-trimming project focused on three-phase circuits, which take out a lot more customers, and may have bypassed some secondary circuits to get to the more impactful circuits. Mr. Sarnoski explained the program in a bit more technical detail.

There were no comments or questions from the press.

RESOLUTION 542-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 23, 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 7:39 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, and Jail Services with Hunterdon County.
- (2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining*: Items to be discussed include: Status of CWA 1071-TASS Negotiations and Unfair Labor Practice, Additional mediation results. 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 October 23, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the Board adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 8:36 p.m.

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

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On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, and there being no further business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

ATTESTED TO:

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board