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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 November 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Sarnoski at 7:01 p.m. 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 Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell, IV.

Following the flag salute, 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 NOVEMBER 13, 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. Gardner, the minutes of the Regular Session of October 23, 2019 were approved,
Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the minutes of the Executive Session of October 23, 2019 were approved.
Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

PROCLAMATION 543-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on November 13, 2019.

**PROCLAMATION AND PRESENTATION TO HONOR RICHARD T. BURKE
FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

WHEREAS, Richard T. Burke was appointed Warren County Prosecutor by Governor Chris Christie on March 15, 2012, serving as the County's chief law enforcement officer overseeing day-to-day operations of the Prosecutor's Office as well as coordinating the law enforcement efforts of 22 municipalities, 10 local police departments and the State Police within Warren County; and

WHEREAS, Richard T. Burke, one of seven children born to Agnes and William Burke, grew up in Hackettstown, attended St. Mary's School and Hackettstown High School, and remained there as he and his wife, Nancy, of 33 years, raised their children Caitlyn, Michael, and Eric, and where he has been a lifelong fixture and leader in the community, coaching his boys' football

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teams, serving on the Hackettstown Board of Education, being active in his church, and participating in his high school's Alumni organization; and

WHEREAS, Richard T. Burke earned a Bachelor's degree from Gettysburg College and Juris Doctor degree from the University of Bridgeport, and prior to being named Prosecutor had a private law practice in Hackettstown for nearly 30 years, serving as the Planning Board Attorney for Belvidere, as well as a Municipal Prosecutor in several jurisdictions in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments throughout his term as Warren County Prosecutor, Richard T. Burke was instrumental in developing law enforcement protocols to address domestic/sexual violence and establishing the Domestic Violence Response Team and Sexual Assault Response Team; facilitated implementation of the geospatial mapping program for mapping schools in our County and created the County Wide Safe Schools Initiative unifying procedures between law enforcement agencies and school districts; and implemented the Rescue Task Force, which is a coordinated effort with volunteer fire and emergency medical services to assist law enforcement in the event of an active shooter or major incident in the County; and

WHEREAS, Richard T. Burke partnered with the Warren County Department of Human Services and the Coalition for Safe and Healthy Communities to form a leadership committee of stakeholders unifying county services that addresses prevention, education and treatment of substance abuse, and throughout his tenure has been active in mental health issues in Warren County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders honors Richard T. Burke for his years of distinguished service to Warren County, and wishes him well on the next phase of his career as Assistant Attorney General with the New Jersey Office of Public Integrity and Accountability.

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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner said it was hard to believe Mr. Burke had been with us for nearly eight years. Many of the issues described in the proclamation were very difficult ones, and Mr. Burke has handled them with grace and dignity. Mr. Gardner also admired Mr. Burke for his open communication, keeping the Freeholders informed. He said it was an honor to bestow this proclamation, congratulated Mr. Burke for a job well done, and wished him the best in his new role.

Mr. Kern agreed with Mr. Gardner, adding that he admired Mr. Burke for being proactive in the community and forward-thinking. He was instrumental in implementing geo imaging in our schools, along with then Police Chief O'Reilly, to help keep potential targets safe. Mr. Kern said that leadership differentiated former Prosecutor Burke from his predecessors, and wished him all the best.

Mr. Sarnoski described Mr. Burke as a great steward of the taxpayers who understood fiscal challenges, yet was able to do his job to maximum effect. Mr. Sarnoski personally felt Mr. Burke's influence the most in the realm of opioid and addiction issues. "There is no doubt in my mind that Richard Burke has saved lives in Warren County," he said, noting he was instrumental in

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getting narcan into the hands of first responders. He said Mr. Burke was very caring and compassionate toward those faced with addiction. Mr. Sarnoski could think of no one better suited to serve in a capacity of integrity and accountability than Richard Burke, and congratulated him with best wishes.

Former Prosecutor Burke thanked the Freeholders for the recognition. He noted he was born and raised in Warren County. He said one of the most rewarding parts of the job was going out into the community and building relationships through the schools, police departments, etc. He said that wouldn't have been possible without the Board's backing. Mr. Burke said not all discussions were agreeable - especially a few involving former Freeholder Ed Smith - but they were always interesting discussions, and he knew the Freeholders always made decisions that they felt were in the best interest of the community.

From an efficiency standpoint, during his tenure with the Freeholders' support, Prosecutors' offices were consolidated from four or five different locations into one building, the courthouse annex that formerly housed the library. A couple of years ago, the Freeholders authorized Mr. Burke to form a cybercrime unit, which enabled the office to do so much more in criminal investigations, as technology is everywhere today. He thanked the Freeholders again, and said to the audience, "You certainly are well served by these gentlemen here."

Those in attendance paying respect to Mr. Burke included Shawn Buskirk, Warren County Human Services Director, who thanked him very much on behalf of the department and said it had been a pleasure working with him; municipal court judge Ed Palmer, who said Mr. Burke did a fine job as prosecutor and always upheld the County's best interest; Warren County Surrogate Kevin O'Neill, who said he knew Mr. Burke through activities outside the public eye, including at church, and thought he "absolutely" belonged in an office that upholds public integrity; County Administrator Alex Lazorisak, who referred to Mr. Burke as a professional gentleman who was a pleasure to work with, and wished him luck; Undersheriff Ed Mirenda agreed with all sentiments expressed; and on behalf of the Public Safety Department, director Frank Wheatley said, "I couldn't ask for a better relationship with the Prosecutor's Office than I had with Mr. Burke.

"Thank you again, Dick," Mr. Sarnoski said, "You have a lot of friends in this room and in Warren County."

There were no comments on agenda items.

RESOLUTION 544-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2019-43, 2019-44, and 2019-45, dated November 13, 2019,** in

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the amount of \$5,467,938.87 including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2019-43	10/30/19	\$386,870.16	
2019-44	11/6/19	1,922,084.44	
2019-45	11/13/19	<u>522,818.81</u>	
TOTAL			\$2,831,773.41
Home Depot	10/29/19	\$9,760.93	
PNC Bank Commercial Card	11/8/19	10,734.82	
Open Space Wire	(Detail Below)	<u>22,644.00</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			43,139.75
Payroll (including fringe)	10/24/19	\$1,289,948.98	
Subsistence	10/24/19	0.00	
Payroll (including fringe)	11/7/19	1,303,076.73	
Subsistence	11/7/19	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>2,593,025.71</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$5,467,938.87</u>

<u>Open Space</u>			<u>Reimburse-</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Wire Transfer:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>ments</u>	<u>Portion</u>
Anema Farm	11/8/19	\$75,480.00	\$52,836.00	<u>\$22,644.00</u>
Total				<u>\$22,644.00</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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 545-19

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 November 13, 2019.

INSERTION INTO THE 2019 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$821,260.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DIVISION OF LOCAL AID AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FY 2019 LOCAL BRIDGE, FUTURE NEEDS PROGRAM, BRIDGE 2102221 CR 645 CHANGEWATER ROAD, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

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

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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 \$821,260.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid & Economic Development, FY 2019 Local Bridge, Future Needs Program, Bridge 2102221 CR 645 Changewater Road, Washington Township

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$821,260.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid & Economic Development, FY 2019 Local Bridge, Future Needs Program, Bridge 2102221 CR 645 Changewater Road, Washington Township (Administered by the Engineer’s Dept.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid & Economic Development, 2019 Local Bridge, Future Needs Program

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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 546-19

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 November 13, 2019.

INSERTION INTO THE 2019 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$720,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DIVISION OF LOCAL AID AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FY 2019 LOCAL BRIDGE, FUTURE NEEDS PROGRAM, BRIDGE 2101644 CR 645 VALLEY ROAD, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP

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 \$720,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid & Economic Development, FY 2019 Local Bridge, Future Needs Program, Bridge 2101644 Valley Road, Mansfield Township

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 720,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid & Economic Development, FY 2019 Local Bridge, Future Needs Program, Bridge 2101644 Valley Road, Mansfield Township (Administered by the Engineer’s Dept.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid & Economic Development, 2019 Local Bridge, Future Needs Program

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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 547-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES 2020 GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$35,894.10 IN PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (PASP) FUNDS THROUGH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human Services has made available \$35,894.10 in Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) funds to the County of Warren for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services has prepared a grant application to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services for use of these funds for coordination and administrative services to be provided to eligible physically disabled residents who require personal assistance to maintain gainful employment, actively volunteer, and to advance their education; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the 2020 application to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services for the Warren County Personal Assistance Services Program in the amount of \$35,894.10 is approved, subject to the 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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 548-19

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 November 13,

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT MODIFICATION FOR FY'19 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS FUNDING WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, TO INCREASE FUNDING BY \$111,203 FOR A TOTAL OF \$218,376 AND TO REVISE THE GRANT PERIOD TO JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, has made additional Social Services for the Homeless funding available to Warren County in the amount of \$111,203 for a total of \$218,203 for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services, has prepared a grant modification to the NJ Department of Human Services for use of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the modification for FY'19 Social Services for the Homeless funding (January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020) to the NJ Department of Human Services for \$218,376 is approved subject to the 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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 549-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO FORM A COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF WARREN COUNTY'S POPULATION IS COUNTED ACCURATELY IN THE 2020 U.S. CENSUS OF POPULATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders assert that it is important to educate the public that participating in the U.S. Census is a matter of civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Director submitted an application on October 31, 2019 to receive a grant from the New Jersey Department of State in the amount of \$50,000 that will be used to engage in active outreach efforts to ensure that Warren County is fairly, accurately, and completely counted in the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Count Committee will be formed to carry out the activities described in the grant application to encourage the full participation of all of Warren County's population and by targeting efforts to the hard-to-count areas of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the submission of the application and the

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execution of the grant agreement that will be received from the Department of State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Director is authorized to submit the application and provide interim and final progress reports as required in the executed grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Freeholder Director is authorized to execute the grant agreement.

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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 550-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY2020 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR THE NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND PROGRAM AND THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,097,243.00

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund includes the County Aid Program which designates \$4,097,243.00 per year in the State Aid Funding; and

WHEREAS, the above program requires an Annual Transportation Program (ATP) be developed by Warren County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the FY 2020 Annual Transportation Program (ATP) for the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Program, on file in the Office of the County Engineer, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby approve the filing of the application for County Aid Funding for the FY 2020 Annual Transportation Program (ATP) and that the Clerk of the Board and the Director are hereby authorized and directed to execute said application.

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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 551-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #646 (BELVIDERE ROAD & LINCOLN STREET), FOR ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY, GAS MAIN AND SERVICE REPLACEMENT WORK, LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP & TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

WHEREAS, the Elizabethtown Gas Company has requested permission to close a portion of County Route #646 (Belvidere Road & Lincoln Street) from Corliss Avenue to Bowers Avenue

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(segments at a time as deemed necessary) in Lopatcong Township and the Town of Phillipsburg, for a period of approximately **two weeks** during daily work hours tentatively to commence on November 14, 2019, for gas main and service replacement work covered by County permit number 18023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the closing of a portion of County Route #646 (Belvidere Road & Lincoln Street) from Corliss Avenue to Bowers Avenue in Lopatcong Township and the Town of Phillipsburg, for a period of approximately **two weeks** or until such time as the repair work is complete, with the following conditions:

1. An appropriate detour plan is submitted by the Elizabethtown Gas and approved by the County Engineer.
2. Access is maintained at all times for local businesses, residents and emergency services in the vicinity of the project area with notification provided in advance.
3. All barricades, detours and traffic control signs shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Control Devices.
4. Police supervision of any necessary traffic control of the road and handling of safety shall be provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Lopatcong Township Clerk and Police Department and the Town of Phillipsburg Clerk and Police Department.

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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 552-19

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 November 13, 2019.

AWARDING FIVE GRANTS TOTALING \$500,000.00 FROM THE MUNICIPAL AND CHARITABLE CONSERVANCY TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren (BCF) has, by resolution, established the "Warren County Open Space Farmland, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Procedures and Rules;" and

WHEREAS, the Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee (MCCTFC) recommends that the below listed recipients be awarded grant funds for open space or historic restoration projects as follows:

1. Borough of Alpha - Alpha Parkland East Addition
\$25,000.00 - Acct. #03894 5065 8941901 5065
2. Harmony Township Historic Preservation Commission - Van-Nest Hoff-Vannatta Farmstead
\$75,000.00 - Acct. #03893 5065 8931901 5065
3. Knowlton Township Historical Society - Ramsaysburg Homestead

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\$225,000 - Acct. #03893 5065 8931903 5065

4. Pohatcong History & Heritage Society - Shimer Mansion
\$75,000 - Acct. #03893 5065 8931902 5065

5. The Land Conservancy of New Jersey - Yards Creek Preserve
\$100,000 - Acct. #03894 5065 8941902 5065

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at its regular meeting on November 13, 2019, that such a grants be approved.

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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner expressed gratitude to the members of the Municipal & Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee, for going out and looking at each project to make sure the taxpayer dollars are being utilized properly. He thanked administrator Corey Tierney as well.

Mr. Sarnoski agreed. He then asked County Engineer Bill Gleba about a no parking resolution along Route 517 in Allamuchy. Mr. Gleba said he sent back the proposed resolution to the township, requesting a response by November 29, and anticipated it would be prepared for the Board's December meeting.

RESOLUTION 553-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1983 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SHIPPEN MANOR REHABILITATION FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LAND PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC1983 for Shippen Manor Rehabilitation for the Warren County Land Preservation Department is hereby approved

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

Funds for this contract will be provided in capital account 0419A517/5062 – Shippen Manor Painting & Porch Project

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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 554-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1985 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE

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BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC1985 for Medicare special benefits outreach and enrollment assistance for the Warren County Department of Human Services – Division of Aging Services is hereby approved

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

Funding for this contract is contingent upon the receipt of grant 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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 555-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT WC1855R PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, DESIGN AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE OXFORD SALT SHED PROJECT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO MASER CONSULTING PA, OF HAMPTON, NEW JERSEY FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION SUBMITTALS AND CONFORMANCE INSPECTIONS AN INCREASE OF \$6,506.85, AND A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$49,006.85

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting Pa, of Hampton, New Jersey were awarded a contract for Professional Engineering Services, Design and Specifications for the Oxford Salt Shed Project for the Warren County Department of Public Works in the contract amount of \$42,500.00; and

WHEREAS, there was a need for additional construction submittals and conformance inspections; and

WHEREAS, this change in award will result in a net increase of \$6,506.85 and a final contract amount of \$49,006.85

WHEREAS, adequate funds have been established in capital account 0414A701/5061 – Salt Storage Shed

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve Change Order #1 for the above contract for a net increase of \$6,506.85 and a final Contract in the amount of \$49,006.85

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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 556-19

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 November 13, 2019.

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**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1968 FOR A BREATHING AIR SYSTEM
(COMPRESSOR) FOR THE WARREN COUNTY FIRE SCHOOL TO AIR & GAS TECHNOLOGIES, INC., IN
THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$32,880.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1968 for a Breathing Air System (Compressor) for the Warren County Fire School is hereby awarded to...**Air & Gas Technologies, Inc., Cliffwood Beach, New Jersey** in the amount of...**\$32,880.00** as per their bid submitted...**October 29, 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 grant account F8252 5351/5100 – Homeland Security Grant 2018

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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 557-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARDS OF CONTRACT WC1972FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO COUNTY RESIDENTS DURING CIVIL COMMITMENTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO THE LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL J. HANIFAN, PA, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 AT THE RATE OF \$200.00 PER HOUR, \$180.00 PER CASE, \$495.00 PER HALF DAY, \$995.00 PER DAY AND APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1972FO for Legal Services to County Residents during Civil Commitments for the Warren County Human Services Department is hereby awarded to...**Law Office of Michael J. Hanifan, PA, LLC, Newton, New Jersey** in the approximate amount of...**\$40,000.00** as per their proposal submitted...**October 19, 2019**

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

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 013605/5626 – Mental Health Legal Service

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

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Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 558-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1975-1 WITH FAITH DISCOVERY CHURCH FOR A NUTRITION SITE IN WASHINGTON, ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,538.80 PER MONTH

BE IT RESOLVED, that this contract is awarded to Faith Discovery Church to provide a nutrition site in Washington, New Jersey

The contract is to be on a month to month basis at a monthly rental of \$1,538.80 per month January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Funding for this contract is provided in account F0352 5303 205303-M 5080 – Area Plan Grant Nutrition Space Rental

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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 559-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1981R FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, DESIGN AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SANITARY SEWER PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAIN AT THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER PROJECT TO MASER CONSULTING PA, OF HAMPTON, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000.00

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of an engineer to provide engineering Services, design and specifications for the sanitary Sewer Pump Station and Force Main Project at the Warren County Communication Center; 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

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Campaign Contribution Law and the Determination of Value and these forms are on file; and

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

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in capital account 0418A506/5062 – Sewer Plant Reserves and 0419A505/5062 – Sewer Plant Reserves

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 Maser Consulting PA, of Hampton, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director 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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 560-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1982R FOR A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FARMLAND MONITORING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAND PRESERVATION TO THE WARREN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 AT THE RATES AS PER THEIR ATTACHED SCHEDULE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1982R for farmland monitoring and inspection services for the Warren County Department of Land Preservation is hereby awarded to...**Warren County Soil Conservation District, Hackettstown, New Jersey at the rates stated in the attached schedule for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, total contract not to exceed \$40,000.00**

Funds for this contract are provided in trust account 03895/5100 – Open Space Trust Fund – Maintenance of Properties

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 November 13, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION 561-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1984R FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY JONESTOWN TOWER BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO THE GREAT MEADOWS DESIGN GROUP, LLC, OF GREAT MEADOWS, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000.00

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of an engineer to provide engineering services for the Warren County Jonestown Tower Building Renovation Project; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in capital account 0419A409/5058 – OEM Capital Public Safety Projects

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 Great Meadows Design Group, LLC, of Great Meadows, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$13,000.00 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director 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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 562-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO COUNTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC., TO PROVIDE COMPUTER SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 FOR THE WARREN COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT \$44,839.80

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a purchase order for computer maintenance services on specific special licensed computer software; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd)) is an exception and requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts 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, that a contract be awarded to County Business Systems, Inc., of Pennington, New Jersey for providing computer software maintenance on licensed products for the Warren County Information Systems Department

BE IT FURTHER 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 purchase order to County Business Systems, Inc., of Pennington, New Jersey
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Exception" in accordance with 40A:11-5(dd) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services provided are for proprietary computer hardware and software maintenance.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the The Star-Ledger.
Funding for this contract is provided in budget account 011400/5026 – Information Systems – Contracted Services

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 563-19

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 November 13, 2019.

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**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO SUPERION TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE AND
HARDWARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2019 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30,
2020 FOR THE WARREN COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,095.72**

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a purchase order for computer maintenance services on specific special licensed computer software; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd)) is an exception and requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts 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, that a contract be awarded to Superior, of Lake Mary, Florida for providing computer hardware and software maintenance on licensed products for the Warren County Information Systems Department

BE IT FURTHER 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 purchase order to Superior, of Lake Mary, Florida.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Exception" in accordance with 40A:11-5(dd) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services provided are for proprietary computer hardware and software maintenance.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the The Star-Ledger.
Funding for this contract is provided in budget account 011400/5026 – Information Systems – Contracted Services

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 564-19

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 November 13, 2019.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 FOR CONTRACT #WC1702FO-9 WITH
M-TEC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE
REHABILITATION OF WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE #15017, COUNTY ROUTE #519 OVER THE
LOPATCONG CREEK (AT RAILROAD UNDERPASS) LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP, FOR NET INCREASE OF
\$4,000.00 AND A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$68,000.00**

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WHEREAS, Contract #WC1702FO-9 was awarded to M-Tec Construction Services, LLC for Construction Inspection Services for the Rehabilitation of Warren County Bridge #15017, County Route #519 over the Lopatcong Creek, Lopatcong Township in the contract amount of \$64,000.00; and

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

WHEREAS, additional inspection hours are needed to complete the project for a net increase of \$4,000.00, and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account F61655410 5064 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. Hereby approving Contract Modification #1 with M-Tec Construction Services, LLC of Phillipsburg, N.J. for the above project for a net increase of \$4,000.00 and a revised contract amount of \$68,000.00.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said modification by signing same.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award shall be subject to final concurrence by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 565-19

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 November 13, 2019.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoints the following individual to the Warren County Vocational Technical School Board:

David J. Shotwell

Term to expire: 10/31/23

PO Box 149

Hope, NJ 07844

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 November 13, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 566-19

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 November 13,

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**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoints the following individuals to the Warren County Community College Board of Trustees:

REAPPOINT:

Peter Schmidt
4 Hope Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term to Expire: October 31, 2023

Betti Singh
23 Carlton Avenue
Washington, NJ 07882

Term to Expire: October 31, 2023

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Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner thanked all of the individuals being reappointed for continuing to serve. He said they are stalwart, dedicated individuals who help make Warren County work well.

With respect to the Community College, Mr. Kern said the Phi Theta Kappa honor fraternity awarded the recognition of having one of the best Board of Trustees in the nation at its national conference recently. "They're truly advocates of the students," he said. Peter Schmidt was voted as one of the highest-ranking members of the community college trustee community.

Mr. Sarnoski also recognized the Community College Selection Committee. While this time around it didn't have a lot of work to do, as there were no new applicants, but they do work to ensure the best people are selected for the job.

RESOLUTION 567-19

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 November 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION ABOLISHING THE POSITION OF PART-TIME CONFIDENTIAL AIDE, BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, UNCLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby abolish the position of Confidential Aide, Board of Chosen Freeholders, unclassified, effective November 27, 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 November 13, 2019.

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell IV said he had only one item for Executive Session regarding litigation.

County Engineer Bill Gleba reported on a few NJDOT matters. A public information session is scheduled to be held at the Washington Township municipal building the evening of November 21, regarding resurfacing of Route 31 slated for January of 2023.

A NJDOT meeting was held in Hackettstown regarding intersection improvements to Routes 57, 182 and 46. NJDOT is seeking a resolution of support from the County to improve intersections with CR517 (High Street), CR 604 (Willow Grove Road), East Avenue in Morris County, and Routes 57 and 182. The work will possibly be done in 2021.

Lastly, Mr. Gleba noted that the NJDOT paved CR 519 just north of the Route 57 intersection, which was extremely helpful. "They did come through for us," he said.

County Planner Dave Dech reported that in a letter received from the NJDEP on October 28, it granted approval of the recycling element that the Freeholders had adopted back in August.

Mr. Dech had attended a meeting the previous day regarding efforts of another ongoing study to restore passenger service on the Lackawanna Cutoff. Construction is taking place from Port Morris in Andover, and it may be extended to the Delaware Water Gap in 2021 or so. Representatives from the townships of Frelinghuysen and Knowlton were in attendance, as well as individuals from Pennsylvania. The next meeting on the matter is to take place in April.

"What more do they need to study?" Mr. Gardner asked, noting there have been many studies. The population there has grown, and we know Route 80 is not going to expand. Mr. Dech said the last environmental assessment was done about 10 years ago, and the cost of engineering needs to be updated. It is going through the federal process.

Mr. Sarnoski said he knew that Pennsylvania stakeholders support the project, but he wondered how our affected municipalities felt about it. Mr. Dech said there has been no official expressions of support, and he didn't want to speak for them, but they are certainly open to it.

Mr. Gardner said the main question was efficiency. "Is it going to be efficient enough to cut down traveling time for folks every day?" It would be another alternative to traveling on Route 80; it boils down to ridership and the cost of construction and operation.

Mr. Kern said this was eerily familiar to a question before the federal government a few years ago regarding the Route 78 corridor. The feds said there was simply no money; study all you want. Here we are seeking more rail service, yet there are trains out west not being used. "It's very

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frustrating,” he said.

County CFO Kim Francisco had nothing to report.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak had only the vacancy report, which contained nothing out of the ordinary, and reminded everyone that the Board’s next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

FREEHOLDER COMMENTS

Mr. Kern congratulated Mr. Sarnoski on his reelection as Freeholder, saying he looked forward to continue to working with him.

The State Department of Human Services Commissioner will be at the Pohatcong Walmart on November 15 to support the SNAP effort. Mr. Kern planned to attend, as well as staff members of our County Human Services Department and NORWESCAP. Information on different services will be provided.

Mr. Kern reported that he and Mr. Dech met with Lisa Plevin and Maryjude Haddock-Weilerwit of the Highlands Council the previous week. He thought it was a productive meeting, not only about the identified traffic study but also to plan a countywide meeting to inform Warren County municipalities of the grant resources available through the Highlands, to update their master plans. The goal would be to invite each municipality’s mayor and planning chair. “They’re looking forward to continuing to work with us,” Mr. Kern said of the Highlands Council.

The Technology & Transparency Task Force has a couple of upcoming meetings with vendors regarding website production, so Mr. Kern was pleased about this positive momentum.

Mr. Gardner congratulated Mr. Sarnoski on his victory. Mr. Gardner said he looked forward to the first meeting of the recently formed Bicentennial Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board the following week. He was excited to kick things off and start to focus on the future, culminating in the year 2025. The group will reflect on all the County has acquired and its meaning, and how to protect, preserve and market it.

Regarding deer, Mr. Gardner cautioned that they are very active right now, traveling across roadways. He said he had spoken with the NJ Farm Bureau president, who was trying to have dialog with Fish & Game on how to alleviate the problem. We pay a lot for vehicle insurance, he said, and there are more deer killed on the road by vehicles than there are from hunting. According to an infrared count by the NJFB, the deer population is five to six times what it should be. Mr. Sarnoski thought part of the problem was that there are fewer hunters than in years past, and it is hard for them to find land on which hunting is permitted. There are more liability issues today. “It’s a difficult problem and there are no easy answers,” Mr. Gardner said. He just wanted to urge caution.

Mr. Sarnoski thanked his colleagues for congratulating him on his reelection as Freeholder.

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He thanked everyone who went out and voted, and congratulated other winners, including the Sheriff and 23rd and 24th District Assemblymen. He expressed appreciation to all opponents, as well, for participating in the process. He said it is not an easy thing to run for office, and he admires all who step up to be a part of the process.

The Warren County Hall of Fame Dinner was coming up on November 16, with former Freeholder Ed Smith being one of the honorees. Mr. Sarnoski looked forward to it, and encouraged people to attend if any tickets remained. He said it was a great night for a good cause, with proceeds going to Warren County Community College.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Aaron Hyndman of Hackettstown approached the Freeholders in his role as vice Chair of the Warren County Mental Health Board. He said the Mental Health Board is engaged in ongoing dialog with the State Department of Health regarding the fact that there are no in-patient beds in Warren County for people in crisis since the closure of the in-patient psychiatric unit at St. Luke's Warren Hospital. There are a couple of beds for us in Newton Hospital, but if people in crisis cannot get there, they tend to be sent quite far, to either Camden or Gloucester County. This is not only difficult for the patient, but also problematic for family members who wish to visit. Further, commitment court hearings are involved, and referencing agenda item H-3 (Resolution 557-19), Mr. Hyndman noted, "We're footing the bill" to pay an attorney for all the travel time to see patients on court dates.

Mr. Sarnoski said he was aware of the issue and appreciated the Mental Health Board's focus on this. Mental Health has been deemed a top priority need in Warren County. "We are deficient in these services... it's certainly something we need to focus on," said Mr. Sarnoski. He said St. Luke's Warren had entered into a new partnership with Robert Wood Johnson - St. Barnabus, and Karen Kubert, former Warren County Human Services Director, serves on St. Luke's Warren Board of Directors. Mr. Sarnoski said he had spoken to Ms. Kubert about this matter, and was confident she would continue to press the issue in the context of this merger.

Mr. Sarnoski noted Mr. Hyndman's tenure on the Mental Health Board and said he appreciated his volunteerism. "Anything you can do to help that organization to find beds; find alternative resources in Warren County for mental health, is much appreciated, and I support that," Mr. Sarnoski said. Mr. Gardner said if the Mental Health Board can put some numbers together, perhaps the Freeholder Board could write a letter of support to St. Luke's. As far as numbers, Mr. Hyndman said that is the main focus of the Mental Health Board right now; it is in the process of drafting a formal letter to the State seeking clarification, as they were not getting satisfactory answers from the State representative.

Dialog continued, and it was acknowledged that St. Luke's had not fulfilled its obligation. Former Prosecutor Richard Burke said they had argued against St. Luke's decision to close the unit, and they said they would provide outpatient beds. He suggested going back to the minute of that meeting. Mr. Hyndman said the State is not satisfied with St. Luke's. Mr. Sarnoski said he would bring it up with Ms. Kubert.

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Purchasing Director Chris Pessolano reported on September's annual surplus auction. Close to \$60,000 was brought in, with the involvement of several towns, and they seemed to appreciate being included. Mr. Pessolano publicly thanked Public Information Director Art Charlton for taking photos, and the Roads Division for its cooperation.

Ryan McDonald of Liberty Township congratulated Mr. Sarnoski on his reelection, and then broached the topic of recreational marijuana. He noted that Assemblyman Hal Wirths voted no on recreational marijuana last year, saying if democrats were truly serious about social justice, they would allow citizens to grow it at home, as they do in Vermont. As medical marijuana patient, Mr. McDonald said homegrown would be beneficial for a number of reasons.

"Also about a year ago, our State went after microbreweries," Mr. McDonald continued, which inspired him to look into Hobby Laws. He thought Hobby Laws might be a great avenue for marijuana. He asked Mr. Sarnoski why he was opposed to recreational marijuana, and if he would be willing to team up with Assemblyman Wirths on the issue.

Having been involved with the Addiction Task Force, Mr. Sarnoski said he had worked with former Prosecutor Burke on the issue, and many problems arose in Colorado after legalization; it creates a black market. New Jersey is the most densely populated state, so impaired driving is more of a challenge here. Mr. Sarnoski said he had no problem with medical marijuana for true medical purposes if proper procedures were followed. He thought medical marijuana should be more accessible and affordable. He thought New Jersey was the only state to tax it. "For those reasons I support the medical side of it to a degree, and I oppose the recreational side," Mr. Sarnoski said.

Theresa Chapman of Harmony provided an update on the local warehouse issue. She had attended the White Township Planning Board meeting the prior evening, at which Jaiendl presented a new proposal, for 3.5 million square feet of warehouse space. She said she researched it a bit, and found out that from 2013 to now, more 41 million square feet of warehousing went up in the Lehigh Valley. If this 3.5 million square feet installation is approved, then added to the 3.8 million square feet for the Bridgepoint 78 project underway, plus 1.2 million square feet for the Franklin Township proposal, that totals 8.5 million square feet of warehouse space coming to Warren County in a year or two; twenty percent of Lehigh Valley's total.

Ms. Chapman then provided some statistics she had compiled on Lehigh Valley. She said it was the third most populous metropolitan area in Pennsylvania, with a population of 842,000, and three historical cities: Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton. It is also home to an international airport; minor league baseball, football, and hockey teams; the PPL Center; SteelStacks; 13+ major universities; at least three major hospitals, and more.

The townships of Hope, Knowlton, Frelinghuysen, Hardwick and Harmony have all passed resolutions opposing this project. "Three hundred seventy-six homes – families' lives – will be forever altered," Ms. Chapman said, having counted that many driveways on Route 519 from Route 57 to Route 80. She also counted seven developments along the way, six of which had only one way in and out; six churches; five cemeteries; four schools; and more than 54 businesses that

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have direct access onto Route 519. “We are not Lehigh Valley,” Ms. Chapman said, “and we are pleading with you to keep us from looking like the outskirts of Lehigh Valley.”

Nancy Mason of Belvidere thanked Mr. Kern for meeting with the Highlands Council to work toward helping municipalities review their master plans. “This is of the utmost urgency, especially after attending last night’s meeting in White Township,” Ms. Mason said, “They have a dire need of help.” She said they need help now, not one or two months from now. She said it was obvious the White Township Planning Board doesn’t know what to do at this point. Even though the area was zoned as industrial, Ms. Mason said it needed to stay in the farming community, and by that she did not mean industrial, intensive livestock farming. She asked the Board to please keep those things in mind.

Butch Van Setters of Harmony said he had also attended the meeting the previous evening. “It was just total confusion,” he said of the Planning Board. He said he was sitting in the front row along with Jaendl attorneys and experts, “And they were virtually laughing at White Township Planning Board,” Mr. Van Setters said, who found it very embarrassing and upsetting.

There were no comments or questions from the press.

RESOLUTION 568-19

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 November 13, 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 7:58 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.

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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 November 13, 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 from Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 8:53 p.m.

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

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Gardner, and there being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

ATTESTED TO:

ALEX J. LAZORISAK