

These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on May 10, 2023. Full texts of resolutions appear at the end of this document.

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren met in Regular Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on March 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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

After leading the flag salute, Ms. Ciesla confirmed with the County Administrator that notice of this meeting was in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, the minutes of Executive Session of February 22, 2023 were approved.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT/PROCLAMATIONS

PROCLAMATION 117-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH, MARCH 2023.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

Mr. Sarnoski recognized Ms. Ciesla, Ms. Casey and Ms. Natale as strong women who do a lot for our community. He recognized them for the roles they play, regardless of their gender. He is happy the Board is presenting this proclamation to talk about this and the roles women play.

Mr. Kern commented with respect to County government, we have two of our director of departments in attendance tonight, who are women. We have women throughout county government who play such an important role. No matter where they

work within the County, they do such a fantastic job. It's nice to acknowledge women collectively and it's important that young women see women in leadership roles. He is happy to support this proclamation.

Ms. Ciesla remarked that women in the 1970's were not able to hold a credit card or bank account in their own name. She commented how it's been a longer road to get to where we are. Ms. Ciesla continued women volunteers play a very big part in our lives and this is why we want to honor you today. Ms. Casey and Ms. Natale, who are in attendance this evening, have both taken personal tragedies in their lives and have dedicated time in their life to help others, so others don't have to go through that tragedy.

At this time the Board presented the proclamation to Helen Casey and Debi Natale of Parent To Parent.

Ms. Casey and Ms. Natale talked about the tragedies their families suffered due to drug and alcohol abuse and how parents feel stigmatized because of it. They started the organization, Parent To Parent in 2014, to help families to not feel stigmatized and not be afraid. Also to give direction of where to go for help. Their first grant came from Atlantic Health Services to provide transportation and get people to treatment the moment they decided they were ready to get help. Ms. Casey and Ms. Natale thanked the Board and community for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Liza Thomas, Liberty Township – Ms. Thomas remarked on agenda item E7, she asked the Board if they could expand on it. Mr. Sarnoski explained the Board is working with the Community College on a precision agriculture program. The program uses modern technology to assist farmers. This grant will help connect the college that is doing this program through its education program with drones. Monitoring will assist with the cattle and soil monitoring. It will help connect with our agriculture producers to better provide them with the resources they need to implement modern technology to be used on their farms and through their yields.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 118-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 119-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, TRANSFER IN THE 2022 BUDGET RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 120-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT WITH HORIZON BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE PRESCRIPTION PLAN.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 121-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USAGE OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #615 (LONG BRIDGE ROAD), A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #612 (ALLAMUCHY-JOHNSONBURG ROAD) & COUNTY ROUTE #668 (MAPLE LANE) ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023 FOR THE SOMERSET WHEELMEN BICYCLE RIDE.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 122-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION TOTALING \$30,000.00 TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024 TO IMPLEMENT THE WARREN COUNTY STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP) AND ASSIST WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH ENROLLING IN AND ACCESSING MEDICARE-FUNDED BENEFITS; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 123-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT FOR \$37,768.99 TO

PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE 2023 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 124-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION AWARDING FIVE GRANTS TOTALING \$12,500.00 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY HISTORY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 125-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM FY23 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP) TRAINING/PLANNING SUBAWARD, ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY TO INCORPORATE FUNDING AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 126-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR A GRANT UNDER USDA RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 FOR 2023.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 127-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN OPPOSING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OR DISCRIMINATION BASED UPON ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (“ESG”) STANDARDS.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

Mr. Sarnoski thanked CFO Kim Francisco for his hard work to submit the USDA grant application. This will be a great asset to link our farmers and producers

to the college and resources they have.

Mr. Sarnoski expressed his views regarding Environmental, Social and Governance Standards (ESG) as an attack on our individual liberties and will be the death of capitalism in America. It attacks our first and second amendment rights and picks favorites in our economy. This started with big business and now trickles down to our individual lives. He believes, in the future, every person will be given an ESG credit score so if that person's business or views don't align with societies at the time deems correct, then the score will be low. This can affect our ability to borrow, to grow businesses, and to follow the American dream. When our pensions and 401Ks decline and our economy fails because we care more about what a company thinks rather than how it performs, we will have ESG to blame. ESG gives investors fewer choices, not more. This resolution assures that Warren County's investments and contracts, to the extent allowable by law, will be based on actual performance and not some arbitrary woke rating. He's proud to be the first New Jersey government entity to pass an anti-ESG resolution.

Mr. Kern thanked County Counsel for their help with crafting this resolution. He said as a Commissioner Board, we do have the fiduciary duty to the tax payers to this county. Our most important function is to handle their hard-working dollars. Any policy or preferential treatment that puts ideology above fiscal responsibility is wrong and has no place here in Warren County. I'm proud to support this resolution.

Ms. Ciesla commented that everyone who applied for a historical partnership program grant got one. We want to preserve our history here, especially in light of the bicentennial coming up.

Ms. Ciesla thanked everyone for their hard work in applying for the grant monies from the USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program.

Ms. Ciesla stated she is supporting agenda item E8. ESG scores are not consistent. She gave the example of one organization basing scores on media coverage and whether it was bad coverage or not. Research has been done and apparently when you look at these scores from different rating agencies, they only match by fifty percent, unlike Moody's which is consistently applied from business to business and the ratings are very similar.

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION 128-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #3 FOR CONTRACT #WC2080FO-2 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS FOR UTILITY PERMIT WORK ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES AND STRUCTURES FOR NET INCREASE OF \$6,000.00 AND REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$34,000.00.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 129-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 FOR CONTRACT #WC2080FO-5 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS FOR UTILITY PERMIT WORK ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES AND STRUCTURES FOR NET INCREASE OF \$8,000.00 AND REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$16,000.00.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 130-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2304 FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE TO CHAMPION ELEVATOR, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$29,520.00.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 131-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2310 OFFICE SUPPLIES & ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS TO W.B. MASON COMPANY INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR ONE ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIOD AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15 AT THE DISCOUNT RATE OF 45% FOR FURNITURE, 42% ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER SUPPLIES, 63% GENERAL SUPPLIES AND 72% PAPER PRODUCTS, AN ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 132-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2324R FOR PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE PROGRAM TO CVS CAREMARK FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000.00.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 133-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2325R FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR JOHNSON CONTROLS METASYS AUTOMATIC TEMPERATURE CONTROL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER, PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HEALTH BUILDING, PROSECUTOR'S BUILDING AND THE WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TO JOHNSON CONTROLS, OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,118.37.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 134-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN, THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR, AND WARREN COUNTY'S COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO, LOCAL 1032 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

RESOLUTION 135-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER, UNCLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A PART-TIME POSITION OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER, UNCLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Lazorisak for working on the contracts. He expressed his appreciation for the hard work.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joe Bell, Sr., had no official report this evening.

County Engineer Bill Gleba gave an update of County Route 659, Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP) has requested its first extension of review. This will take us into mid-April. There are two different permits we applied for. One permit does have a statutory timeline. The other permit does not. He cannot tell the Board when we will have an answer, however, he does feel pretty confident what we are proposing will be acceptable. We will also be doing some G.O. technical exploration. The road will have to be closed down because they do have to work on one lane. He anticipates this to happen in the next few weeks. The closure will be during day time hours for approximately 4-5 days. The permit restrictions will need to be reviewed upon receipt.

Mr. Gleba also made awareness to the NJ DOT projects that will be starting up. This will be night work on Route 94 in Knowlton and Blirstown Townships, doing some pavement preservation work. The other project on Interstate 80, between Exit 19 (County Route 517) over into Morris County area.

County Planner Dave Dech did not have anything to report this evening.

County Public Works Director Emily Hammer briefed the Board on the completion of the first cellular drive test. Majority of the county roads have been driven, the strengths of speeds have been documented. The survey aligns with the county survey.

Ms. Hammer informed the Board the second kick-off of Breadlock Park improvements have begun to make the structure more viable.

County CFO Kim Francisco did not have anything to report this evening.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak discussed the current vacancy report, nothing out of the ordinary.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Sarnoski had nothing to report this evening.

Mr. Kern reported on a couple items to report. First, he has met the new President of St. Luke’s Hospital, Warren Campus. Mr. Woolf has moved on within the hospital.

Mr. Kern held a press conference with Public Safety and Law Enforcement Officials to introduce the Blue Envelope Program. The program is in place throughout all of our municipalities. The purpose of the Blue Envelope is to make Law Enforcement Officers more aware of the individuals needs on the autistic spectrum.

Mr. Kern brought awareness to some training he is working on with the Public Safety Department in reference to the following issues:

- Lithium battery training for fires.
- Possibility of another table top exercise of train derailment within Warren County.

Ms. Ciesla thanked Mr. Kern for his involvement with the Blue Envelope Program.

Ms. Ciesla and Mr. Sarnoski attended the New Jersey Association of Counties, Regional meeting on March 7, 2023. We have met with other northern counties. We all face the same issues, such as:

- 911 monies have been received
- Morris County has formed a County EMS, due to the difficulty in getting volunteers.

Ms. Ciesla thanked Emily Hammer for all the work she has put into the cellular project. Our consultant is shocked we areas without cellular service.

Commissioners will be attending the Hackettstown St. Patrick’s Day Parade, encourages everyone to come out.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Liza Thomas, Liberty Township – Ms. Thomas discussed her concerns of the whales washing up on the Jersey coast. Mr. Kern will speak with the mayor of Point Pleasant.

Tara Mezzanotte, Knowlton Township, I-80 DWG Coalition – Ms. Mezzanotte took this opportunity to thank the women of Parent To Parent for all that they do.

She continued with her report regarding I-80 DWG Coalition. Ms. Mezzanotte announced a site visit of Route 80 and the Knowlton-Portland Footbridge with Congressman Kean, Jr. will be taking place soon. Thank you to Mr. Sarnoski for his letter requesting assistance at another level, remarked Ms. Mezzanotte.

PRESS COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 136-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 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 6:40 p.m.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

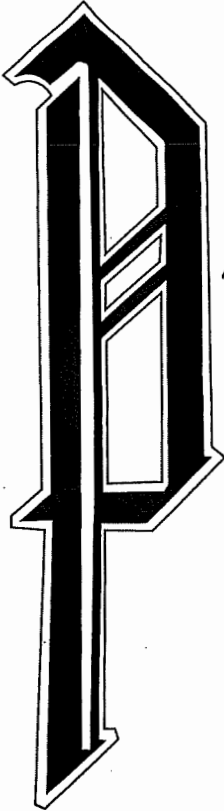
On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, the board adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 7:16 p.m.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded Mr. Kern, and there being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

County of Warren
Board of County Commissioners



Proclamation

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
MARCH, 2023

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home, and have also served our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force and have helped in the establishment of many charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but in securing those rights for others; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

WHEREAS, Warren County boasts many extraordinary women who were trailblazers in the County in the field of business, government, arts, healthcare, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, notable Warren County women have played a vital role in our local governments, both at the municipal and county level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, designates March 2023 as "Women's History Month" and joins in celebrating the accomplishments of women.

Lori Ciesla, Director
Board of County Commissioners

James R. Kern III, Deputy Director
Board of County Commissioners

Jason J. Sarnoski, Commissioner
Board of County Commissioners



**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 118-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 8, 2023.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2023-8 and 2023-9 dated March 8, 2023**, in the amount of **\$3,305,181.37** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of County Commissioners.

2023-8	3/1/2023	\$423,206.47	
2023-9	3/8/2023	<u>344,758.18</u>	
TOTAL			\$767,964.65
Horizon (Prescription, Claims, Admin)	2/24/2023	\$943,679.09	
Aetna	2/24/2023	184,989.87	
Sun Life Financial	2/24/2023	67,067.59	
Home Depot	3/3/2023	<u>4,227.82</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			1,199,964.37
Payroll	2/23/2023	\$1,337,252.35	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,337,252.35</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$3,305,181.37</u>

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 119-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 8, 2023.

TRANSFER IN THE 2022 BUDGET RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS

TO: VARIOUS - OE	\$ 5,000.00
VARIOUS S&W	<u>6,500.00</u>
	<u>\$ 11,500.00</u>
FROM:	
PROVISIONS FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENT, S&W	<u>\$ 11,500.00</u>

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 states that transfers can be made during the first 3 months of the year and

WHEREAS, by unforeseen demand there has arisen the necessity for expenditures to fulfill the purposes of the appropriations as stated in the 2022 Budget and Tax Levy in the following accounts:

VARIOUS – OE	\$ 5,000.00
VARIOUS – S&W	<u>6,500.00</u>
	<u>\$ 11,500.00</u>

and there being an excess in appropriations heretofore made as follows:

PROVISIONS FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENT, S&W	<u>\$ 11,500.00</u>
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that by a Majority Vote of this Board that the following transfer in the 2022 Budget Reserve Appropriations be made:

TO:	011050 R50115	PERSONNEL S&W	\$ 3,000.00
	012521 R5011	PUBLIC SAFETY S&W	\$ 3,500.00
	011700 R5100	PUBLIC INFORMATION OE	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
			<u>\$ 11,500.00</u>

FROM:	014250 R5011	PROVISIONAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT, S&W	<u>\$ 11,500.00</u>
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RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

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RESOLUTION 120-23

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**RESOLUTION RE: TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT WITH
HORIZON BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF
NEW JERSEY FOR THE PRESCRIPTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, by mutual agreement between the parties said agreement will be terminated effective April 1, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the contract between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey as referenced herein shall be terminated for the Prescription plan per mutual agreement between the parties effective April 1, 2023.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USAGE OF A PORTION
OF COUNTY ROUTE #615 (LONG BRIDGE ROAD), A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #612
(ALLAMUCHY-JOHNSONBURG ROAD) & COUNTY ROUTE #668 (MAPLE LANE)
ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023
FOR THE SOMERSET WHEELMEN BICYCLE RIDE**

WHEREAS, the Somerset Wheelmen Bicycle Club President has requested permission to use County Route #615 from Gibbs Road to County Route #612, County Route #612 from County Route #615 to County Route #668 and County Route #668, Allamuchy Township, on Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. for a cycling club ride.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby approve the use of the noted portions of County Route #615, #612 & #668 in Allamuchy Township for the above mentioned event with the following conditions:

1. Approval of the event by Allamuchy Township as well as any other impacted municipal and/or county entity.
2. All barricades, detours and traffic control signs shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
3. Police supervision of any necessary traffic control of the roads and handling of safety shall be provided as necessary.
4. Information required by County Administrator for event approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Allamuchy Township, Sussex County and Green Township.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

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Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION TOTALING \$30,000.00 TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024 TO IMPLEMENT THE WARREN COUNTY STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP) AND ASSIST WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH ENROLLING IN AND ACCESSING MEDICARE-FUNDED BENEFITS; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services has made \$30,000.00 available to the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services to implement the Warren County State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP); and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services will continue to provide individual Medicare counseling, enrollment and outreach assistance to Warren County residents accessing Medicare benefits, as per the availability of funds through this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren authorizes the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services to submit a grant application to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services in the amount of \$30,000.00 to assist Warren County residents with enrollment in and utilizing the benefits for which they are entitled under the Medicare Program.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 123-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 8, 2023.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT FOR \$37,768.99 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE 2023 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services, wishes to enter into an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Human Services and Division of Family Development.

WHEREAS, funding is available for the period February 23, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute the grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Human Services and Division of Family Development for a total of \$37,768.99 to provide assistance with 2023 SNAP through the American Rescue Plan Act.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 124-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 8, 2023.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING FIVE GRANTS TOTALING \$12,500.00
FROM THE WARREN COUNTY HISTORY
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren (BCC) has received \$26,923.00 in funding from the New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC) through the County History Partnership Program (CHPP) for the 2023 round; and

WHEREAS, the CHPP enables the NJHC to support both existing and emerging local history organizations and practitioners serving diverse audiences through partnership with county re-granting agencies; and

WHEREAS, a panel composed of three independent experts (the “Warren County History Partnership Program Review Panel” or “Review Panel”) was retained to review and evaluate all applications received by the County of Warren against the criteria and guidelines set forth by NJHC; and

WHEREAS, the Review Panel recommends that the below-listed recipients be awarded two thousand and five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) in grant funds, as follows:

1. Frelinghuysen Township Historical Society
2. Hope Creative Team
3. Knowlton Township Historical Commission
4. Musconetcong Watershed Association
5. Rutherford Hall Foundation

WHEREAS, the Review Panel’s above recommendations were further reviewed and endorsed by the Warren County Bicentennial Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds in the amount of \$12,500.00 are available in account S31805352 5029 for the first round of CHPP grants; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at its regular meeting on March 8, 2023, that such a grant be approved.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 125-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 8, 2023.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM FY23 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP) TRAINING/PLANNING SUBAWARD, ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY TO INCORPORATE FUNDING AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00

WHEREAS, the Warren County Office of Emergency Management wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$20,000.00 for a project under the Federal Grant Program. The award period is September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

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

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Warren County Office of Emergency Management for the purpose described in the application.

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

1. As a matter of public policy the Warren County Office of Emergency Management wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Office of the Attorney General Department of Law and Public Safety.
2. The Office of the Attorney General Department of Law and Public Safety has allocated funds dedicated for the purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren authorizes the County Administrator/Clerk of the Board to execute the Governing Body Resolution as required to validate the application.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 126-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 8, 2023.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION
TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR
A GRANT UNDER USDA RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT
PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 FOR 2023**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture is accepting applications to fund Rural Business Development programs; and

WHEREAS, this funding may be used to develop precision agriculture technology for smart farming; and

WHEREAS, Warren County authorizes an application to the USDA in the amount of \$500,000.00; and

WHEREAS, In-kind local match for this grant will be provided by the Warren County Community College WarrenUAS program in the amount of \$159,500.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Warren County Finance Department shall submit an application to the USDA; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that Kim Francisco, Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to submit and sign the necessary contractual documents on behalf of the County of Warren and serve as the point of contact for this grant.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 127-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 8, 2023.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF WARREN OPPOSING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OR
DISCRIMINATION BASED UPON ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE
("ESG") STANDARDS**

WHEREAS, environmental, social and governance ("ESG") refers to a set of standards that is intended to alter how certain businesses and governments make judgments and decisions so that instead of evaluations being focused on quality of goods and services, performance, finances, costs, expenses, and other traditional considerations, evaluations are made on the basis of various environmental, social and governance concerns; and

WHEREAS, the widespread use of ESG standards by central banks, financial institutions, corporations, and governmental entities threatens free market competition, individual and economic rights and imposes significant risk to the ability to provide efficient and cost effective government; and

WHEREAS, ESG is, by its very nature, inherently subjective, nebulous and arbitrary and thereby susceptible to misuse, manipulation, favoritism and political exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the County is firm in the belief that ESG outlines societal goals without appropriately considering societal costs and undermines competition and the rights of individuals and businesses; and

WHEREAS, ESG unduly promotes social and political agendas over broader and individual economic impact, jobs, industry and energy costs; and

WHEREAS, the use and reliance on ESG as the basis of Government decision with respect to the expenditure and commitment of taxpayer funds is fundamentally inconsistent with the County Commissioner's most basic and foremost obligation as the custodian of the public's money; and

WHEREAS, any policy that affords preference, priority or bias in favor of ESG will be severely detrimental to the maintenance of sound fiscal and budget management policies due to substantial increases in cost resulting from expenditure decisions that do not prioritize expense; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners are adamantly opposed to any ESG policy that is implemented without regard to the economic, financial and other consequences it will have on Warren County residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners are deeply concerned about the negative effects ESG would have on County residents and businesses, including, but not limited to, increased energy costs, higher taxes, increased inflation, job losses, less job creation, reduced economic growth, lower property values, reduced capital investment, loss of industry, reduction in diversity of energy, agricultural and other economic resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Warren strongly oppose preferential treatment or discrimination based upon ESG and directs the County to take all necessary action, to the extent authorized by law, to oppose and prohibit the use or implementation of ESG in all matters of County government.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 128-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 8, 2023.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #3 FOR
CONTRACT #WC2080FO-2 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES
FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS FOR UTILITY
PERMIT WORK ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES AND STRUCTURES FOR NET
INCREASE OF \$6,000.00 AND REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$34,000.00**

WHEREAS, the County requested proposals to be received on Thursday, January 21, 2021 for Contract #WC2080FO for Construction Phase Engineering/Inspection Services; and

WHEREAS, inspection services are needed for Elizabethtown Gas Company utility related permit construction work; 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 \$6,000.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 40165 5100 ETWN 4834 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. Hereby approving Contract Modification #3 with Van Cleef Engineering Associates of Phillipsburg, NJ for the above project for a net increase of \$6,000.00 and a revised contract amount of \$34,000.00.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in The Star Ledger.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak

_____, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 129-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 8, 2023.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 FOR CONTRACT #WC2080FO-5 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS FOR UTILITY PERMIT WORK ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES AND STRUCTURES FOR NET INCREASE OF \$8,000.00 AND REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$16,000.00

WHEREAS, the County requested proposals to be received on Thursday, January 21, 2021 for Contract #WC2080FO for Construction Phase Engineering/Inspection Services; and

WHEREAS, inspection services are needed for Aqua water company related permit work; 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 \$8,000.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 40165 5100 AQUA 4834 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. Hereby approving Contract Modification #1 with Van Cleef Engineering Associates of Phillipsburg, NJ for the above project for a net increase of \$8,000.00 and a revised contract amount of \$16,000.00.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in The Star Ledger.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak

_____, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 130-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 8, 2023.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2304 FOR
ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE TO CHAMPION
ELEVATOR, FOR THE PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024 WITH
THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL
ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED BY THE
LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN
THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$29,520.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County Contract WC2304 for elevator maintenance is hereby awarded

to . . . Champion Elevator, Clinton, New Jersey

In the amount of . . . approximately \$29,520.00

as per their bid submitted . . . February 22, 2023

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 budget accounts 013100/5029 – Buildings & Grounds Contracted Services, 013112/5029 – Buildings & Grounds Annex Contracted Services

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

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 131-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 8, 2023.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2310 OFFICE
SUPPLIES & ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS TO
W. B. MASON COMPANY INC., FOR THE PERIOD
OF MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024
WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR ONE ADDITIONAL
ONE YEAR PERIOD AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL
PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15 AT THE DISCOUNT
RATE OF 45% FOR FURNITURE, 42% ELECTRONICS
AND COMPUTER SUPPLIES, 63% GENERAL SUPPLIES
AND 72% PAPER PRODUCTS, AN ESTIMATED TOTAL
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2310 for office supplies for County Departments is hereby awarded

to . . . W. B. Mason Company, Inc., Brockton, Massachusetts

in the approximate amount of . . . \$250,000.00

as per their bid submitted . . . February 22, 2023

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 132-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 8, 2023.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2324R FOR PRESCRIPTION
INSURANCE PROGRAM TO CVS CAREMARK
FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH
MARCH 31, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000.00**

WHEREAS, Warren County has a need to acquire services for its prescription insurance program, through a fair and open process; and

WHEREAS, the County received a proposal for Prescription insurance, as follows:

	<u>Estimated Annual Fees</u>
CVS Caremark	\$3,000,000.00

WHEREAS, the Broker of Record and the Warren County Board of County Commissioners have reviewed the proposal received, and recommend that a one (1) year contract be awarded to CVS Caremark, One CVS Drive Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895, to provide prescription insurance services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15, allows contracts for prescription services for a term of one (1) year; and

WHEREAS the term of this contract shall be from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, CVS Caremark has filed a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which certification provides that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to candidate committees, joint candidates committees or political party committees representing the elected officials of the County in the one year period preceding the award of the Contract, and that the Contract will prohibit the firm from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract that would bar the award of this Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification further provides that the firm has not made any and will not make any contributions or solicit any contribution of money or pledge of a contribution in violation of law; and

WHEREAS, CVS Caremark has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure Form and Stockholder Disclosure Certification, as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, disclosing all reportable political contributions (more than \$300.00 per election cycle) made over the 12 months prior to submission to the committees of the government entities listed on the Form provided by the County; and

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

1. That the aforesated recitals be and hereby are incorporated herein in full.
2. That Warren County hereby awards, and the Board of County Commissioners are hereby authorized to execute, a contract between Warren County and CVS Caremark, One CVS Drive Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895 for its prescription insurance program for a one (1) year term commencing April 1, 2023, in a form acceptable to the County Counsel.
3. That the Business Disclosure Entity Certification, Chapter 271 Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form, Stockholder Disclosure Certification, the Determination of Value, the Certificate of Availability of Funds, be placed on file with this Resolution.
4. That this contract shall be awarded through a fair and open process.
5. That the Warren County Board of County Commissioners be and hereby are authorized to take all reasonable and necessary actions to effectuate the same.
6. That adequate funds are available in accounts 012200/5029 – Group Insurance for Employees, 153901/5092 Library Employee Insurance and 03891/5092 – Open Space Employee Medical Insurance and certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
7. A notice of this action shall be published in The Star Ledger.

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

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 133-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 8, 2023.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2325R FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR JOHNSON CONTROLS METASYS AUTOMATIC TEMPERATURE CONTROL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER, PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HEALTH BUILDING, PROSECUTOR'S BUILDING AND THE WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TO JOHNSON CONTROLS, OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,118.37

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a contract for Johnson Controls Metasys Automatic Temperature Control System Maintenance, at the Warren County Correctional Center, Public Safety Building, Administration Building, Health Building, Prosecutor's Building and the Warren County Courthouse 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 County Commissioners of the County of Warren as follows:

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a contract to Johnson Controls, of Allentown, Pennsylvania for services for the above project, at a cost not to exceed \$47,118.37 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.

Funding for this contract is provided in budget account 01310/5029 – Building & Grounds Contracted Services and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 134-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 8, 2023.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN, THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR, AND WARREN COUNTY'S COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO, LOCAL 1032 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, the Warren County Prosecutor, and Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Local 1032, have completed labor negotiations and have agreed to the terms and conditions of employment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, that the Director of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, the Warren County Prosecutor, and the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Local 1032 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 135-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 8, 2023.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER,
UNCLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A PART-TIME POSITION OF CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER, UNCLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-117 et seq., the County Sheriff shall fix the compensation for the appointed personnel of the Warren County Sheriff's Office in accordance with County guidelines and within the budget allocation, and

WHEREAS, County Sheriff James J. McDonald, Sr. has selected William Wright to serve as a Full-Time Chief Warrant Officer in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-117.5, effective March 2, 2023 and recommended an annual salary of \$76,000.00 including pro-rated annual vacation and sick leave allowance in accordance with County policies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Part-Time position of Chief Warrant Officer, Unclassified, be abolished; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the recommendations of Warren County Sheriff James J. McDonald, Sr. in the interest of Chief Warrant Officer William Wright are hereby approved and made effective March 2, 2023.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 136-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 8, 2023.

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners 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: Status of C.C./R.M. Litigation, Jeffress Litigation, Selective Litigation and Vivaria Ecologics, LLC.
- (2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining*: Items to be discussed include: Status of labor negotiations with PBA 280 – Sheriff Officers.

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.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak