

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

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**ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 – 12:00 P.M.
COURT ROOM #1
COURT HOUSE, BELVIDERE, NEW JERSEY**

1. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975)

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF *JANUARY 1, 2024* WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 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 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 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 ACCOMMODATIONS ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.

2. Invocation by Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. The Star-Spangled Banner performed by Senior Danica Finken from Phillipsburg High School.
5. Certification of Election of Lori Ciesla, Commissioner: Read by Holly Mackey, Warren County Clerk.
6. Oath of Office: Lori Ciesla, Commissioner, by Assemblyman John DiMaio.
7. Roll Call
8. RESOLUTION 1-24 APPOINTING JAMES R. KERN III AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2024.
9. Oath of Office of the Director of the Board of County Commissioners, James R. Kern III by Assemblyman John DiMaio.
10. Entertain a motion for the appointment of Jason J. Sarnoski as Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren for the Year 2024.
11. RESOLUTION 2-24 AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO APPOINT SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS BOARD OR WHICH THE DIRECTOR MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS AS LIAISON OR MEMBER OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.
12. RESOLUTION 3-24 DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A COMMISSIONER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2024.
13. RESOLUTION 4-24 TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2024.
14. RESOLUTION 5-24 DESIGNATING THE STAR-LEDGER AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND THE DAILY RECORD AS THE ALTERNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER IN WHICH SHALL BE PUBLISHED ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN.

15. RESOLUTION 6-24 APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION IN NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.
16. RESOLUTION 7-24 TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2024.
17. RESOLUTION 8-24 ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN DESIGNATING OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO INVEST AND DISBURSE FUNDS, AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES, PERMITTED INVESTMENTS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC MONIES.
18. RESOLUTION 9-24 PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,610,672.00 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2024 BUDGET.
19. RESOLUTION 10-24 PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$605,600.00 TO FUND THE PERMANENT DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2024 BUDGET.
20. RESOLUTION 11-24 AUTHORIZING A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH J. BELL, ESQ., COUNTY COUNSEL AND REAPPOINTING DAVID T. SHIVAS AND JOSEPH J. BELL IV AS WARREN COUNTY ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSELS.
21. RESOLUTION 12-24 RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2395FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO BELL, SHIVAS & BELL, P.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024 AT THE RATE OF \$185.00 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS AND \$125.00 PER HOUR FOR PARALEGALS, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$473,000.00.

22. RESOLUTION 13-24 RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2395FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – B, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI & TIPTON, L.L.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024 AT THE RATE OF \$200.00 PER HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND \$165.00 PER HOUR FOR ASSOCIATES PLUS COST AND EXPENSES ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$162,000.00.
23. RESOLUTION 14-24 RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2395FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – C, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO LAVERY, SELVAGGI, ABROMITIS & COHEN, P.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024 AT THE RATE OF \$140.00 PER HOUR PLUS COST AND FEES, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$66,000.00.
24. RESOLUTION 15-24 RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2395FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – D, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE WARREN COUNTY ADJUSTER FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI & TIPTON, L.L.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024 AT THE RATES OF \$200.00 PER HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND \$165.00 PER HOUR FOR ASSOCIATES PLUS COST AND EXPENSES ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$157,500.00.
25. RESOLUTION 16-24 RE: AWARD OF CONTACT WC2395FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E, BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024 AT THE BASE FEE \$3,500.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED FOR THE FIRST \$15,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED AND \$0.75 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED IN EXCESS OF \$15,000.00.
26. RESOLUTION 17-24 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND (NJIIF) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024.

27. RESOLUTION 18-24 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION.
28. INTRODUCTION OF AND REMARKS BY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES.
29. America the Beautiful performed by Danica Finken from Phillipsburg High School.
30. MOTION TO ADJOURN.