

**These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissions on January 24, 2024. Full texts of resolutions appear at the end of this document.*

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren met in Reorganization Session in Court Room #1 at the Warren County Courthouse, Belvidere, New Jersey on January 1, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Alex Lazorisak opened the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Tracy Matlock read the following OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) statement: ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF *JANUARY 1, 2024* WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT OF 1975.

The Invocation was led by Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt, who greeted everyone and stated we are here today in the spirit of unity, progress and for the perpetuation of our country's wellbeing and the country's constitutional republic, where the stories of a rich and vibrant community once steeped in potential. He reminded the Board they are not just administrators but also facilitators, initiators and innovators. He told them their actions today will shape the future. He instructed them to draw upon their collective wisdom, shared vision, and unwavering commitment to serve our community. May their deliberations be guided by understanding decisions by wisdom and action by the spirit of service. May they not forget we are here to serve, uplift, and inspire. May your actions today echo in the generations to come. Let us rise to the occasion, embrace the challenges, and celebrate the opportunities ahead. Together we can make our county and country better places to live, work and thrive. He ended by wishing everyone a happy new year, wished all good luck and good health.

Mr. Lazorisak led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Star-Spangled Banner was performed by Senior Danica Finken from Phillipsburg High School.

Certification of Election of Lori Ciesla, Commissioner: Read by Holly Mackey, Warren County Clerk.

The Oath of Office of County Commissioner was administered to Lori Ciesla by Assemblyman John DiMaio. Ms. Ciesla was accompanied by her husband Jim, and son, Nick.

Ms. Ciesla thanked her family for coming with her today and especially during an election season. She acknowledged her friends for keeping her sane, even if that means a crazy day trip.

Ms. Ciesla thanked State Senator Doug Steinhardt, Assemblymen John DiMaio and Pete Peterson, constitutional officers who are here today: County Clerk Holly Mackey, Surrogate Michael Doherty, Sheriff Jim McDonald, who is not here, Prosecutor Jim Pfeiffer and everyone here supporting her and our county whenever possible. She continued to thank Congressman Kean, who could not be here today, but his support for her and fellow Commissioners in our county, is greatly

appreciated. She also thanked Doug as Chairman, Vice-Chair Nancy Brown, Jody Inscho, Secretary, Chris Allen, Executive Director, and all members of the Republican Committee for their unwavering commitment to her community. She joked she loves elections but loves them more when she is not a candidate. She also thanked everyone for their patience with her and she thanked some of those who ran with her this year, especially Randy Piazza and Christopher Infinito who helped her to put up a few of signs.

Ms. Ciesla also thanked all the county employees and volunteers whose hard work makes her look good. Your efforts to help and take care of our residents does not go unnoticed. Led by our Administrator Alex Lazorisak and our amazing department heads, this county is indeed the best county in New Jersey. She gave credit to the many Freeholders who came before her, including current Commissioners Jim Kern and Jason Sarnoski. She thanked the two of them for putting their faith in her to lead the board last year and she commented she thinks she managed to run the meetings well, even if she didn't beat Commissioner Kern's fastest meeting record. She diligently signed the one-hundred million pieces of papers that the director must sign, commenting even when she had to run back to the administrator's office the day after a meeting to sign those she missed the night before.

She said she and the current Commissioners make a great team. Even when they do occasionally disagree, they do it professionally and practically and they all share the same goal: to keep this county at its best and to provide you with what you need in a streamlined, fiscally responsible manner. She said she is blessed to be able to sit up here with Jim and Jason for another three years. She thanked those who voted for her. She is humbled by your trust and she will continue to work hard for everyone in this county.

Ms. Ciesla continued, three years ago today, she stared out to an empty room, thanks to COVID, and she gave her first acceptance speech. She didn't know what to expect but she did know the county was run well. She has since learned that it's run better than she thought. Those who came before her did a fantastic job of making this county an excellent example of how much you can do when you keep government small. This is a huge feat in the state of New Jersey, where red tape, bulging budgets in nonsensical over burdensome regulations rule the day. She said all three commissioners like to get things done. They bring a corporate mindset to the enigma that is government and they treat your tax dollars like they should, as precious commodities that do not grow on trees. They do their best to stay in their lane and keep that lane well paved and maintained. They may have different opinions on many issues, but when they do insert themselves into political hot topics, they do so with an eye toward being practical and logical advocates for residents as well as for our constitution. Our advocacy for issues or against others often comes from our deep seated patriotic love of the best country in the world. To protect and provide for you, we will fight for you here, in Trenton, and in Washington, D.C. She quoted Walt Disney, "Times and conditions change so rapidly that we must keep our aim constantly focused on the future." Here in Warren County, we want your future to be the best possible. We want to enhance our technological and communication needs, which we are doing with the N.J. B.P.U. and others. We'll continue to look at every way possible to keep our county roads safe for all who travel them. She remarked we will support our existing businesses and agricultural communities and also for growth that protects and enhances our history and rural character. She said we've done a lot and we'll continue to do whatever we can for you. She asked the audience if they want to know all the Board is doing, if so, sign up for the new monthly email newsletter, our newest avenue of communicating with our residents. If you want to keep up to date

on Commissioner meetings, we have calendars for you. Our pay as you go methodology has allowed us to improve buildings such the courthouse we are in right now, and build new buildings without incurring a debt burden to our taxpayers. The plans are ready for the New Department of Human Services building and construction has begun on the Catherine Dickson Hoffman branch of our amazing county library system. A big event on the horizon that will help us promote Warren County, our towns, and our businesses across the state, is our upcoming bicentennial celebration. In 2025 Warren County will be 200 years old and we are looking to highlight not only our history, but our present and our future and we have a lot planned. Right after that our beautiful country will be celebrating her semiquincentennial birthday, her two hundred fiftieth and to show you just how young a commissioner board we are, I was the only one alive during the bicentennial in 1976. Our county was named after Joseph Warren, a great patriot from the Revolutionary War. We are looking forward to actively participating in the semiquincentennial celebration.

Ms. Ciesla continued she knows we have challenges ahead too and she said we'll meet those head-on and do all we can to do what is best for our county. Halfway through this year, a storm came through and literally ripped our roads in half. Our small but strong county rallied through but it also became a learning experience for us. We have left no stone unturned in our quest to rebuild and rebuild better. We will always do this no matter what comes our way. She said she does not pretend to know all the answers because that is not how we learn and grow. She will always ask the questions and help find those answers for our county. She continued on by saying always remember that she is here to listen to your ideas and suggestions, and she looks forward to working with everyone during the next three years. She truly feels that Warren County is a precious gem of New Jersey. She is honored to be able to continue to keep it bright and shiny. God bless and happy New Year.

Upon roll call, the following Commissioners were present: Lori Ciesla, Jason J. Sarnoski and James R. Kern III.

RESOLUTION 1-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, 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.

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

The Oath of Office of the Director of the Board of County Commissioners was administered to James R. Kern III by Assemblyman John DiMaio. Mr. Kern was accompanied by fiancé Carina Sitkus.

Mr. Kern started off with a joke about how he was going to try to run the quickest reorganization meeting. He thanked everyone for attending today. He thanked his colleagues for this great honor. He commented Ms. Ciesla was being a little humble. The storm that came through our county last year was catastrophic that this county has ever seen. Ms. Ciesla stepped up to the plate. Our legislators, Senator Steinhardt, Assemblyman DiMaio, and Assemblyman Peterson were on the ground making phone calls to the Governor's office. Mr. Kern said he is grateful to have Ms. Ciesla's leadership from last year and that of our legislators. He's hoping we have nothing like that this year. He thanked his friends and family, Carina for holding the Bible for him. Mr. Kern announced his engagement.

Mr. Kern spoke of his plans for the year. He's going to continue the work of passed boards of fiscal responsibility from our commitment to the tax payers is paramount. We'll work to provide the most responsible budget for all of you. Our efforts of dedication of fiscal prudence concerning our financial resources on used judiciously, we'll continue and every expenditure will be scrutinized.

Mr. Kern discussed what he would like to accomplish this year. He is committed to the board's focusing on the problems that our county government can solve. New Jersey charges county government with certain powers and it's important that we engage in these spaces in our offices to positively impact them. This year he would like to adjust a few that he hopes we can tackle. First, improving communications for our first responders. Warren County is responsible for 911 communications for all local agencies and we need to commit to providing a long-term solution that allows our police, fire and EMS to communicate seamlessly. While he understands the county's terrain and topography can make this difficult, he said we must do all we can to ensure our first responders safety. This investment will empower our many county agencies with the tools they need to respond swiftly, safely and effectively enhancing public safety for both our first responders and general public at large. He mentioned a meeting is scheduled this week and he is hoping to hit the ground running.

Mr. Kern continued with his second goal which is preserving farmland, which will continue to be a priority of this board. The farming community stands as a testament to our agri-ag area roots and commitment to sustain local agriculture. We must continue to target farms for preservation and advocate for fair compensation by preserving these vital parcels. We'll not only preserve our heritage, but also foster economic resilience within our farming community. Within this space, we'll be announcing in the coming days our Grapes and Grains Tour, partnering with our local vineyards and breweries and new tourism initiatives and promote some of our strongest businesses in the county. In acknowledgement of his environmental responsibilities, this year we will be announcing the commissioner's conservation in partnership with the National Wildlife Federation. Warren County will seek to be the first certified wildlife habitat in the state of New Jersey. We will be working with each of our twenty-two municipalities to create wildlife habitats for insects, birds, and amphibians both locally and long migratory corridors. This initiative relies on our commitment to ecological sustainability and ensuring our natural space is to thrive for future generations.

Finally, as the state begins its development and redevelopment plan, Mr. Kern continued, the county government will have a significant role playing in that process. As of last year, we restructured our planning board to be more of a high level planning board. This new group of volunteers will be in a perfect position to offset the mission for our county government.

In closing Mr. Kern thanked the county staff by saying while my colleagues and I set policies and direction, sometimes as clear as mud, the men and women working for our county make that vision happen. He then asked members of the county government who were present to stand and then asked the audience to give them a round of applause. He thanked everyone for their attendance today and he wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Commissioner Director Kern assumed control of the meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Kern, to appoint Jason J. Sarnoski as Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren for the Year 2024. Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

Mr. Sarnoski greeted everyone by saying he will be extremely brief. First, he congratulated Ms. Ciesla on her reelection. He said he looks forward to serving another year with her. He congratulated Mr. Kern on his appointment as Commissioner Director, stating Mr. Kern does a fine job. He said he's sure Mr. Kern will have some new battles ahead of him, but he's confident he will be able to take them head on. He also congratulated Mr. Kern on his engagement. He looks forward to the New Year, another great year with his colleagues. He wished everyone a happy and healthy new year, hopefully starting the year healthy. He wishes for better weather than we had last year. He hopes everyone has a successful, Happy New Year in 2024.

RESOLUTION 2-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, 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.

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

RESOLUTION 3-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION 3-24 DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A COMMISSIONER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2024.

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

RESOLUTION 4-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION 4-24 TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2024.

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

RESOLUTION 5-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, 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.

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

RESOLUTION 6-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION 6-24 APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION IN NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.

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

RESOLUTION 7-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION 7-24 TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2024.

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

RESOLUTION 8-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, 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.

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

RESOLUTION 9-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, 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.

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

RESOLUTION 10-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, 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.

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

RESOLUTION 11-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, 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.

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

RESOLUTION 12-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, 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.

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

RESOLUTION 13-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, 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.

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

RESOLUTION 14-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, 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.

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

RESOLUTION 15-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION 15-24 RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2395O 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.

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

RESOLUTION 16-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, 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.

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

RESOLUTION 17-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION 17-24 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND (NJIF) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION 18-24

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION 18-24 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION.

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

REMARKS BY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES.

Assemblyman Peterson wished everyone a happy, healthy, prosperous new year. He congratulated Ms. Ciesla on her reelection and Mr. Kern on his nomination as County Commissioner Director.

Surrogate Doherty wished everyone a happy new year and said he has had a great first year serving at the Surrogate's Office. He commented on the dedication of the staff and it was a turn-key operation. He was happy to see it was nothing like motor vehicles. It's a real caring unit that actually cares about the people of Warren County. Next he thanked the Commissioners and County Administrator for great support. They are always there supporting us. Thank you very much and happy New Year.

Former Sheriff Simonetti joked this will be the shortest speech I have ever given. He wished everyone a happy new year.

Prosecutor James Pfeiffer congratulated Ms. Ciesla on her reelection. He thanked the Commissioners, County Administrator and everyone for their support. Our office really is supported by this group and so important for us to complete our mission which is difficult in today's time. Thank you for everything you do for the county and for the Prosecutor's Office. Truly, my office and I appreciate that. Happy new year everyone and have a great day.

County Clerk Holly Mackey wished everyone a happy new year. 2024 is a presidential election year, so let's keep our fingers crossed and hope for a normal crazy presidential year as opposed to what we had four years ago. With the county's and everyone's support, our office along with Board of Elections is ready. She again wished everyone a happy new year.

Mr. Kern asked those local elected officials and former elected officials in attendance to rise and they were given a round of applause.

Mr. Kern made the announcement due to other reorganization meetings happening today, there will be no reception following today's meeting.

As a closing song, Ms. Finken sang America the Beautiful.

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, and there being no further business before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**
Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building
165 County Route 519 South
Belvidere, NJ 07823

RESOLUTION 1-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2024**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that James R. Kern III is appointed Director of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2024.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern 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
Item [8]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**
Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building
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RESOLUTION 2-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 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**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to appoint such committees as may be required by law or authorized by this Board or which the Director may deem appropriate and that the appointment of Commissioners as liaison or member of various boards and committees is hereby approved:

Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski

Education

Special Services School District
Superintendent of Schools
Warren County Community College
Warren County Technical School

County Departments

Board of Elections
Board of Taxation
Surrogate
Trustee – Warren County Legal Services

Additional Assignments

Engineering
Library
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
PCFA/Solid Waste
Planning Board Member

Projects Commission Liaison
Public Works
Soil Conservation District
Weights & Measures
NJAC 1st Alternate

Commissioner Lori Ciesla

Land Use & Agriculture

Agriculture Development Board
Board of Agriculture
Board of Recreation Commissioners
Cooperative Extension

Human Services

County Adjuster
Department of Human Services
Housing Program
Mental Health Board
Transportation Committee
Workforce Investment Board of
Morris/Sussex/Warren

County Department

County Clerk

Additional Assignments

Economic Development Committee Liaison	Planning Board Member, Alternate Member
Mosquito Commission	PRMUA Liaison
Opiate & Addiction Awareness Task Force	Shade Tree Commission

Commissioner James R. Kern III

Cultural & Historical

Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs
Morris Canal Committee
Municipal & Charitable Conservancy
Trust Fund Committee
War Veterans

Public Safety

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center
Fire Chiefs Association
Police Chiefs Association

Prosecutor's Office
Public Safety
Sheriff's Office
Correctional Center

Public Health

Health Services

Additional Assignments

Planning Board Member	N.J.A.C. Delegate
Transparency and Technology Task Force	NJIIF Liaison
COVID-19 Task Force	

ALL THREE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners' Office
Personnel Department
CFO/Treasurer's Office
Purchasing Department
County Counsel
Information Systems Department
Department of Public Information
Planning Department
Boards of School Estimate
Department of Land Preservation

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

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_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [11]

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

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RESOLUTION 3-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES
INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A COMMISSIONER
LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2024**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the municipalities of Warren County are divided into three districts and a Commissioner is assigned as liaison to each district as follows:

Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski

Allamuchy Township
Blairstown Township
Frelinghuysen Township
Hackettstown

Hardwick Township
Independence Township
Mansfield Township

Commissioner Lori Ciesla

Franklin Township
Greenwich Township
Hope Township
Knowlton Township

Liberty Township
Lopatcong Township
Oxford Township

Commissioner James R. Kern, III

Alpha Borough
Belvidere
Harmony Township
Phillipsburg

Pohatcong Township
Washington Borough
Washington Township
White Township

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

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RESOLUTION 4-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2024**

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren for the year 2024. All regular meetings shall be held in the Commissioner Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	13 at 9:00 am B	May	22 at 6:00 pm R
January	17 at 6:00 pm B	June	12 at 6:00 pm R
January	20 at 9:00 am B	June	26 at 6:00 pm R
January	24 at 6:00 pm R	July	10 at 6:00 pm R
January	27 at 9:00 am B	July	24 at 6:00 pm R
January	31 at 6:00 pm B	August	14 at 6:00 pm R
February	3 at 9:00 am B	August	28 at 6:00 pm R
February	14 at 6:00 pm R	September	11 at 6:00 pm R
February	28 at 6:00 pm R	September	25 at 6:00 pm R
March	13 at 6:00 pm R	October	9 at 6:00 pm R
March	27 at 6:00 pm R	October	23 at 6:00 pm R
April	10 at 6:00 pm R	November	13 at 6:00 pm R
April	24 at 6:00 pm R	November	26 at 6:00 pm R*
May	8 at 6:00 pm R	December	11 at 6:00 pm R

R= Regular Meeting

B = Budget Meeting

All Work Session Meetings will be
advertised in The Star-Ledger as needed.

* Please note that the second meeting in November is being held on Tuesday, November 26th.

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

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 5-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 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**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that The Star-Ledger is hereby designated 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. This action is taken pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:23-13 and N.J.S.A. 35:1-2.2 et seq.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern 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 6-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION
IN NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Association of Counties requires official designation of voting and alternate members for each county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby appoint, for representation in the New Jersey Association of Counties, James R. Kern, III as the Voting Member and Jason J. Sarnoski as the 1st Alternate Voting Member and Alex J. Lazorisak as the 2nd Alternate Voting Member.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern 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 7-24

On a motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO
THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
AUTHORITY, INC., FOR THE YEAR 2024**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that David K. Dech is hereby appointed as the alternate voting member, representing the County of Warren, to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., at those meetings when Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski is unable to attend during the year 2024.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern 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
Item [16]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 8-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 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**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of The County of Warren that, pursuant to N. J. S. A. 40A: 5-14, the annual Cash Management Plan prepared by the Chief Financial Officer of the County of Warren, is hereby approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the official charged with the custody of public funds covered under the plan to deposit and invest said funds in accordance with the provisions of said plan.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern 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 9-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**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**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2024 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty days of January, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the prior year budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$89,945,418.00 and

WHEREAS, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2023 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and public assistance in said 2023 budget is the sum of \$23,610,672.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations in the total amount of \$23,610,672.00 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer's Department for their records.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern 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 10-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**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**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 20 of the year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 inclusive:

DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY OF WARREN, NJ

Principal Payment of bonds	\$ 560,000.00
Interest Payment on Bonds	45,600.00
Principal Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00
Interest Payment on Notes	0.00
Green Trust Loan Payments	<u>0.00</u>
Total Debt Service	<u>\$ 605,600.00</u>

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern 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 11-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 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**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren as follows:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43, Joseph J. Bell, Esq., an Attorney-at-Law of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 150 Mineral Springs Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866 shall continue as Warren County Counsel and the Retainer Agreement between the Board and Mr. Bell, setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation which Retainer Agreement is made a part of this resolution by reference is incorporated herein as if set forth verbatim, is hereby approved and the Commissioner Director is authorized to execute said Retainer Agreement on behalf of the Board.
2. David T. Shivas and Joseph J. Bell IV members of the firm of Bell, Shivas & Bell, P.C. are hereby reappointed as Warren County Assistant County Counsels.
3. Contract WC2260FO for County Counsel for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Joseph J. Bell, Rockaway, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$80,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 1, 2022

4. This proposal was 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 Board of County Commissioners, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General
Legal 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: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern 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 12-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 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 \$473,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2395FO for Legal Services – A, Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Bell, Shivas & Bell, P.C., Rockaway, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$185.00 per hour for attorneys and \$125.00.00 per hour for paralegals, estimated amount \$473,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 9, 2023

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 Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern 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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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 13-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 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, LLC,
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**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2395FO for Legal Services – B, Special Counsel for Labor Related Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli & Tipton, LLC., Easton, Pennsylvania

in the amount of . . . \$200.00 per hour for partners/ \$165.00 per hour for associates with an estimated amount of \$162,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 9, 2023

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 Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern 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 14-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 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, PC.,
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**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2395FO for Legal Services – C, Special Counsel for Land Preservation Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen, PC., Hackettstown, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$140.00 per hour, estimated amount \$66,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 9, 2023

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 Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds for this contract are provided in trust account 03895/5067 – Open Space Trust Farmland Acquisitions and 01894/5065 – Open Space Trust, Recreation and Conservation Acquisitions

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern 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 15-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 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, LLC, 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**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2395FO for Legal Services – D, Special Counsel for the Warren County Department of Human Services, its Divisions and the Warren County Adjuster for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli & Tipton, LLC, Easton, Pennsylvania

in the amount of . . . \$200.00 per hour for partners/ \$165.00 per hour for associates with an estimated amount of \$157,500.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 9, 2023

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 Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds for this contract are provided in budget accounts 013450/5029 – TASS Contracted Services and 013570/5029 – WC Adjuster Contracted Services

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 16-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT 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

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2395FO for Legal Services – E, Bond Counsel Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLC, Roseland, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . 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

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 9, 2023

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 bond counsel legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds are or will be provided for this purpose upon adoption of Bond Ordinances as required by N.J.S.A.40A:-2.20

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern 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
Item [25]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 17-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**APPOINTMENT OF A FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE NEW JERSEY
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND**

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby appoints County Administrator Alex J. Lazorisak as the Fund Commissioner and County Commissioner James R. Kern, III as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern 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
Item [26]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 18-24

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS
TO THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following members to the Warren County Library Commission.

APPOINT MEMBERS:

Elizabeth Thomas
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire: 12/31/27

Cathleen Gerhardt
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Term to expire: 12/31/28

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