

**MINUTES-BUDGET SESSION****January 26, 1993**

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in special session at its office in the Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ on Tuesday, January 26, 1993 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Kenneth Miller and upon roll call the following members were present: Mr. Matthenius, Mrs. Dickey and Mr. Miller.

Director Miller read the following statement: "ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR GAZETTE, BLAIRSTOWN PRESS, THE NEWS, THE STAR-LEDGER, AND THE EXPRESS-TIMES AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED."

The Welfare budget was discussed and Henry Dinger, Director, gave a run-down on the costs attributed to his department and the process that is involved for a budget to be approved by the state. The Board had no problem with his budget.

Carmine Quick and Mary Ann Lyons represented Warren Haven. Questions were asked and answered regarding some of their line items. No changes were made in the line items of the OE but in S & W, Mr. Miller asked that the dollars be reduced in the vacant position area. The Board asked if \$175,000 could be reduced in this area. Carmine was hesitant but she will review this item and return on Monday, February 1st for a new determination. A new position of Volunteer Coordinator, PT was approved.

County Adjuster's recommendations were accepted.

Under Education, Superintendent of Schools and Rutger's Cooperative Extension were reviewed and accepted.

A lengthy discussion was held on Vo-Tech with Frank Mancuso speaking to the Board. The request was significantly increased over the 1992 allocation. The Board did not have a detailed budget to go by to dispute this request but stayed within his budget restraints. The Board asked that it be reduced by \$100,000 making the total 1993 appropriation \$2,141,000. Mr. Mancuso was not really agreeable but said he would have to live with it.

Under WC Community College, Dr. DeSanctis spoke to the Board and here too the requests were significantly over the 1992 figures. This was reduced by \$50,000 making total 1993 appropriation of \$1,600,000. Because Freeholder Dickey was not familiar with this process, Freeholders Miller and Matthenius handled this budget.

The balance of Education was reviewed and accepted.

Under Judiciary, each individual division was reviewed and accepted with the exception of Probation - Administrative Section. The Board moved to eliminate the \$92,500 in vacant positions because the space is not available in the Court House at this time.

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

**ATTESTED TO:**

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk