

MINUTES - BUDGET SESSION**February 1, 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 Monday, February 1, 1993 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director 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 SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR GAZETTE, THE 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 Warren Haven budget was discussed and Carmine Quick discussed salaries and wages/vacant positions and the possibility of reducing the dollar amount for these positions. After discussion, it was decided that \$150,000 can be reduced from this salary and wage appropriation.

Karen Rosanoff discussed additional peer grouping revenue that the county will receive in 1993 and the potential of using 50% of that income for Human Services contracted services. Karen had a chart showing the agencies that would be funded with this income. The Board asked some questions and Karen answered them and it was decided that she could receive the additional funding and place it in the appropriate agencies.

The Prosecutor discussed his budget and was content with most of it except for a few areas. Under telephone, an additional \$30,000 was placed due to the Washington complex. Personnel was discussed next and the Prosecutor stated some statistics on cases the county has pending and the need for additional staff. The Board heard his arguments but stated that at this point, due to the fiscal constraints, they would not decide on any new positions. However, an additional \$10,000 was granted for overtime.

The Director of NORWESCAP transportation gave a presentation on medical/hospital for drivers. She has devised a plan that would cost \$32,000 to provide minimum coverage for the drivers. The Board was reluctant about this request but stated that if this was a top priority the funding that they receive from the county can be utilized for this purpose.

In discussing Human Services salaries/personnel, Karen Rosanoff requested the need to fill the vacant position for Community Development Specialist. With additional revenue that her office would receive, the net cost to the county for this \$21,000 position would be slightly more than \$3,000. The Board decided based on receiving these revenues that they would allow the vacant position to be filled for 1993.

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