

## MINUTES

December 20, 1994

The Board of Chosen Freeholders met in special session in its office in the Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ on Tuesday, December 20, 1994 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Freeholder Jacob Matthenius and upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder Director Jacob Matthenius and Freeholder Kenneth Miller. Freeholder Susan Dickey was absent at roll call but came into the meeting shortly thereafter.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Director Matthenius.

Director Matthenius read the following statement: "ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR/GAZETTE, BLAIRSTOWN PRESS, THE NEWS, 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. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE".

**RESOLUTION 771-94**

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held December 20, 1994.

**TRANSFER IN THE 1994 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS:**

<b>TO:</b>	<b>ADVERTISING, OE</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
	<b>COUNTY COUNSEL, OE</b>	<b>165,000.00</b>
	<b>COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (PHNA), OE</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
	<b>DEPT. OF HUM. SERV. &amp; MENT. HLTH., OE</b>	<b>750.00</b>
	<b>COUNTY EXTENSION SERV., OE</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
	<b>REIMB. FOR RES. ATTENDING OUT-OF-CO. TWO YEAR COLLEGES, OE</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$186,750.00</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>PUBLIC WORKS, S &amp; W</b>	<b>6,500.00</b>
	<b>GROUP INS. PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>165,000.00</b>
	<b>COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (PHNA), S &amp; W</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
	<b>DEPT. OF HUM. SERV. &amp; MENT. HLTH, S &amp; W</b>	<b>750.00</b>
	<b>WARREN CO. YOUTH SHELTER, OE</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$186,750.00</b>

**WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 states that transfers can be made after November 1, and WHEREAS, by unforeseen demand there has arisen the necessity for expenditures to fulfill the purposes of the appropriations as stated in the 1994 Budget and Tax Levy in the following accounts:**

<b>Advertising, OE</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>County Counsel, OE</b>	<b>165,000.00</b>
<b>County Health Service Interlocal Agreement (PHNA), OE</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
<b>Dept. Of Hum. Serv. &amp; Ment. Hlth., OE</b>	<b>750.00</b>

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County Extension Serv., OE	1,500.00
Reimb. for Res. Attending Out-of Co. Two Year Colleges, OE	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total:	\$186,750.00

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

Public Works, S & W	6,500.00
Group Ins. Plan for Employees	165,000.00
County Health Service Interlocal Agreement (PHNA), S & W	12,000.00
Dept. Of Hum. Serv. & Ment. Hlth, S & W	750.00
Warren Co. Youth Shelter, OE	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total:	\$186,750.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that by a Majority Vote of this Board that the following transfers in the 1994 Budget Appropriations be made:

<u>TO</u>		
A01-01-00104.00.200	Advertising, OE	\$2,500.00
A01-01-00181.00.201	County Counsel, OE	165,000.00
A01-06-01221.00.368	County Health Service Interlocal Agreement (PHNA), OE	12,000.00
A01-06-01261.00.064	Dept. Of Hum. Serv. & Ment. Hlth., OE	750.00
A01-07-01721.00.015	County Extension Serv., OE	1,500.00
A01-07-01745.00.210	Reimb. for Res. Attending Out-of Co. Two Year Colleges, OE	<u>5,000.00</u>
	Total:	\$186,750.00

<u>FROM</u>		
A01-01-00270.00.000	Public Works, S & W	6,500.00
A01-01-00397.00.343	Group Ins. Plan for Employees	165,000.00
A01-06-01220.00.000	County Health Service Interlocal Agreement (PHNA), S & W	12,000.00
A01-06-01260.00.000	Dept. Of Hum. Serv. & Ment. Hlth, S & W	750.00
A01-06-01491.00.101	Warren Co. Youth Shelter, OE	<u>2,500.00</u>
	Total:	\$186,750.00

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

s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

Freeholder Dickey questioned why the \$165,000 is going back into the county counsel and Mr. Houck said that they talked to the auditor and there was not enough time to go through the budget ordinance process so they are going back to the original plan.  
**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes

**RESOLUTION 772-94**

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held December 20, 1994.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM CERTIFICATION OF**

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LOT 39 & 44, IN INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Green Acres and Recreation Opportunities Act provides for the making of loans and grants by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and Energy to local units of government for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation/conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and Energy has approved a Green Trust offering to the County of Warren in the amount of \$42,500 (a portion of the \$1,000,000 grant to Warren County for acquisition of the Morris Canal) Account #008-02500.054 (Acquisition of Morris Canal Linear Park);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders as follows:

1. The County of Warren desires to acquire lands known as Block 1, Lot 39 & 44, in Independence Township, and has reviewed and accepts the Fair Market Value as certified by the Green Acres Appraisal Section, Department of Environmental Protection and Energy.
2. The County of Warren has the ability and intention to finance its share of the cost of the project.
3. The Planning Director is hereby authorized and directed to:
  - a. Act as the authorized correspondent of the County of Warren.
  - b. Provide additional application information.
  - c. Furnish such documents as may be required.
4. Once acquired or developed, annual operating costs are estimated at \$0.
5. The County of Warren does hereby waive any right to hold the State of New Jersey, its departments and agencies and individuals, liable for any damages, losses or claims which may arise directly or indirectly from the execution of his project.

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

s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes

**RESOLUTION 773-94**

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held December 20, 1994.

**RESOLUTION SETTING DATE AND TIME OF ANNUAL MEETING**

**BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:20-75, the Stated Annual Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren shall be held in the Warren County Court House, Court Room #1, Belvidere, New Jersey, at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 1, 1995. The Board of Chosen Freeholders shall take action upon reorganized resolutions, appointments, and other matters normally acted upon at reorganizational meetings.

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

s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes

**MINUTES****December 20, 1994****RESOLUTION 774-94**

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held December 20, 1994.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON DECEMBER 20, 1994**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is:

1. Various personnel matters.

3. It is anticipated that the above stated subject matter will be made public at such time as the public interest permits disclosure and/or when a request for disclosure is made consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act and with statutory and common law "right to know" provisions.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

**ROLL CALL: Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes**

Freeholder Dickey asked if the board would be discussing the cross-training proposal in the Treasurer's Office during executive session. She said this issue was supposed to come up on the 28th before any action is taken. She would like to have input from the people in the affected departments. Is this an executive session matter?

Mrs. Carlton said definitely.

Mrs. Dickey asked if the people involved could be invited to attend executive session. She is concerned about the civil service titles involved.

Freeholder Matthenius invited Mrs. Stone to sit in on the executive session.

Mrs. Dickey asked if action would be taken tonight on the cross-training and Mr. Matthenius said no action would be taken tonight.

Mrs. Dickey said that the matter was brought before the board on the 14th for further discussion on the 28th.

Mrs. Carlton said that it is not appropriate to mention the subject matter in open session but now that it has been, does the board want a work session.

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Mrs. Dickey said she withdraws her request and asks that the reorganization of that department be considered next year as we need input from the people involved.

Mrs. Carlton said she objects to this being discussed in open session, it is not appropriate.

Freeholder Miller said if specific people are not involved, it can be discussed in open session. If it is not about specific employees, it should not be discussed in executive session.

Freeholder Matthenius asked Mr. Houck if this had been discussed with his people and Mr. Houck said just the concept.

It was decided to discuss this on the 28th in open session.

Freeholder Matthenius called for a five minute recess at 6:30 p.m. and asked Mrs. Stone to sit in the executive session.

The board went into executive session at 6:50 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 7:43 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.  
ROLL CALL: Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes

**ATTESTED TO:**

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk