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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session at its office in the Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ on Wednesday, June 21, 1995 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Susan Dickey and upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder Susan Dickey, Freeholder Ann Stone and Freeholder Kenneth Miller.

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

Director Dickey 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, 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".

At approximately 7:10 p.m. Ed Bruder, 9-1-1 Coordinator, gave a brief update on 9-1-1. At the last freeholder meeting, an award of contract was made for radio equipment. All contracts have been approved, we have received the construction permits for Blairstown and we have received zoning clearance from Harmony and we have started some preliminary work in Harmony. This is the top priority tower and will serve the majority of Mansfield Township. This contract is with Charles Hoff and Ed is meeting with him on Monday. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled, a lot of equipment shelters have been ordered and we should receive them in about six weeks from time of manufacture. The radio tower design has been approved. Things are all starting to fall in place for the radio networking. We are in a position to take over the Lopatcong Dispatch Center by early September. Ed met with Neil Corley and he is in favor of this. The cost is \$680 to install the radio lines and \$425 per month for the recurring costs. Once the radio network is ready, they will let him pick up the radio equipment and move up to Montana Mountain. This is the most cost effective way to go.

We are ready but we need the full cooperation of that dispatch center. It is very likely that we can take over the dispatch functions before September regarding Franklin Township.

Regarding the FCC radio licenses, twelve have been submitted and we are still waiting for approval from the FCC but we do expect this by the end of the year. We filed almost a year ago but we are still waiting. Part of this is due to the fact that in the middle of this, FCC revised the application form. A press release is being prepared for Jay Miers to get out to the public to make sure that everyone is using the proper address and for them to let their phone company know their proper address. This will also be sent to each municipal clerk to be included with the tax bills.

The Fire Chief of Washington Township, Ralph Dorio, said that the County 9-1-1 center is a series of delays, problems, etc. and we should raise the level of service before we increase the services.

Others with concerns were Mike Inscho of the Mountain Lake Fire Company, Mark DeVoe, Assistant Chief of Washington Fire Company and others. Bob DeGraff and Pat Rivoli

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answered some of their concerns.

Mr. Dinger pointed out that 9-1-1 does work, people are confusing 9-1-1 with the dispatch system but 9-1-1 does work, there are some problems with the dispatch system but we are working on these problems.

Mark DeVoe said that we should get the bugs worked out before we cut over to anyone else.

A discussion was held about the reimbursement costs involved and Mr. Dinger said that the county budgeted \$100,000 this year for these costs. He asked if the board intends to give out the entire amount or was this an estimate, if not capped at \$100,000, will the board be able to transfer the money after November 1st, how will the money be distributed, what is the target date for these payments; quarterly, one lump sum, etc. These are the questions that need to be answered.

Mrs. Dickey asked if the costs have changed since they were projected in January and Henry said we should go back to the municipalities and have them give us the current dispatch costs. In his letter, should he indicate that some distribution will be made at the end of the third quarter. The board asked that the municipalities present the costs as of June 1st.

This discussion ended at 8:35 p.m.

Mr. Dinger brought up the matter of new duties and responsibilities to be added to the job description for the county administrator position. He had given the board three drafts; two in resolution form and one imitating the civil service form.

Mrs. Dickey questioned the possibility of a Clerk of the Board position. Mr. Dinger said there is really no big difference between Clerk of the Board and County Administrator except that Clerk of the Board duties are required by statute, County Administrator has no definition by statute.

Mr. Miller said that the board needs to define the job and simply not give so much free rein.

Mr. Dinger said that the short resolution is modeled after Hunterdon County, the long version is modeled after our past resolutions and the other is patterned after a civil service job description.

It was decided that the board should make their suggestions to Dave Wallace and he can draw up another draft based on the boards recommendations. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Dinger can work on this for the June 28th meeting.

This discussion ended at 9:26 p.m.

Regarding the creation of a citizens advisory commission, it was decided to change the membership to 9 members and the term to one year. Mrs. Dickey asked Dave Wallace to finalize this for a resolution for the June 28th meeting. Mr. Miller had some concerns about this type of group getting involved with the county's fiscal practices.

This discussion ended at 9:45 p.m.

Under public comments, Dennis Bertland, member of the WC Board of Recreation Commissioners, commented that regarding Stewart's Hunt, he would hope that the board will not take any action.

Mrs. Dickey said that this issue will be discussed at the June 28th freeholder meeting.

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RESOLUTION 423-95

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held June 21, 1995.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ASSY.BILL #A2976

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has been informed that Assembly Bill #2976 is pending in the legislature, which bill provides that the state Division of Family Development would retain the child support incentive payments and the federal food stamp tax refund offset incentive payments in an amount equal to the non-federal share of the administrative costs incurred by the Division; and

WHEREAS, at the present time such incentives are paid to the counties for the work performed by the counties; and

WHEREAS, in the child support program the administrative costs are paid entirely by federal and county funds without contribution from the state; and

WHEREAS, in the child support program the incentive payments are a direct result of the work performed by the administrative staff at the county level with minimal costs incurred by the Division of Family Development to supervise the work of the counties in this area; and

WHEREAS, in the child support area the incentive payments are used to help offset the administrative costs incurred by the counties and the loss of such incentive funds would require additional funding by the counties; and

WHEREAS, the federal food stamp tax refund offset incentive payments are a direct result of efforts by the administrative staff of the local county welfare agencies, with minimal supervision by the state staff; and

WHEREAS, in the federal food stamp tax refund offset program the state Division of Family Development merely channels computer data to the appropriate state and federal authorities, which information was gathered and input to the computer by county welfare agency staff; and

WHEREAS, the state Division of Family Development already bills the county welfare agencies for computer usage in the federal food stamp tax refund offset program; and

WHEREAS, the food stamp incentives are utilized by the county welfare agencies to offset the costs of the administrative staff at the county level and the loss of such incentive funds shall require the counties to increase county appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these two incentive payments to the Division of Family Development in an amount equal to the non-federal share of the administrative costs incurred by the Division will shift additional costs to the counties to be raised through increases in local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the bill as presently formulated requires no justification by the Division of Family Development for the administrative costs incurred by the Division; and

WHEREAS, the state Division of Family Development, by way of this bill, would fund its administrative costs by shifting the costs to the counties and local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these incentives payments to the counties would be a strong disincentive to the county welfare agencies to improve any collection activities in the child support or food stamp tax refund offsets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren strongly opposes any retention by the Division of Family Development of incentive payments in the child support program or the federal food stamp tax refund offset program; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board is hereby directed to communicate this opposition to the Senator and Assemblymen representing Warren County, the Governor of New Jersey, the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services, other Boards of Freeholders in New Jersey, the Warren County Welfare Board, and any other entities deemed appropriate by the Director.

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/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 424-95

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was adopted on first reading by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held June 21, 1995.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WARREN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF HEPATITIS B IMMUNIZATION VACCINES BY THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide Hepatitis B inoculations to certain personnel of the Township of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, the township has requested that the Warren County Health Department provide such inoculations pursuant to contract; and

WHEREAS, the contract permits efficient and economical administration and performance of inoculation services by the county health department for the benefit of certain Franklin Township personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the freeholder director be and hereby is authorized to execute the attached interlocal service agreement providing for Hepatitis B inoculations by the county health department to relevant personnel of the Township of Franklin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be published, together with a notice of the date, time and place fixed for consideration of its final adoption, and notification of the place at which copies of the proposed contract are available for public inspection and the times at which such inspection is permitted, in The Star Gazette as provided by law.

First reading and introduction	June 21, 1995
Publish, <u>The Star Gazette</u>	June 29, 1995
Second reading, public hearing and final adoption	July 12, 1995

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 425-95

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was unanimously adopted on first reading by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held June 21, 1995.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WARREN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF HEPATITIS B

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**IMMUNIZATION VACCINES BY THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL OF THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE**

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide Hepatitis B inoculations to certain personnel of the Town of Belvidere: and

WHEREAS, the town has requested that the Warren County Health Department provide such inoculations pursuant to contract; and

WHEREAS, the contract permits efficient and economical administration and performance of inoculation services by the county health department for the benefit of certain Town of Belvidere personnel; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the freeholder director be and hereby is authorized to execute the attached interlocal service agreement providing for Hepatitis B inoculations by the county health department to relevant personnel of the Town of Belvidere personnel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be published, together with a notice of the date, time and place fixed for consideration of its final adoption, and notification of the place at which copies of the proposed contract are available for public inspection and the times at which such inspection is permitted, in The Star Gazette as provided by law.

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

Under reports, County Counsel David Wallace had items for executive session only. County Planner David Dech gave a report on the approved subdivisions and site plans, county-wide, from 1990 to May 1995.

This report ended at 10:05 p.m.
County CFO was not present.

Under the Administrator's Report, all hiring requests were approved.
The date of September 16th was announced for the annual auction.

Mr. Dinger asked that the board designate a freeholder and one other person to serve on the court house security committee. Mrs. Stone said she would like to serve and she asked that Steve Marvin be designated to serve in the citizen slot.

There were no freeholder comments.

Under press comments, Art Charlton of the Star Ledger asked if he had heard Ed Bruder mention that it is just Lopatcong that is ready to come on line in September and he was told yes. He also asked if the financial issue had been decided and was told no but the board will probably decide by the next meeting.

RESOLUTION 426-95

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held June 21, 1995.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN

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FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON JUNE 21, 1995. THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDES VARIOUS PERSONNEL MATTERS; CONTRACTS; LITIGATION, LAND ACQUISITION; ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS AND 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 IS MADE CONSISTENT WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND WITH STATUTORY AND COMMON LAW "RIGHT TO KNOW" PROVISIONS

WHEREAS, Section 7 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, pursuant to Section 8 of said act, 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.
2. Contracts.
3. Litigation.
4. Land acquisition.
5. Attorney/client privileged communications.

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/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

Freeholder Director Dickey called for a recess at 10:10 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 10:20 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 11:30 p.m.

County counsel said that nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the board authorized Dave Wallace to pursue a compromise solution regarding a public access for the Morris Canal with Toll Brothers as discussed in executive session.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: no Mrs. Dickey: yes

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Stone, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk