

MINUTES**October 18, 1995**

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in its office in the Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ on Wednesday, October 18, 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".

County Engineer David Hicks and Assistant County Engineer James Bernaski submitted the Annual Report Summary and Status of the WC Road and Bridge System.

The county road system consists of a total road mileage of 254 miles and the total miles of bituminous concrete roads is 150.26 with an average overlay life of 13.27. The average cost per mile is \$95,000 and our average yearly program is 11.3. It was noted that 29.68 miles of road have been reconstructed and upgraded since 1980.

The report also contained the locations with the highest number of accidents in 1994 and what action was taken by the county. Also included in the report was the bridge summary which shows that we have 1,004 bridges/culverts in use and 56 abandoned bridges/culverts. The average age of our 144 major structures is 48 years. A bridge construction summary submitted covered data from 1950 to 1995. The average reconstruction cost over the last five years was \$360,000 per project.

A structural inventory and appraisal summary was submitted and also a listing of county bridge structures with weight limits. Also submitted was an average annual capital costs report showing an average annual cost of road resurfacing and reconstruction of \$1,914,000 and an average annual cost of bridge and culvert reconstruction of \$1,250,000.

Sources of funding available are county capital funds, NJ Transportation Trust Fund (County State Aid), Federal Aid - ISTEPA Funds, Highway Safety Grants, FHWA/NJDOT Highway Demonstration Programs, Community Development Block Grants, NJ State Bond Acts and developer contributions.

Under Warren County 1996 construction projects, there are five road projects and seven bridge projects and under design projects, there are seven engineering department designs and three consultant designs.

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Mr. Hicks submitted a Capital Improvement Program - Project Request showing a resurfacing program for 1996 of a total of 12.09 miles for a total of \$1,150,000. The 1997 projects total \$1,190,000 for a total of 11.29 miles, 1998 is projected at \$1,200,000 for a total of 11.39 miles, 1999 for \$1,180,000 for 12.05 miles, and the year 2000 at \$1,200,000 for 12.20 miles.

A road and drainage improvements program for 1996 was submitted with five areas targeted at a cost of \$700,000 State Aid and \$200,000 County funds.

The bridge and culvert replacement program for 1996 covers four orphan railroad bridges at a construction cost of \$837,720 with a 10% county share of \$83,772.

As a part of this capital program, two bridges are in need of replacement at a cost of \$130,000. Four other bridges/culverts are in need of upgrading at a cost of \$920,000 (State aid \$335,000 and county funds \$585,000)

The projected costs for proposed bridge reconstruction is \$1,050,000 for 1996, \$1,150,000 for 1997, \$1,150,000 for 1998, \$1,150,000 for 1999 and \$1,150,000 for the year 2000.

Mr. Hicks submitted a report detailing the 1995 road and bridge construction contracts in the amount of \$2,505,028.31 and 1995 building construction contracts in the amount of \$4,462,059.90. Also submitted was a report showing the figures for 1994, 1993, 1992 and 1991.

The final submittal was the WC 1996 Capital Transportation Program, NJ Transportation Trust Fund County Aid Program. This will include four reconstruction projects which are County Route #613/Young's Island Road, Intersection Improvements in Allamuchy Twp., County Route #612, Section II and County Route #667, Reconstruction (0.5 miles) in Allamuchy Twp., County Route #643 Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (2.0 miles) in Franklin Twp. and Restoration of County Bridge #22016, Plane Hill Road over Pohatcong Creek in Washington Twp.

The board was asked to study this report and if they agree, a resolution approving the 1996 Capital Transportation Program for the NJ Transportation Trust Fund Program will be submitted for action at the October 25th freeholder meeting.

There were no public comments.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk