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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in its offices in the Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ on Wednesday, January 24, 1996 at 7:12 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Susan Dickey and upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder Susan Dickey and Freeholder Kenneth Miller. Freeholder Ann Stone was unable to attend or participate by telephone due to medical reasons.

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".

There were no minutes submitted for approval.

PROCLAMATION 40-96

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 24, 1996.

PROCLAMATION - PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS MONTH - FEBRUARY 1996

WHEREAS, land surveying is an important aspect of our history and experience boasting many great Americans including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors represents members in Warren County who have demonstrated their ongoing commitment to the economy and environment of Warren County and all its municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors is a statewide group comprised of over 1000 members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Freeholders of Warren County are proud to honor the North Jersey Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors during Professional Surveyors Month in February 1996; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Freeholders of Warren County recognize the dedicated services of Professional Surveyors to our citizens and communities.

Susan A. Dickey, Director
Board of Chosen Freeholders

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a proclamation 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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

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At approximately 7:15 p.m., Tom Planer, Chairman, PRMUA, spoke to the board regarding the background of PRMUA, started in 1969, and the duties of the commissioners.

He pointed out that they are an autonomous body with the freeholders making the appointments and setting the stipend for the members. In all their years of existence, they have never been fined and have never been assessed any penalties. They feel they have worked diligently for the taxpayers over the years. They are a nine member board with a total remuneration of \$22,000 annually. This has no effect on the total budget. They are requesting that the freeholder board rescind the resolution adopted in 1995 that removed the annual salary and also to make the reappointments that ran out in February 1995 and make the appointments that will be necessary in February 1996.

Henry Monetti, Vice Chair of the authority, said that they have worked very hard behind the scenes and he has been on the board for 25 years. There have always been efficient, helpful people serving on the board. He feels they have done an excellent job and he doesn't agree with the board's thinking on this.

Pete Delgado, a member of the authority, pointed out that the rate payers of Warren County are subsidizing PCFA. Mrs. Dickey asked if PCFA has ever paid a fee and Mr. Delgado said no. PRMUA could start charging a stand-by fee which would solve this. Mr. Miller said that they were subsidized when the resolution was passed on November 8, 1995.

Mrs. Dickey asked where the money comes from for the commissioners salaries and Mr. Planer said their salaries have no impact on the budget or on the rate charged. The authority has no way to increase their salaries, only the freeholders can do that.

Mrs. Dickey said this was brought up because she feels that we need to reduce costs any way that we can. We have removed the salaries for new members only. The members can be reimbursed for mileage, other expenses, etc. She thinks that these people should be willing to serve their communities without a stipend.

Mr. Miller said that most authorities are not compensated, PCFA is one.

Mr. Monetti said that there are many problems coming up and this is not a fair thing that the board is doing. If the board thinks it is such a menial job, they should try doing it themselves.

Mr. Delgado said that he has served on many volunteer commissions and there is a much different attitude when you are handling a \$1-1/2 million dollar business and are not being paid for your work. You tend to be more frugal when you are being paid. This is a big business that they are running.

Mr. Planer again asked the board to reconsider their previous action. Mrs. Dickey and Mr. Miller said that formal action will have to be addressed when they have a full board.

Under public comments, Anna Maria Caldara said that there is a lawsuit in process against the incinerator. She asked what the cost of the motion is and where is the documentation of the mercury emissions. She said that Union County passed a resolution last night not to accept Warren County's ash for the ash paving project in Elizabeth. She referred several times to a lawsuit that the county is involved in but Mr. Wallace told her that he has received no notice of anticipated litigation against the county in this matter, therefore, he can make no comments.

Mr. Miller suggested that she go to PCFA and ask them for the records.

Delia Quigley asked if any health testing has been done in the community? Also, is there a medical consultant on the PCFA, any experts on PCFA?

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Mrs. Dickey said that to the best of her knowledge, no, but it is a good idea, however, it is an issue that should be taken up with PCFA. Ms. Quigley asked what the criteria was for the new appointment to the PCFA and Mrs. Dickey said that Ms. Hollingsworth has an engineering background.

Duane Sweet, resident of White Township, asked Ms. Quigley and Ms. Caldara what they would propose we do with our garbage if we didn't have the incinerator and their response was to recycle. An exchange took place between the three until Mrs. Dickey ended the public comment portion of the agenda.

RESOLUTION 41-96

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 January 24, 1996.

TRANSFER IN THE 1995 RESERVED APPROPRIATIONS;

TO:	COMMUNICATION CTR., S & W	\$ 9,500.00
	WAR VETERANS, S & W	45.00

TOTAL	\$ 9,545.00
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FROM: PROV. FOR SALARY ADJ. & NEW EMP.	\$ 9,545.00
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WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-59 states that transfers can be made to Reserved Appropriations through March 31, and

WHEREAS, by unforeseen demand there has arisen the necessity for expenditures to fulfill the purposes of the appropriations as stated in the 1995 Budget and Tax Levy in the following accounts:

Communication Ctr. S & W	\$ 9,500.00
War Veterans, S & W	45.00
	\$ 9,545.00

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

Provision for Salary Adjustments & New Employees	\$ 9,545.00
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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 1995 Reserved Appropriations be made:

<u>TO</u>		
R-A01-03-00960.00.000	Communication Ctr., S & W	\$ 9,500.00
R-A01-06-01580.00.000	War Veterans, S & W	45.00
		\$ 9,545.00

<u>FROM</u>		
R-A01-09-01835.00.200	Prov. for Salary Adj. & New Emp.	\$ 9,545.00

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/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 42-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON AGING TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR A GRANT UNDER THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS,

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DIVISION ON AGING, COUNSELING ON HEALTH INSURANCE FOR MEDICARE ENROLLEES PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,520 FOR 1996

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division on Aging, has requested proposals for funding a Counseling on Health Insurance for Medicare Enrollees Program in 1996, and

WHEREAS, a Counseling on Health Insurance for Medicare Enrollees Program would benefit Medicare recipients, and

WHEREAS, this Program requires no County match,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the Office on Aging be authorized to submit a proposal for a grant under the Counseling on Health Insurance for Medicare Enrollees Program in a amount not to exceed \$6,520 for 1996.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 43-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION FOR SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$309,900 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1996 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1996

WHEREAS, on December 27, 1995, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorized the adoption of the 1996 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance application through the NJ Transit Corporation; and

WHEREAS, NJ Transit has subsequently approved the 1996 county application in the amount of \$309,900;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute the Agreement with the NJ Transit Corporation for the use of the 1996 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program funds for a total of \$309,900.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 44-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE 1996 CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,205

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders to provide a clean, litter-free environment for the citizens of Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the County is eligible to receive a grant under the Clean Communities Act of State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 13.1E-99.1 et. seq., as amended by P.L. 1989, c. 108 and P.L. 1992, c. 150), as administered by the Department of Environmental Protection, to create

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or to supplement an existing litter reduction program within the County; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for this funding the Board of Chosen Freeholders must adopt a model program for litter reduction as required by the Department of Environmental Protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren: that the Freeholder Director and/or Administrator/Clerk is hereby authorized to apply to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and to execute all documentation necessary for a grant of no less than \$47,205.; that, if any additional Clean Communities funding is awarded due to the failure of other eligible counties to apply, all such additional funding will be used only on a program of litter reduction in accordance with the Grant Requirements and with all other conditions of this application;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warren County Probation Department will be responsible for grant implementation and Iva Haynes is hereby designated as the Clean Community Coordinator;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County will submit to the Department of Environmental Protection an application with an action plan and a spending plan; and that the County Model Program, with all its requirements, is hereby adopted.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 45-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR CONTRACT #WC9558 WITH BOB VIERSMA & SONS, INC., FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DRIVEWAY AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$12,600.30 AND A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$485,263.62 AND TO EXTEND THE COMPLETION DATE TO JUNE 1, 1996

WHEREAS, Contract #WC9558 was awarded to Bob Viersma & Sons, Inc., of Allamuchy, New Jersey, for the Warren County Community College Driveway and Site Improvements, Washington Township, in the amount of \$472,663.32 (including Change Order #1); and

WHEREAS, current as-built quantities resulted in a net increase of \$12,600.30; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the completion date to June 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, said changes were ordered by the County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 008-02500.1995.009 (Educational Park Infrastructure) and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve Change Order #2 for the above project for a net increase of \$12,600.30 and a revised contract amount of \$485,263.62 and to extend the completion date to June 1, 1996.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

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RESOLUTION 46-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, CONTRACT WC9563 WITH ATLANTIC SALT, INC. FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$42,780.00 AND A NEW CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$256,680.00

WHEREAS, Atlantic Salt Inc. was awarded contract WC9563 for rock salt in the amount of 6,000 tons for the total cost of \$213,900.00

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the total amount of rock salt order due to severe winter storms for a net increase of \$42,780.00;

WHEREAS, said changes were ordered by the County Road Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account A01-04-01021.00.563 - Road Department Bulk Salt, and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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. Hereby approve Change Order No. 1 for a net increase of \$42,780.00 and a new contract amount of \$256,680.00
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute the necessary change order by signing same.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 47-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN FOR THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County of Warren is a participant under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Assistance Payments Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren, acting as a Public Housing Agency under the statutes of the State of New Jersey, is administering the Housing Assistance Payments Program; and

WHEREAS, the Public Housing Agency is required by program regulations to prepare and approve an Administrative Plan for the Housing Assistance Payments Program reflecting the regulations for implementation of services; and

WHEREAS, an Administrative Plan dated October, 1995 has been prepared by program staff and reviewed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren approves the Administrative Plan for the Housing Assistance Payments Program for implementation by the program staff and authorize staff to submit a copy of the Plan and this Resolution to the Department of Housing and Urban Development along with any

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additional information which may be requested by the Federal office.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 48-96

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 January 24, 1996.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY CULTURAL
AND HERITAGE COMMISSION TO SUBMIT A MATCHING
ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,695.00
FOR FY 1997 TO THE NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33A-1, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted a Resolution creating the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission on October 11, 1972; and

WHEREAS, the development of the arts in Warren County is deemed a valuable cultural asset and will have a positive impact on the quality of life in Warren County;

WHEREAS, this grant will enable the Commission to undertake a regional study of folk art traditions and folk artists;

WHEREAS, match will be met by donations and in-kind, requiring no new county funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby authorize the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission to apply for, accept and administer the New Jersey State Council Organizational Grant funds in the amount of \$9,695.00 for FY 1997 (July 1, 1996 thru June 30 1997).

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 49-96

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 January 24, 1996.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A LETTER
OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND
DRUG ABUSE AND WARREN COUNTY FOR THE GRANT ADMINISTRATION OF
THE ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE
PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1996 TO DECEMBER 31, 1996**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute a Letter of Agreement between the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and Warren County for the grant administration of the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the amount not to exceed \$104,810 for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

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RESOLUTION 50-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE AND WARREN COUNTY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE COORDINATION OF THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1996 TO DECEMBER 31, 1996

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute a Letter of Agreement between the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and Warren County to provide financial support for the coordination of the Municipal Alliance to prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the period January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 51-96

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 January 24, 1996.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A JOINT INSURANCE FUND KNOWN AS THE STATEWIDE WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND

WHEREAS, the County of Warren (hereinafter "LOCAL UNIT") wishes to become a member of the Statewide Workers Compensation Fund (hereinafter the "FUND"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq .; and

WHEREAS, these statutes and regulations regulating the creation and establishment of a joint insurance fund contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of such a fund; and

WHEREAS, the FUND is by its Bylaws authorized to take on the risks of self-insurance; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has determined that membership in the FUND is in the best interest of the LOCAL UNIT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the County of Warren in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows,

SECTION 1. The County of Warren hereby agrees to become a member of the FUND for a period commencing upon (a) the approval of the admission of the LOCAL UNIT by the Fund's Commissioners or Executive Committee, as appropriate, (b) the approval of the admission of the LOCAL UNIT into the FUND by the Commissioner of Insurance, and (c) final approval by the LOCAL UNIT of the Bylaws and Risk Management Plan as approved by the Commissioner of Insurance.

SECTION 2. The LOCAL UNIT agrees to become a member of the FUND until January 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. The LOCAL UNIT'S participation in the FUND shall be for the purpose of providing primary insurance coverage for workers' compensation on a self-insured basis, in accordance with the FUND'S Risk Management Plan and Bylaws.

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SECTION 4. The Bylaws of the FUND are hereby adopted and approved by the LOCAL UNIT as same have been approved by the Department of Insurance.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 52-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC9603 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LAB WORK AND TESTS FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AGENCY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the specifications for lab work and tests for the Warren County Public Health Nursing Agency are hereby approved 76,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for bids for the above in the Star Gazette.

Funds for this contract are provided in the budget accounts A01-06-01181.21.044 - PHNA-BD of Health Nursing Supplies, A01-06-01221.01.048 - PHNA-Bd of Health - Venereal Disease, TB, Etc.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 53-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC95117 HVAC RENOVATIONS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER & THE WAYNE DUMONT JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING TO K.C. MECHANICAL SERVICE, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$745,645.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC95117 HVAC renovations for the Warren County Correctional Center and the Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration building is hereby awarded to . . . K.C. Mechanical Service Inc., Mt. Bethel, Pennsylvania in the total amount of . . . \$745,645.00

as per their bid submitted . . . November 28, 1995

and reviewed and recommended by the Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds as the lowest responsible and responsive bid submitted.

Funding for this contract is contingent upon approval in the 1996 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

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RESOLUTION. 54-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC95123P FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG SERVICE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER TO BACH'S DRUG & SURGICAL FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 1996 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1997 AMOUNT OF CONTRACT TO BE DETERMINED BY ACTUAL USE

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC95123P for prescription drug service for the Warren County Correctional Center is hereby awarded to . . . Bach's Drug & Surgical, Hackettstown, New Jersey the amount of contract to be determined by actual use, this contract establishes unit prices to be charged under the contract as per the proposal submitted to the Warren County Correctional Center as per their proposal submitted December 19, 1995 and reviewed and recommended by the Warden of the Warren County Correctional Center as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account A01-05-01101.00.140 - Correctional Center Medical

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 55-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO 3M COMPANY UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A71813 COVERING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGN MATERIALS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,394.61

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for traffic control materials, sign tape, etc.,

to . . . 3M Company, St. Paul, Minnesota

in the amount of . . . \$14,394.61

at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A71813

Funding for this contract has been provided in account A01-04-01021.00.572 -Road Department Sign Materials

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

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RESOLUTION 56-96

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 January 24, 1996.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 1996**

BE IT RESOLVED that David K. Dech is hereby appointed as the alternate voting member, representing the County of Warren, to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., at those meetings when Freeholder Director Susan A. Dickey is unable to attend during the year 1996.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 57-96

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 January 24, 1996.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoints the following member to the Warren County Shade Tree Commission:

Vincent Iacampo
326 Washington Street
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Term to expire: 12/31/00

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/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 58-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, County of Warren (hereinafter "Local unit") has joined the Statewide Workers' Compensation Fund (hereinafter the "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Fund has requested its members to appoint individuals and/or organizations to those positions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the County of Warren in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

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1. The County of Warren hereby appoints Bowers, Schumann and Welch as its local Risk Management Consultant.

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

County Counsel David Wallace had nothing for open session.

County Engineer David Hicks reported that most bridges survived the flood but there was some minor damage to one of our culverts.

County Planner David Dech was absent.

County CFO Pete Houck reported that he has filed the annual debt statement.

Mrs. Dickey asked if he had received a response from the college with a report on construction costs and Mr. Houck said that the college has asked that an official request for this information come from the freeholder board.

Mr. Miller said that Pete should draft a letter for Susan's signature.

Acting County Administrator Henry Dinger submitted a hiring request for Human Services and the board approved the request.

Mr. Dinger asked the board to set a date for the Board of School Estimate hearing and Mrs. Dickey said she would prefer to hold it on Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Stone has indicated that she would like to participate and if it is held at night on February 14th, it would probably be too much for her as we have a freeholder meeting on that date.

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the freeholders will request that the Board of School Estimate hearing be held on Thursday, February 15, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the freeholder meeting room, Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ.

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

The schedule of host freeholder meetings was approved.

Under freeholder comments, Mr. Miller said that PCFA is working with other agencies to make arrangements to accept debris from the flood. A temporary station has been set up at Steckel Concrete in Harmony to accept the debris.

Mr. Dinger pointed out that the Red Cross has some funds available and we have two chapters in Warren County.

Mrs. Dickey said that 800 people were evacuated in Warren County with 400 of them being from Harmony alone. Much is being done to help those who need assistance. She said that much credit must be given to everyone who worked so hard during this time and she thanked them all.

Discussions on the 1996 budget started at 8:20 p.m. with Human Services being represented by Leonard Fiorenza, Mental Health Board.

Mr. Fiorenza said that the total increase requested is \$75,419.00 which is a COLA adjustment and necessary to maintain our current level of service in Human Services, Mental Health; LACA/DA and Transportation. He doesn't feel this will put any undue burden on the county.

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Mrs. Dickey asked if the new programs are being funded through Peer Group funding and Mrs. Kubert said that it is not known what Peer Group money will be awarded. The funding will probably decrease.

Mr. Dinger said that he had no questions but he does feel that these services are valuable to the county. The problem is the money decreasing, if we received a decrease of \$134,000 in Medicaid funds, the Peer Group funding will decrease also.

Steve Marvin, Supt., Buildings and Grounds, said that the wastewater treatment plant at the Educational Park will cost \$170,000 to operate and \$70,000 is projected for our share. His recommendation is to retain this amount in our budget in the Buildings and Grounds line item.

Under his staffing schedule, he requested that he be able to fill the Senior Maintenance Repairer position in the Adm. Bldg. with a promotion from a Maintenance Repairer position, fill the Groundskeeper position and leave the vacated Maintenance Repairer position open. Mrs. Dickey and Mr. Miller had no objection to this.

Elwood Bray, Chairman of the WC Shade Tree Commission, and Donald Voorhees, member of the commission, made a request for additional funding. They have had no increases for the past few years. They also thanked the Road Department and Steve Marvin, Buildings and Grounds, for all their help last year. They are concerned this year with the new danger of falling trees. Mr. Voorhees said that everyone seems to be getting a COLA adjustment and they are only asking for a small amount to help them out.

The board offered \$2,500 and Mr. Bray accepted this increase on behalf of the commission.

Bill Pysher, Director of Juvenile Services, spoke to the board on one issue, an additional request of \$750.00 for training physicals for five staff members. The board approved this request.

Sal Simonetti, Undersheriff, spoke to the board regarding the \$9,000 that was removed from their budget. He asked that this money be put back in their budget for the purchase of vests and for maintenance for their computers. The computer maintenance is \$7,500 and the cost for four additional vests is \$2,540.

Mr. Dinger asked if they had asked the Prosecutor to purchase the vests and Sal said no they had not but they will and perhaps he will purchase the vests for them. Mr. Dinger also asked Sal to submit a line item budget for his department and he said he would do that.

The budget discussions ended at 9:15 p.m.

There were no closing comments and no press comments or questions.

RESOLUTION 59-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Master Voucher Certificate for Certification for Payment No. 96-3 dated January 24, 1996 in the amount of \$3,625,221.36 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen

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Freeholders.

96-3

Payroll 1/18

TOTAL

2,650,246.29

974,975.07

\$3,625,221.36

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 60-96

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 January 24, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON JANUARY 24, 1996. 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.

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

Director Dickey called for a ten minute recess at 9:17 p.m.

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The board went into executive session at 9:50 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 10:35 p.m.

Mr. Wallace said that nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

Mr. Dinger said that the board has to come to some kind of agreement with Mr. Wallace where both can benefit. Mr. Wallace needs to have a guaranteed income and the county has to know how much to budget to some degree.

A meeting was tentatively set for Monday, February 5th at 10:00 a.m. with Dave, Susan, Pete and Henry to discuss this again and then bring back the facts to the full board for a decision. In the meantime, Susan will supply Dave with the data that she has gathered.

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the proposed 1996 salary guide for the excluded employees as discussed and amended in executive session is hereby adopted and the employees will be informed by letter of the proposed salaries and said employees will be invited to attend an executive session to discuss this proposal.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, Mr. Dinger is authorized to send a draft letter to the Sheriff as per the discussion in executive session.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, Mr. Dinger is authorized to advise the Sheriff that the creation of a position of Investigator to be partly funded by Title IV-D funds is denied but the Sheriff should proceed with an agreement for IV-D reimbursement and have the services provided by current staff.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

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 10:40 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk