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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in its offices in the Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ on Wednesday, February 21, 1996 at 7:18 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.

Freeholder Dickey welcomed Mrs. Stone back and Mrs. Stone said she is glad to be back.

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.

At approximately 7:19 p.m., Bill Hanley gave a brief update on operations, services and accomplishments of the Delaware Water Gap Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mr. Hanley pointed out that these are his personal observations and opinions; he is just speaking as a freeholder representative.

He said that the largest issue facing them at this time is the new restructuring on the federal level. They rank as 11th out of all the park systems in the nation with 4.3 million visitors in 1994 for the whole 70,000 acres of park system.

Mr. Hanley handed out a brochure that is published twice a year which lets the public know what events are scheduled for the year. Mr. Miller asked if we could have some of them to put in this building for the public use.

Mr. Hanley said they have had many accomplishments and also pointed out that the Delaware River is the cleanest free flowing rivers in the United States.

Mrs. Dickey asked about the funding and Mr. Hanley said the funding seems pretty secure.

At approximately 7:40 p.m. Dave Dech, Planning Director, and Bob Shandor, Board of Recreation Commissioners, spoke to the board regarding the charge of this commission.

Mr. Shandor said that the commission feels that there has been no progress for the last 16 months. He asked the board if the intent is still the same as it was. When this commission was created, they were charged with creating a county park system. Is this still their charge?

Mrs. Stone said that she has one concern and that is that when we went out to the voters for the .02 dedicated tax, the county has not moved forward on that issue. This should be our top priority. Another concern is, is the Board of Recreation Commissioners going to do all the land acquisition? We need to form an Open Space Committee. A lot of problems need to be solved. The board needs to adopt a resolution to form this committee.

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Mr. Shandor said the commissioners want the board to approve the procedure that the board feels that the commissioners need to be following.

Mr. Shandor mentioned that Brian Smith has not been responsive to their attempts to reach him regarding condemnation. They want to know if they can use county counsel. The board said yes because this is under his retainer.

Dave Dech said that we need a resolution prepared by county counsel for friendly condemnation. Mr. Dinger said that we need to be sure the property is insured and has no hazards, etc.

Mrs. Stone said that she has some questions on who handles the budgeting. Mr. Dinger suggested that certain changes be made to the bylaws.

Mrs. Stone said that the Board of Recreation Commissioners should work more closely with the municipalities, more input should be coming from the municipalities.

Mrs. Stone said that on page 7, there is confusion about some of the wording with reference to the secretary also being the director of the board. Mr. Hanley said that he helped with the bylaws and they probably do need some work.

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, county counsel is authorized to prepare the necessary resolution to go ahead with the acquisition of property that has been identified by the Board of Recreation Commissioners and to formally adopt the procedures for future acquisitions.

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

Mr. Shandor said they are looking for approval to proceed with looking at three more properties, a list of priorities to work on this year. Mr. Miller said that the board has already sent him a message to work on one thing at a time before moving on to any new properties.

Dave Dech mentioned the Open Space issue and how to proceed on spending the money. It was decided to leave that matter until the February 28th meeting.

Mr. Miller mentioned again that they should concentrate on the Consolidated Water property but still look at the other two properties.

The budget discussion started at around 8:15 p.m.

County CFO Pete Houck reported to the board on the Human Services contracted services. Option #1 was the county's estimate at 43% of the total county operating budget, Option #2 was 61%, salaries only, for an increase of \$46,050, Option #3 was 68.5%, which includes salaries and fringes, for an increase of \$51,650, and Option #4 (Karen's figures) at 73% for an increase of \$55,000.

Option #1 and Option #4 were rejected. Mr. Miller was in favor of Option #3 but Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Dickey were in favor of Option #2, 61% with an increase of \$46,050.

Regarding the request of WC Vo-Tech, the board decided to go with the figure of \$2,518,680 which represents a \$107,312 increase over the prior year.

The request from Dave Hicks, County Engineer, for an increase of \$6,000 to cover the costs of preservation of some maps from 1856 was approved.

There were no public comments.

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**RESOLUTION 94-96**

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 21, 1996.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE  
WARREN COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoint the following persons to the Warren County Office on Aging Advisory Council:

	TERM TO EXPIRE
Mrs. Lena Pollio P.O. Box 26 Blairstown, NJ 07825	12-31-98
Mr. Charles Rush 29 River Road Washington, NJ 07882	12-31-98
Mr. Edward Case 110 Harding Drive Washington, NJ 07882	12-31-98
Mr. James Fritz 1565 Belvidere Road Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	12-31-98

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 95-96**

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 21, 1996.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE  
WARREN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following member is appointed to the Warren County Commission for Women to fill an unexpired term:

Sandra D. Woolcock-Jones 182 Mountain Avenue Hackettstown, NJ 07840	Term to expire: 10/30/98
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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 96-96**

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 February 21, 1996.

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**COUNTY ALLIANCE STEERING SUBCOMMITTEE (CASS)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following members to the County Alliance Steering Subcommittee;

Michael Ventura  
21 Oak Lane Road  
Columbia, NJ 07832

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 97-96**

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 21, 1996.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE  
WARREN COUNTY MORRIS CANAL COMMITTEE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following member is appointed to the Warren County Morris Canal Committee to represent Lopatcong Township.

Brett Bragin  
212 Stelko Avenue  
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 98-96**

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 21, 1996.

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE TITLE OF DATA PROCESSING TECHNICIAN,  
CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING THE TITLE OF PERSONNEL AIDE,  
CLASSIFIED, WITH THE WARREN COUNTY PERSONNEL DIVISION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the title of data processing technician, classified, be created in the Warren County Personnel Division to more accurately represent the duties and responsibilities required of this position; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the title of personnel aide, classified, be abolished; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the newly created title of data processing technician take effect March 7, 1996, and be established on Range Group 11.

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

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RESOLUTION 99-96

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 21, 1996.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, UNCLASSIFIED, MANAGERIAL, AND  
CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR FISCAL 1996**

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders desires to adjust the annual salaries of its constitutional officers, unclassified, managerial, and confidential employees for remuneration for services rendered; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has determined that a 4% adjustment to the annual salaries of said Warren County employees is deemed equitable and in line with the annual salary adjustments afforded the majority of its unionized employees for fiscal 1996; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a salary adjustment of 4% be approved for the constitutional officers, unclassified, managerial, and confidential employees listed on the attached sheets and made retroactive to January 1, 1996.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the hourly rate for the secretary to the county adjuster, part-time, is fixed at \$11.55/hour and the hourly rate for the chaplain at Warren Haven, part-time, is fixed at \$17.07/hour. These hourly rates will be made retroactive to January 1, 1996.

Attachment

**NON-BARGAINING SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR 1996**

<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>1996 SALARY</u>
Leo F Becker	Supervisor Veterans Inter	\$6,389.00
James A Bernaski	Assistant County Engineer	\$71,337.00
Edward J Bruder	911 Coordinator	\$38,325.00
Thomas L Carney	Library Director	\$66,320.00
Everett A Chamberlain	Agricultural Agent	\$15,299.00
Jack D Clegg	County Div. Head (Uncl)	\$62,264.00
Margaret I Conroy	Secretary to Dept Head	\$31,491.00
Jerry A Coyle	Personnel Director	\$67,664.00
Harold J Curry	County Adjuster	\$42,716.00
David K Dech	Planning Director	\$52,966.00
Robert L Degraff	County Dept. Head (Uncl)	\$52,966.00
Deborah R Dewalt	Confidential Aide	\$27,731.00
Margaret K Flusk	Deputy Surrogate	\$45,677.00
Roberta K Fohr	Asst. Purchasing Agent	\$49,460.00
Dorothy A Harth	Public Health Nurse Super	\$63,640.00
John A Hawk	Public Health Coordinator	\$67,716.00
David B Hicks	County Engineer	\$83,508.00
John H Hoffmaster	Asst. Super. Vet. Intermt Chief	\$1,144.00
Charles L Houck	Financial Officer	\$65,326.00
Diane J Jensen	Asst. Director of Nursing	\$41,553.00
Robert H Kennedy	Deputy County Clerk	\$55,519.00
Karen R Kubert	County Dept. Head (Uncl)	\$68,034.00

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Terrance D Lee	County Clerk	\$74,027.00
Susan E Lennon	County Div. Head (Uncl)	\$55,568.00
Maryanne Lyons	Asst. Nursing Home Adm	\$56,368.00
Steven E Marvin	Cty Superint Bldgs & Grds	\$61,973.00
Patricia A Maselli	Director of Nursing	\$59,079.00
Leonard P Mc Ghee	Warden	\$77,221.00
Eileen R Mcnamee	Chaplain	\$17.07
Sharon K Meglic	Employee, Brd of Election	\$21,755.00
Mary B Meyers	Employee, Brd of Election	\$38,325.00
Jay A Miers Sr	County Dept. Head (Uncl)	\$58,456.00
Donald L Moore	Asst. Cty. Superv. Roads	\$52,727.00
John T Mozoki	Maintenance Superintenden	\$50,232.00
Edward A Paulik	Dpty Superint. Wgt & Meas	\$35,597.00
Christopher J Pessolano	Purchasing Agent	\$57,429.00
William J Pysker Jr	County Dept. Head (Uncl)	\$41,553.00
Carmine M Quick	Nursing Home Administratr	\$65,247.00
Ann M Rhinesmith	Home Economist	\$20,110.00
Patsy J Rivoli	Communications Systems Mg	\$42,597.00
Albert J Ruh	Surrogate	\$60,903.00
Helen M Sacco	Deputy Warden	\$47,917.00
Gail S Snyder	Four-H Program Assistant	\$19,701.00
Naomi J Stout	Deputy Clerk Brd Freehold	\$41,553.00
William H Tietjen, Sr	Agricultural Agent	\$19,512.00
George E Ulmer	County Road Supervisor	\$66,587.00
Thomas J Van Auken	Asst. Cty. Super. Bridges	\$50,329.00
Floyd Van Syckle Jr	Superint. of Wgts. & Meas	\$43,850.00
Shirlee A Voorhees	County Dept. Head (Uncl)	\$44,183.00
Donna M Wameling	County Tax Administrator	\$55,241.00
Carol K Ward	Four-H Agent	\$13,969.00
Debra Welsh	Secretary to Dept Head	\$11.55
Robert W West	County Div. Head (Uncl)	\$27,388.00
Glenn C Wilson Sr	County Fire Marshall	\$5,079.00
Sandra A Woodbridge	Employee, Brd of Election	\$27,731.00

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

County Counsel David Wallace had nothing for open session.  
 County Engineer David Hicks did not attend this meeting.  
 County Planner David Dech had already left the meeting.  
 County CFO Pete Houck had nothing further to report.

Acting County Administrator Henry Dinger brought two hiring requests before the board and they were approved.

The board was asked to set a date and time for the public hearing for the 1996 WC Library Budget.

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On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the public hearing for the 1996 WC Library Budget will be held Wednesday, March 13, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Adm. Bldg.

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

Under freeholder comments, Freeholder Miller welcome Mrs. Stone back to the board wished her all the best.

Mrs. Stone thanked everyone for all their cards, letters and prayers during her recent illness and also for their many kindnesses shown her upon the death of her mother.

Mrs. Dickey said she has received a letter from Oxford Quarry asking for a letter of support from the freeholders supporting their request to JCP&L for an extension until December 1997. Mrs. Dickey said she doesn't have a problem with writing a letter of support.

There were no closing comments.

There were no press comments or questions.

**RESOLUTION 100-96**

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 21, 1996.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON FEBRUARY 21, 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.

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4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

Director Dickey called for a short recess at 10:00 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 10:15 p.m.

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

A resolution is to be prepared by county counsel for the next meeting for a new agreement with county counsel with the new numbers and terms as discussed in executive session. If necessary, we can transfer funds in November.

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 11:31 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk