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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, March 13, 1996 at 9:45 a.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".

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held February 7, 1996 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held February 21, 1996 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held February 21, 1996 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held February 28, 1996 were approved with corrections.

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

PROCLAMATION 128-96

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 March 13, 1996.

PROCLAMATION - PURCHASING MONTH - MARCH 1996

WHEREAS, the purchasing and materials management profession has a significant role in the quality, efficiency and profitability of business and government in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing and materials management profession works for the private and public, and profit and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, the purchasing and materials management profession engages in or has direct responsibility for functions such as executing, implementing, and administering contracts; developing forecasts and procurement strategies; supervising and/or monitoring the flow and storage of materials; and developing working relationships with suppliers and with other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing and materials management profession has tremendous

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influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with an accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, purchasing or procurement operations range from one person departments to several thousands; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Purchasing Management-New Jersey, Inc. and other associations around the globe are holding activities and purchasing within business, industry and government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Susan A. Dickey, Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Warren County issue this proclamation claiming March 1996 as Purchasing Month for the County of Warren and encourage all citizens to join me in commemorating this observance.

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: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

The proclamation was accepted with thanks by WC Purchasing Agent, Chris Pessolano.

Mrs. Dickey thanked Mr. Pessolano for doing such a good job for the county.

Freeholder Stone presented a Certificate of Merit to Charles Kwartler who has had to resign from his position as a trustee of the WC Community College as he is moving to New York. Mrs. Stone thanked him for his many contributions to education and to the community at large through his work in the creation of the Hackettstown Community Hospital and his varied volunteer work in the county.

Mr. Miller added his comments thanking Mr. Kwartler for all his efforts in our county and said he is sorry to see him leave the area.

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTION 129-96

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 March 13, 1996.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 1993 EARLY RETIREMENT
INCENTIVE PROGRAM ALTERNATE PAYMENT PERIOD**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren elects to pay the liability for the 1993 Early Retirement Incentive Program, Chapters 138/181, P.L. 1993 in a lump sum payment in the amount of \$440,434.00 payable April 1, 1997; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFO is required to file this resolution with the Director of the Division of Pensions and Benefits no later than April 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

CFO Pete Houck asked the board to select a payment option on this resolution and the board decided on the lump sum option.

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

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RESOLUTION 130-96

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 March 13, 1996.

RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY OF WARREN'S TRUST FUND FOR THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Weights and Measures Department wishes to establish a non-lapsing, revolving, dedicated fund into which shall be deposited all reimbursement of fees received for inspection and testing of the weights and measures from the State Superintendent which shall be used to defray all or part of the expenses incurred in regulating weights and measures.

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren desires to establish a Weights and Measures Department Trust Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Chief Financial Officer is directed to request for approval from the Division of Local Government Services and to establish a Weights and Measures Department Trust Fund as per NJAC 13:47F-1.5.

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 131-96

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 March 13, 1996.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT FUNDING FOR THE TRANSITIONS CENTER FOR DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS

WHEREAS, a Displaced Homemaker is one who has lost the major source of family income due to death, divorce, separation, or disability of a spouse; and

WHEREAS, a Displaced Homemaker is under-employed or has not worked in the labor force for many years; and

WHEREAS, a Displaced Homemaker is emotionally and/or vocationally unprepared to enter the job market and has difficulty finding employment or in qualifying for jobs that provide sufficient income; and

WHEREAS, "Transitions", a center for Displaced Homemakers has provided education, job training, support services and job placement to Warren County residents for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, "Transitions" represents the source of support, comfort and assistance necessary to motivate a Displaced Homemaker beyond the present and toward control of their own future; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division on Women, Department of Community Affairs has been the sole source of funding during the past six years and is crucial to the continuation of the valuable services offered through "Transitions" at the Warren County Vocational-Technical School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby endorses continuation of services to Warren County residents to be

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realized through the Transition Center for Displaced Homemakers and supports their 1996 grant application to the New Jersey Division on Women, Department of Community Affairs.

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 132-96

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 March 13, 1996.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SFY'96 APPLICATION FOR \$150,433
IN STATE/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS AS AVAILABLE
FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY,
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION; FUNDS TO BE USED FOR
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND DIRECT SERVICE COSTS**

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety (Juvenile Justice Commission) has made available to the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders a total of \$150,433 for State Fiscal Year 1996 through the State/Community Partnership Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services has prepared a grant application for use of these anticipated funds for both program administration and direct service expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Director of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to sign the application for SFY'96 State/Community Partnership Funding in the amount of \$150,433; funds available through the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety (Juvenile Justice Commission) to be used for program administration/direct service costs.

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 133-96

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 March 13, 1996.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS ALONG
COUNTY ROUTE 665, BILBY ROAD, HACKETTSTOWN AND
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIPS, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the Country of Warren:

Section 1. That the speed limit in both directions of traffic along County Route 665 (Bilby Road) in Hackettstown and Independence Townships, Warren County, New Jersey, be established as follows:

Zone 1. 45 MPH - From County Route 517 to Country Route 604

Section 2. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated speed limits as authorized by the Department of Transportation.

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Section 3. This resolution shall take effect upon approval by the Commissioner of Transportation.

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 134-96

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 March 13, 1996.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR
THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE #23035,
HOPE CROSSING ROAD OVER BEAVER BROOK, WHITE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the construction of Warren County Bridge #23035 will require the purchase of additional right-of-way for a wider bridge structure and road realignment; and

WHEREAS, additional right-of-way of .10± acres is needed, being part of block 61, lot 4, owned by Donna Bevington; and

WHEREAS, additional right-of-way of .033 acres is needed, being part of block 62, lot 20.01, owned by Kevin Shoemaker; and

WHEREAS, an equitable cost was negotiated by the Office of the County Engineer for acquiring the above right-of-way tracts which is agreeable to the property owners; and

WHEREAS, the negotiated price is \$1,500.00 for the right-of-way on block 61, lot 4, owned by Donna Bevington, and \$500.00 for the right of way on block 62, lot 20.01, owned by Kevin Shoemaker; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby approve the purchase of the needed right-of-way for the negotiated prices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer be authorized to have the deed executed for the purchase of the property for bridge construction.

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 135-96

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 March 13, 1996.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO
THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE BY THE STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACTED BY AND THROUGH
THE DIVISION OF FISH, GAME AND WILDLIFE AND GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, acting by and through the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife and Green Acres program, plans to acquire land in the Town of Belvidere; and

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WHEREAS, such acquisition will eventually lead to the exemption of these lands from local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Belvidere, as the county seat, is already burdened by tax-exempt property within its borders; and

WHEREAS, the town council has publicly and unanimously expressed its opposition to the proposed state acquisition of private property by giving notice to all relevant state officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby supports the Town of Belvidere in their opposition to the proposed state action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren will make available to the Town of Belvidere, the assistance of the county economic development department for the purpose of encouraging the private sale of those properties sought by the state which can be commercially improved for the town's benefit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be forwarded to all relevant state officials.

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: no

RESOLUTION 136-96

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 March 13, 1996.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEALTH COORDINATOR TO SUBMIT
THE 1995 WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL
REPORT TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, NJSA 26:3-35 requires every local or county health department to submit an annual report to the New Jersey State Department of Health, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Health Department Public Health Coordinator has prepared the required report for the year 1995;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders approves the report and authorizes its submission to the New Jersey Department of Health.

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 137-96

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 March 13, 1996.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC9630 AND AUTHORIZATION TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SHIPPEN MANOR RESTORATION PHASE IV-
A FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the specifications for Shippen Manor Restoration Phase IV A

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for the Warren County Cultural & Heritage Commission are hereby approved

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 account 008-02500.049 - Shippen Manor/Capital account

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 138-96

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 March 13, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE HOPE GARAGE SALT STORAGE DOME, HOPE TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY - CONTRACT #WC9619

BE IT RESOLVED that the plans and specifications for the Hope Garage Salt Storage Dome, Hope Township, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer is hereby directed to advertise for bids for the above project at least ten (10) days prior to the receipt of bids in THE STAR GAZETTE papers printed in this County.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

ADVERTISING DATE - Thursday, March 21, 1996

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED - Tuesday, April 23, 1996 at 1:30 P. M.

AWARD DATE - Wednesday, May 8, 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: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 139-96

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 March 13, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF INTERCOUNTY BRIDGE #01018/1047, KENNEY ROAD OVER THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER, ALLAMUCHY/MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIPS, WARREN/MORRIS COUNTIES, NEW JERSEY - CONTRACT #WC9631

BE IT RESOLVED that the plans and specifications for the Reconstruction of Intercounty Bridge #01018/1047, Kenney Road over the Musconetcong River, Allamuchy/Mount Olive Townships, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Morris County Engineer is hereby directed to advertise for bids for the above project at least ten (10) days prior to the receipt of bids in The Official Morris County Newspaper papers printed in Morris County.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

ADVERTISING DATE -	TO BE DETERMINED
BIDS TO BE RECEIVED -	BY MORRIS COUNTY
AWARD DATE	

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 140-96

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 March 13, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9603 FOR LABORATORY TESTS FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AGENCY TO LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA, HOLDING, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 1996 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1997 IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$14,200.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9603 for laboratory tests for the Public Health Nursing Agency is hereby awarded to . . . Laboratory Corporation of America, Holding, Raritan, New Jersey in the approximate amount of . . . \$14,200.00 as per their bid submitted February 26, 1996 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract has been provided in accounts A01-06-01181.21.044 - PHNA-BD of Health Nursing Supplies, A01-06-01221.01.048 - PHNA-BD of Health-Veneral Disease, TB, etc.

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: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 141-96

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 March 13, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC9406 FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL YEAR OF THIS THREE YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 1996 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1997 WITH B & G ELEVATOR INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,500.00 AS ESTABLISHED IN THEIR BID SUBMITTED FEBRUARY 28, 1994

WHEREAS, Warren County specification WC9406 for elevator maintenance included the right to extend the contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15.(7) up to a maximum of a total of three years, and

WHEREAS, the prices stated in the bid submitted February 28, 1994 for the third year of the contract was \$10,500.00

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the contract for elevator maintenance is extended for the third and final year of the contract to B & G Elevator Inc., for the period of April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997.

Funding for this contract has been provided in accounts A01-01-00381.00.072 - Bldg/Grds-Elevator Maintenance, A01-01-00381.83.072 - Bldg/Grds Annex-Elevator Maintenance, A01-06-01501.12.072 - Warren Haven Maintenance - Elevators

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 142-96

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 March 13, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC9411 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 1996 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1997 AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(a) WITH DONALD W. SMITH FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,290.68

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9411 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in White Twsp. Landfill property identified as Block 32, Lot 18 - 43.14 acres and Block 32, Lot 22 - 41.70 acres is hereby awarded for the third and final year of a three year contract as provided by the Local Lands and Buildings Law N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(a) to . . . Donald W. Smith, Belvidere, New Jersey annual rent of \$1,164.78 for Lot 18 and \$1,125.90 for Lot 22 as per their bid submitted February 28, 1994

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the highest responsible and responsive bid received.

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: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Stone, a resignation was accepted, with regret, from John Joyce as a member of LACA/DA (Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse) and also as a member of CASS (County Alliance Steering Subcommittee).

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

Mr. Miller asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Joyce for his service to the county on these committees.

RESOLUTION 143-96

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 March 13, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following members to the WC HSAC:

Margaret W. Dickerson
61 Adams Street
P.O. Box #25

Term to expire: 4/30/97

Port Murray, NJ 07865
Rebecca L. Delaney
32 Locust Lake Road
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Term to expire: 4/30/97

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

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Stone, a resignation was accepted, with regret, from Robert Pierfy as a member to the WC Mental Health Board.

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

Mr. Miller asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Pierfy.

RESOLUTION 144-96

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 March 13, 1996.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ANNUAL SALARY
ADJUSTMENT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders desires to adjust the annual salary of the Warren County Sheriff for remuneration for services rendered; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has determined that a 3% adjustment to the annual salary of the Warren County Sheriff is deemed appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an annual salary adjustment of 3% be approved for the Warren County Sheriff, and that his salary for fiscal 1996 be established at \$59,644 and be made retroactive to January 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: no Mrs. Dickey: yes

A resolution was received from Union County lobbying the legislature to reinstate the provision of the "Business Retention Act" and continue to support the worthwhile intention of this act as vital to the survival of manufacturing in the state.

County Counsel David Wallace had no report for open session.

County Engineer David Hicks reported on a meeting that will be held on Friday with DOT regarding the Route 521 railroad bridge that he and David Dech will be attending. He asked for direction from the board on what position the county should take in this matter. The board agreed that they should advise DOT that the county doesn't want to pay for anything.

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Mr. Hicks reported on the lack of lighting at the entrance of the college and he thinks it is needed. He would like to get a recommendation from JCP&L for proper lighting and needs the board's approval to make this request. The board gave their approval for him to proceed.

Mr. Hicks also reported that under the Underground Facilities Protection Act, the state has informed us that we have to join the one-call 800 number system.

Mr. Hicks also gave the board a status report on the Federal Aid Road and Bridge project.

County Planner David Dech reported that Frelinghuysen Township has asked the county to look into a flooding problem that they have on South Street. Mr. Dech advised them that they are eligible for flood insurance coverage, however, to solve this problem, the engineer needs to look at this area.

Mr. Dech also reported that regarding the Nature's Choice Facility, there has been a request from SWAC regarding any misrepresentation made by Nature's Choice with reference to whether there was a limit on the number of trucks that would be going in and out of the facility. However, upon investigation, the permit does not limit the number of trucks however, it does state that approximately 30 trucks will be going in and out of the facility. The permit is up in 1997 and the renewal process will begin late this year. The odor problem has been visited by DEP and the county health department and some violations have been corrected.

Mrs. Dickey asked why some of these things were not put in the permit and Mr. Dech said it was probably an oversight.

Mrs. Dickey thanked Mr. Dech for doing such a thorough job on the Frelinghuysen issue.

Mrs. Stone also commended him on his workshop sessions with the planning board and the municipalities.

CFO Houck had nothing to report.

Steve Marvin, Supt., Buildings and Grounds, gave the board a brief update on the move of the Sheriff's Offices to the basement of the courthouse. He said that the only remaining work to be done was to move Sal Simonetti, Victor Schmeltzly and Brenda O'Neil across the hall, this is on the second floor. Mr. Simonetti called Mr. Marvin and reported that they can't fit all their files, etc. into that office. However, the board commented that they had eight months to think about this move and there are acceptable alternatives available.

Mr. Dinger said we need to advise them that we will be moving them by a certain time and if this is not done, we will contact the assignment judge.

Mr. Marvin said that they are now requesting that one of the doors in the basement be blocked-up and a new door be put in so that certain people brought in not be passed by the secretary's desk.

Mr. Dinger told Mr. Marvin to move everything out of the office on the second floor and what doesn't fit in the other office be put either in the basement or the attic. This is a non-issue and enough time has been spent on it.

Mrs. Stone asked that Mr. Dinger write to the Sheriff and ask him to set-up a security meeting.

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Under the report of the Acting County Administrator Henry Dinger, the board agreed to participate in the annual WC 4-H Government Career Day hosted by Rutgers Cooperative Extension to be held on May 8th.

The three hiring requests were approved.

Under freeholder comments, Mr. Miller mentioned the letter dated March 12th from PCFA responding to Hunterdon County on their failure to deliver waste to our facility.

Mr. Miller also mentioned a letter received from the Paulinskill-Pequest Watershed Assoc., Inc. which Mr. Miller said is full of insinuations and innuendoes regarding the pollution of the Pequest River by the PCFA through discharges of the Oxford Sewer Plant. They are also charging the probability of leachate from the landfill into the Pequest. These comments are blatantly untrue and this letter should be forwarded to PCFA and also to PRMUA. The letter is full of misinformation. Again, Mr. Miller asked that it be forwarded to PCFA and the PRMUA.

Mr. Miller also reminded the board that time is moving by very quickly on getting a county administrator.

Mrs. Stone suggested that all the members of the Environmental Commission receive a copy of the resolution adopted by the board that spells out the duties and responsibilities of this commission. They need to be reminded that they are an advisory board to the freeholders. She mentioned that recently a letter went out from this commission, on freeholder letterhead, before the board had seen it.

Mrs. Dickey said that a vote was taken by the commission to seek information for an extension and they were only seeking information.

Mrs. Stone said she thinks that we need to point out what their duties are, they need to review the resolution.

Mrs. Dickey said that she then wants all advisory boards and commissions need to be told this as some of them do take action.

Mr. Miller said he has a personal objection to the way they, the environmental commission, are doing things. The board needs to develop a policy statement with regard to the responsibility of the advisory boards.

Mr. Dinger said he will draw something up for board approval.

Under closing comments, Mrs. Dickey asked if we had ever drafted a letter of support for Oxford Quarry and Mr. Dinger said he would look into this.

Mr. Dinger mentioned that a copy of the resolution from the state regarding the medical examiner's office will be put on the next agenda.

Also under closing comments, John Celentano, Chairman of the Hope Environmental Commission, mentioned that in the NJAC handbook, it spells out that these commissions can be activist commissions.

There were no press comments or questions.

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RESOLUTION 145-96

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 March 13, 1996.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Master Voucher Certificate for Certification for Payment No. 96-6A & B dated March 13, 1996 in the amount of \$2,593,467.63 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

96-6A	299,336.28
96-6B	1,346,604.77
Payroll 2/29	<u>947,526.58</u>
TOTAL	\$2,593,467.63

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 146-96

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 March 13, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON MARCH 13, 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

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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

Mrs. Dickey called for a ten minute recess at 11:37 a.m.

The board went into executive session at 12:00 noon.

The board returned to open session at 12:07 p.m. and Mrs. Dickey declared a recess until 1:00 p.m.

The board reconvened at 1:10 p.m. and Freeholder Director Susan Dickey opened the public hearing on the 1996 WC Library Budget at 1:10 p.m.

Attending this hearing were Tom Carney, WC Library Director, and members of the library commission, Mrs. Muriel Mathez, Mr. Lester Shotwell and Mr. Edward Church.

Mrs. Mathez said that the commission has approved the library budget and Mr. Carney will now review the performance statistics and then he will go over the budget.

Mr. Carney presented an overview of the library system. The board asked some questions about the warranty on the Dynex system and the bookmobile services. Mrs. Dickey said that she has received several letters in support of the bookmobile service and the possible loss of service. The letters urge the continued service of the bookmobile.

Mr. Shotwell said they do not propose to reduce this service but make it more efficient.

Mr. Carney said that some of the increase is caused by the need to revamp the reference area and put the teams in the proper work stations.

Mrs. Stone said that the projected personnel costs seem extremely high, in particular, the Senior Library Assistant position seems too high. This is hard to justify. Mr. Carney said this position needs to be reclassified.

Mrs. Stone said that regarding the promotion situation, they need to stick to county policy. She also asked why the amount for Phillipsburg, \$33,000, increased so much. Tom said it was derived by the Phillipsburg budget and usage by Phillipsburg residents.

Gladys Blemmer also mentioned that it seemed very high. Mrs. Mathez said that some of the increases are beyond their control; hospitalization, personnel, maintenance, etc.

There being no further public comments, Director Dickey closed the public hearing at 2:00 p.m.

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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 March 13, 1996.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING 1996 BUDGET FOR WARREN COUNTY
LIBRARY AND ESTABLISHING AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION
FOR THE USE OF THE WARREN COUNTY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the budget for the Warren County Library is approved in the amount of \$2,679,242.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33-9, the sum of \$2,490,924.00 is hereby authorized to be raised by taxation for the use of the Warren County Free Public Library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby instructed to notify the Warren County Board of Taxation of this action.

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

The library budget is set for \$2,679,242.00 and the amount to be raised by taxation is \$2,490,924.00.

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

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 2:02 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk