MINUTES **August 29, 1996**

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in special joint session with the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County in its offices in the Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ on Thursday, August 29, 1996 at 7:45 p.m.

The freeholder meeting was called to order by Freeholder 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 SPECIAL 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".

The meeting of the PCFA of Warren County was called to order with the following members present: Chairman John Joyce, Harry Pool, Timothy McDonough and Frank Leary.

RESOLUTION 517-96

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 August 29, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON AUGUST 28, 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.

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

Chairman Jack Joyce read a similar statement to allow PCFA to go into executive session.

The board and the authority went into executive session at 7:51 p.m.

The board and the authority returned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

A five minute recess was called at 9:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:18 p.m.

PCFA would like to propose a meeting in late September or early October between the freeholders, PCFA, SWAC and the mayors to go over these issues.

Jack Joyce asked that public comments be limited to five minutes per person.

Mike McNulty, a Liberty Township resident, addressed the boards and told them that they are being watched by himself and many others. He asked who is in charge of researching alternatives to the incinerator. The county needs to institute serious recycling programs. He also mentioned that Frank Leary needs to be taken off the authority. Real progress could be made by protecting everyone's health. In his opinion, PCFA, the Board of Chosen Freeholders; something is going on. No one's taking this seriously. They hold secret meetings but nothing has been received in writing. They need to get consultants in to look this over. Who will be in charge of doing this on the PCFA. Jack Joyce said that they should refer this to Bart Carhart.

Jack Joyce said that in the year 2008 the service agreement will expire and WERC will own the facility. The county only owns the land.

Anna Marie Caldara said that the boards won't have to do anything, the Grass Roots Organization will shut down the incinerator. Dioxins are going out of the stack every day. There is a cancer cluster on Belvidere Avenue in Oxford. Just recently there were at least two or three new-borns in Belvidere with deformities.

Tim McDonough said that cancer problems predate the building of the incinerator.

Liz Marshall said she would like to see the testing that was done before the facility was built.

Bart Carhart, Executive Director, said that before the facility went up, DEP set standards and they were met. The dioxin and mercury issues were addressed by Mr. O'Sullivan of DEP, auxiliary fuel burners were attached to the incinerator, the facility was retrofitted for mercury and as a matter of fact, we are meeting standards that are set for the year 2000.

Margo Rhinehart asked if the mayors were invited to this meeting and Mrs. Dickey said that they were not invited to this meeting but they will be asked to attend a later meeting.

Tim McDonough said that in terms of planning for the future, a task force has been formed that is looking at everything, looking at all avenues.

Frank Leary said that regarding comments made by Margo, she should be looking at what can be done until 2008. We are faced with a cultural problem that will continue to produce waste. If all the people who make these comments would go and preach regarding reuse, reduction and recycling, we would be in a very good position right now. Nothing has changed in the source of the problem.

There were no press comments or questions.

PCFA adjourned their meeting.

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 10:25 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: yes Mrs. Stone: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk