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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, September 25, 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, 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".

There were no minutes submitted for approval.

PROCLAMATION 540-96

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 25, 1996.

PROCLAMATION - ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH - OCTOBER 1996

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities affect every aspect of life in America today including the economy, social problem solving, job creation, education, creativity, and community enhancement, and

WHEREAS, a coalition of 42 national arts and humanities organizations representing over 23,000 cultural organizations have formed the National Cultural Alliance to develop a multi-year public awareness campaign on the availability and importance of the humanities and arts to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, these 23,000 cultural organizations and many thousands of other cultural organizations, as well as the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the nation's 5,800 local arts agencies, the state humanities councils and the state arts agencies of the 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions, and the President of the United States, will be encouraged to participate in this celebration and in the public awareness campaign; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has been designated by President Bill Clinton as National Arts and Humanities Month, all residents of Warren County are urged to participate in the fun and enrichment of the programs offered by their local museums, galleries, schools, and theaters.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that

**National Arts and Humanities Month
October 1996**

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BE, AND IS, HEREBY OFFICIALLY CELEBRATED AND COMMEMORATED in Warren County during the month of October 1996.

 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

Carol Cordes of WC Cultural and Heritage accepted the proclamation on behalf of the commission.

RESOLUTION 541-96

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 September 25, 1996.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE GUARD AND RESERVE

WHEREAS, we recognize the National Guard and Reserve as essential to the strength of our nation and the well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, in the highest American tradition, the patriotic men and women of the Guard and Reserve serve voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession. They train to respond to their community and their country in time of need. They deserve the support of every segment of our society; and

WHEREAS, if these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, increased public understanding is required of the essential role of the Guard and Reserve in preserving our national security. Their members must have the cooperation of all American employers in encouraging employee participation in Guard and Reserve training programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we join other employers in pledging that:

1. Employment will not be denied because of service in the Guard or Reserve;
2. Employee job and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced because of service in the Guard or Reserve.
3. Employees will be granted leaves of absence for military training in the Guard or Reserve, consistent with existing laws, without sacrifice of vacation; and
4. This agreement and its resultant policies will be made known throughout our organization.

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

Jim Smith, WC Chairman of the ESGR (Employers Support the Guard and Reserve) and Lt.Col. DeSanza, Battalion Commander, accepted the Statement of Support. Lt.Col. DeSanza pointed out that the National Guard represents 60% of the strength of our nation. Both Mr. Smith and Lt.Col. DeSanza thanked the board for their support.

At approximately 7:20 p.m., Duane Copley, Soil Conservation, (Elliott Fox and Orrie Terpstra) spoke to the board regarding a request for permission to farmland easements out of the regular standard process. Two farms in the round that just passed were ranked 15 and 17 on the state-wide basis. They ended up at 56 and 57 and didn't make the cut.

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These two were the best of the seven submitted this year. The solution to the problem is to use the same process but purchase the easement first and then submit to the state. If they have to bid down to qualify, 10 or 11% to get in, at least the discount would be spread across the taxpayer base.

Mr. Miller asked why the farms are falling behind. We have prime farms in our county.

Mr. Copley said that it is not that the farms aren't doing well, but in the last three years, when the bid down got initiated, Warren County has been out of it. Who can afford to take less? It is the bid down process that has hurt us.

Mr. Miller said that if we use the farmland preservation money or county money and we don't get the reimbursement, we are stuck.

Mr. Copley said that we are submitting seven farms and one or two are approved and if the county were to discount 11%, the ratios may change and we may spend up to as much as 5% more. In 1995, we submitted seven and got one and in 1996 we submitted seven and got two.

Mr. Miller asked how we rank the farms.

Mr. Copley said that we still get two appraisals, the same process, but only those two appraisals. We are hoping that the bid down process will disappear in the next few years. We are still limited by the money that they have.

Mrs. Dickey asked how we start this process.

Mr. Copley said the board needs to grant permission to pursue purchasing farmland easements first and then submit to the state for reimbursement. The will work with counsel on this just as before. It would still be based on appraisals, etc.

Mrs. Stone said this is a good idea and Mrs. Dickey said we should try this.

Mr. Copley said there is some resistance; we are not getting the best on a state-wide basis.

Mr. Miller asked if we should have a resolution on this and was advised yes.

Mr. Copley said that regarding the Jim Gibbs farm in Allamuchy, 440 acres, that if in the process of entering into an agreement to purchase 140 acres of his 440 acres, the easement filed was that before that sale can take place, it needs to be approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders; needs freeholder permission for this. The 140 acres is a separate farm. We would have to sub-divide the easement. This goes through Brian Smith.

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Stone, authorization was given to have Brian Smith prepare the two resolutions for farmland preservation that were discussed here tonight.

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

Bob Shandor said that this is a great program and this is a good proposal. He thinks that the freeholders should consider a referendum to the voters to purchase farmland now, not twenty years from now. This could go on next year's ballot.

Under public comments, a Pohatcong resident suggested that the board could take her tax dollars for farmland preservation.

A new resident in the Town of Belvidere read a prepared statement which was a "Thank You" to Muriel Mathez for her service and dedication to the college. She asked the freeholders why Ms. Mathez was not reappointed.

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Mrs. Dickey explained that Ms. Mathez was not recommended by the Search Committee and the freeholders have no way of knowing why she was not recommended.

Harry Schneiber spoke of what a wonderful job she has done for the college and that she should have been given a chance to serve again. He urged the freeholders to try to have her serve.

John Howard, student at the college, questioned the process of the Trustee Search Committee. He pointed out that Ms. Mathez has been a phenomenal advocate of education and no one exemplifies education more than Muriel Mathez. This is a great disservice to her and he thinks the process needs to be re-evaluated. He thinks the system is flawed.

Freeholder Stone pointed out that this is not a political process and the county has never not taken the recommendation of this committee.

John Howard asked if can we not question the logic of the search committee? The freeholder board, as he understands it, is in the position to reject this new list of names. He asked if the board just stands by the search committee's nominations and Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Dickey said yes.

Mr. Howard said he wants to go on record as saying that this is a disservice.

Vince DeSanctis, President of WCCC, said that the Trustee Search Committee was established to take politics out of the process. Dr. DeSanctis mentioned that during this past year, the college now has a campus. Enrollment is up 14.9% and full-time enrollment is up 44%.

Regarding the present situation, only one time has the freeholder board ever rejected any candidates and that was in 1987.

Three of the new trustees are here tonight; Jim Cooper, Steve Scher and Gladys Blemmer. The issue is that there has never been an existing trustee seeking reappointment that has been denied a reappointment. In the fourteen years she has served, she has missed two to three meetings at most. Dr. DeSanctis asked the board what they think makes a good trustee?

Mrs. Dickey said someone who is concerned with education, supportive of the college.

Dr. DeSanctis said that the search committee never asked about her performance record, etc.; a person with almost 15 years and the best performance and attendance record was not considered for reappointment.

Dr. DeSanctis said he is looking forward to the new members coming aboard. This is a bizarre case of why a certain name is not brought forward. The trustees should be protected from the political process.

Margaret Schnieber asked what the criteria is when the freeholders look for members to serve on the trustee search committee.

Mrs. Dickey responded that the members on the search committee are required to have an interest in education and an interest in seeing that the college provides what is needed for the community.

Ron Kern, a member of the Board of Trustees, said that it is a great disservice that this person was not reappointed. Her guidance has been invaluable.

Bob Shandor agreed with Ron Kern's comments.

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Mr. Miller said that it is well documented that he has questioned this process; a fifteen minute interview, all interviews done in one evening and an incumbent not interviewed; these things are an insult. The incumbent was told to fill out a form, was told this by the trustee search committee, and this was an affront to her.

Paul Dagon said that he for one appreciates all Muriel Mathez has done and this is certainly a loss to the college and the community.

Mr. Miller also pointed out that at this time, four of the new appointments live in White Township and Dr. DeSanctis agreed that the board is not representative of the county.

John Howard again stated that there is a problem with the process.

RESOLUTION 542-96

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 September 25, 1996.

**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE EXISTING PETTY CASH FUND
RE: WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM - TO THE AMOUNT OF
\$750.00, FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$675.00**

WHEREAS, as pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:5-21 application for permission to establish a petty cash fund was duly approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on 5/31/78 and the Division of Local Government Services on 6/06/78 for the Warren County Library in the amount of \$75.00: and,

WHEREAS, the custodian of this fund would like to increase this petty cash fund to the amount of \$750.00 to cover expenses for expendable supplies, out-of-pocket reimbursements to personnel, etc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby authorizes this increase to the Warren County Library - Petty Cash Fund to the amount of \$750.00 pursuant to the approval of the Division of Local Government Services.

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 543-96

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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Master Voucher Certificate for Certification for Payment No. 96-25 dated September 25, 1996 in the amount of \$1,774,034.66 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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1,774,034.66

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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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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 1997 WARREN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOL AND DRUG PLAN AS APPROVED BY THE WARREN COUNTY LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the 1997 County Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Plan is approved by the Warren County Local Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for submission to the New Jersey Department of Health, Division of Addiction Services.

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 545-96

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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN NO PASSING ZONES ALONG COUNTY ROUTE #632, (ASBURY-ANDERSON ROAD), WASHINGTON AND MANSFIELD TOWNSHIPS, WARREN COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED that "No Passing Zones" be established and maintained along County Route #632 (Asbury-Anderson Road), from County Route #645 to Route 57, Washington and Mansfield Townships, Warren County, New Jersey, in accordance with the plans for Reconstruction of County Route #632 (Asbury-Anderson road), dated 9-5-85.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon approval by the Commissioner of the Department 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 546-96

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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AND THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT FOR SERVICES IN THE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THROUGH A CONTRACT MODIFICATION FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1996 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1996 WITH A GRANT INCREASE OF \$98,600 FOR A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT OF \$170,600 FOR THE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (FDP) FOR JOB SEARCH, CWEP AND RELATED EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES; CHILD CARE INTAKE AND SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, has offered an extension of the contract with the County of Warren of January 1, 1996 through June 30, 1996, to provide funds for segments of the DFP; and

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WHEREAS, this funding is allocated for services for FDP clients in relation to Child Care Intake and Job Search/CWEP/Employment/Training; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services has requested to extend the contract for the period July 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 through a contract modification with an increase in funding in the amount of \$98,600, for a total annual grant amount of \$170,600 for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the services covered by this extended contract shall be provided solely on the contingency of receipt of State funding and services with direct provider agencies,

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 Contract Modification Form for Contract F1WZ6N for the period July 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 for the FDP for Job Search, CWEP and related employment activities; Child Care Intake Support; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders authorizes the Director of the Board to sign the appropriate subcontract modifications between the County of Warren and the direct service providers of these services.

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 547-96

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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN HARMONY HEALTH PLAN, INC. ("Health Plan") AND THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AGENCY, WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ("Provider") FOR HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1996 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

WHEREAS, Health Plan operates a state licensed health maintenance organization; and
WHEREAS, Health Plan and Agency mutually desire to enter into an Agreement whereby Agency shall provide Home Health Care services to Enrollees in a manner which preserves and enhances patient dignity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Freeholder Director be and hereby is authorized to execute the attached agreement with Harmony Health Plan, Inc.

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

Mr. Miller asked if this is reimbursable and Mr. Dinger said yes, there are no county funds involved.

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

RESOLUTION 548-96

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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE 1996 COUNTY CONTRACT WITH FAMILY GUIDANCE

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**CENTER FOR \$35,000 JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION FUNDING; THEREBY
RAISING THE 1996 COUNTY CONTRACT CEILING FROM \$759,246
TO \$794,246; ADDED FUNDS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE
PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1996 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1996**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services has prepared a contract amendment between the county and Family Guidance Center for an additional \$35,000 Juvenile Justice Commission funding to disperse Wraparound Program funds; thereby raising the 1996 county contract ceiling from \$759,246 to \$794,246; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be available for the period October 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 from account #0010280024.200.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to sign the 1996 county contract amendment with Family Guidance Center for \$35,000 Juvenile Justice Commission funding; funding to be available for the period October 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: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 549-96

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 September 25, 1996.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WARREN COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES
BLOCK GRANT REDUCTION PLAN TOTTALLING \$41,225 AS REQUIRED
BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND
APPROVED BY THE WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY
COUNCIL; PLAN TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1996**

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human Services has required the Warren County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) develop a \$41,225 funding reduction plan for Social Service Block Grants awarded by the state to various human service agencies; and

WHEREAS, the HSAC has developed an SSBG Reduction Plan, effective October 1, 1996, which was approved at their September 17, 1996 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby support the \$41,225 SSBG Reduction Plan, effective October 1, 1996, as developed and approved by the Warren County Human Services Advisory Council.

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

Karen Kubert pointed out that this represents a \$28,000 cut in the First Call For Help Program. They will continue to seek outside funding.

RESOLUTION 550-96

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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE WARREN COUNTY CITIZENS FISCAL

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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF THEIR
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS BUT NOT TO CONTINUE BEYOND SEPTEMBER 13, 1997**

WHEREAS, at a meeting held September 13, 1995, the Board of Chosen Freeholders established the Warren County Citizens Advisory Committee for the purpose of reviewing and evaluating past and current fiscal policies and budget practices; and

WHEREAS, the members of this committee have reviewed five (5) years of county budgets and have interviewed various county department directors to gather information for analysis; and

WHEREAS, membership on the committee has been reduced due to the resignation of two members because of increased employment responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the one year membership terms expired September 13th and an extension of terms by resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is necessary to allow the committee to complete their assigned task,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the terms of the members of the citizens advisory committee are extended for the length of time necessary to compile and complete their report and recommendations to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, but not to exceed September 13, 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: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 551-96

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 September 25, 1996.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL NO. 983, ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1421
AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1462 REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF
SHERIFF AND CORRECTION OFFICER AND POLICE AND CIVILIAN
DISPATCHER TRAINING AND SALARY RECEIVED DURING TRAINING**

WHEREAS, over the past several years, it has become commonplace for newly trained Sheriff's Officers and/or Correction Officers to leave the employ of Warren County for other jurisdictions after their training has been completed; and

WHEREAS, Warren County expends, in training costs, \$11,750.00 for each Sheriff's Officer, \$13,012.00 for each Correction Officer and \$11,513.00 for 26 weeks of training for each telecommunicator in anticipation of service to Warren County; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-178 requires counties, municipalities and educational institutions that hire police officers away from another county, municipality or educational institution to reimburse the former employer for the cost of the officer's training and salary received during training; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 983, Assembly Bill No. 1421 and Assembly Bill No. 1462 amends previous legislation and extends training reimbursement to include Sheriff's Officers, Correction Officers and police or civilian dispatchers; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 983 is awaiting consideration before the Senate Community Affairs Committee and Assembly Bill No. 1421 and Assembly Bill No. 1462 await consideration before the Assembly Local Government Committee and Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee respectively;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby supports Senate No. 983, Assembly No. 1421 and Assembly No. 1462 and urges Senator Martin, Assemblymen Impreveduto and Steele and Assemblyman Bucco and Assemblywoman Murphy and the committee chairs of the Senate Community Affairs Committee, Assembly Local Government Committee and Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee to take early action on these bills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor Christine Todd Whitman; Senator William Schluter, Assemblyman Leonard Lance and Assemblywoman Connie Myers; municipalities in Warren County, all Freeholder boards; the New Jersey Association of Counties and the SANJ (Sheriff's Association of New Jersey) receive a copy of this resolution.

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 552-96

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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE PUBLIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE COVERAGE FUND

WHEREAS, a number of local units have joined together to form the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund ("FUND") as permitted by *N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36*; and

WHEREAS, the statutes governing the creation and operation of a Joint Insurance Fund contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a FUND; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has determined that membership in the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund is in the best interest of the local unit; and

WHEREAS, the local unit agrees to be a member of the FUND for a period of three (3) years, effective upon approval of the FUND, said membership to terminate on January 1, 2000 at 12:01 a.m. standard time;

WHEREAS, the local unit has never defaulted on claims if self-insured and has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for two (2) years prior to this Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby agree to join the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund subject only to the right to approval of the local unit's initial assessment when the same is received from the FUND following processing of the application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local unit is applying to the FUND for the following types of coverages:

- ✓ 1. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability.
- ✓ 2. Automobile and Equipment Liability, General Liability and Property Damage.
- ✓ 3. Law Enforcement.
- ✓ 4. Public Officials Legal Liability.
- ✓ 5. Boiler & Machinery.
- ✓ 6. Faithful Performance and Fidelity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local unit's Business Official Jerry Coyle is hereby appointed as the local unit's Fund Commissioner and is authorized to execute the

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application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the local unit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local unit's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the FUND as are required by the FUND's By-laws and to deliver same to the Executive Director of the FUND with the express reservation that said documents shall become effective only upon the local unit's admission to the FUND following approval of the FUND by the New Jersey 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: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 553-96

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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION FROM WARREN COUNTY STRONGLY OPPOSING THE PROPOSED STATE BUDGET CUTS WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT FUNDING TO THE WARREN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Warren County Vocational-Technical School has been a shared-time district offering vocational education to high school districts in the County of Warren, and

WHEREAS, this county's vocational system is, in fact, already offering more with less funding for the total student population of all schools in Warren County, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education, through his Task Force on School Funding (97-98), by order of the State Supreme Court, is proposing a new Comprehensive State Plan for educational funding which will strongly alter vocational education as it is today;

Whereby the State plans to cap funding for Special Education (classified student population) in excess of 14.3% in any given district, whereby Warren County Vocational-Technical School has in excess of 40%.

Whereby the Commissioner's proposal is to remove \$61 million, presently allocated for post secondary and adult high school education, replacing it with a per pupil grant program of \$25 million, which is \$36 million less than 96-97, which reduces state aid to vocational schools approximately 44%.

Whereby the Commissioner's current Comprehensive Plan has no provision for vocational education funding, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Warren County Vocational-Technical School system is to prepare students for job placement or further education leading to successful employment and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Vocational-Technical Schools offer technical training that can give students the power of choice, and

WHEREAS, technical training provides the opportunity to build successful careers in a workplace that demands experience, and

WHEREAS, vocational education teaches those skills students need in order to

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succeed, and

WHEREAS, it would be difficult to continue first rated educational programs with creative workplace offerings in a county vocational system which already had been restructured to meet the needs of the community in the most cost effective manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is opposing the Commissioner's proposal (Task Force) on the school funding cuts in state aid for vocational schools' post secondary population and a cap on the number of classified special education students in any given district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Christine T. Whitman, Commissioner of Education Leo Klagholz, to all 23rd Legislative District representatives, Senators Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg, Congresswoman Marge Roukema, and to the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each County of New Jersey.

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 554-96

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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC96113 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR #2 FUEL OIL

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC96113 for #2 fuel oil is 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 budget accounts A01-01-00381.00.078 - Bldgs/Grds fuel oil, A01-01-00381.83.078 - Bldgs/Grds Annex fuel oil, A01-05-01141.00.078 - Warren Acres fuel oil, A01-06-01501.20.078 - Warren Haven Utilities fuel oil

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 555-96

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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC96114 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FRESH BAKED GOODS FOR WARREN HAVEN

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC96114 for fresh baked goods for Warren Haven is 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

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Funds for this contract are provided in budget account A01-06-01501.06.029 -
Warren Haven Dietary Baked Goods

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 556-96

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
September 25, 1996.

**RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR WC96105 (3) 1995 FORD
CROWN VICTORIA POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLES FOR THE WARREN
COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, bids were received on Monday, September 16, 1996 for (3) 1995 Ford
Crown Victoria Police Package vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the bids received exceeded the cost estimates for the equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that the
bids for the (3) 1995 Ford Crown Victoria Police Package Vehicles, Contract WC96105,
be rejected

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there will be no re-bid for these vehicles.

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 557-96

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
September 25, 1996.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9694 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY
SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO
GEOD CORP., OF NEWFOUNDLAND, NEW JERSEY IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$37,500.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9694 for aerial photography services is hereby
awarded

to: GEOD Corp., Newfoundland, New Jersey
in the amount of . . . \$37,500.00

as per their bid submitted . . . September 16, 1996

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Planning as the lowest responsible and
responsive bid submitted.

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account A01-10-02500.04.655 - 96
Cap Planning Bd Aerial Photography

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

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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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9697-1 WITH SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR A NUTRITION SITE ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1996 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1997 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$575.00 PER MONTH

BE IT RESOLVED, that this contract is awarded to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church to provide a nutrition site in Belvidere, New Jersey

The contract is to be on a month to month basis at a monthly rental of \$575.00 October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997.

Funding for the 1996 portion of this contract is provided in account 0010280034.479 - Area Plan Grant - Nutrition Program

Funding for the 1997 portion of this contract is subject to the receipt of 1997 grants.

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 559-96

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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9697-2 WITH AMERICAN LEGION BERNARDINE - MAY POST FOR A NUTRITION SITE ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1996 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1997 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550.00 PER MONTH

BE IT RESOLVED, that this contract is awarded to American Legion Bernardine-May Post 457 to provide a nutrition site in Phillipsburg, New Jersey

The contract is to be on a month to month basis at a monthly rental of \$550.00, October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997.

Funding for the 1996 portion of this contract is provided in account 0010280034.179 - Area Plan Grant - Nutrition Program

Funding for the 1997 portion of this contract is subject to the receipt of 1997 grants.

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

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RESOLUTION 560-96

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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9628A - MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR THE UNISYS A6/FS AND PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT TO UNIVERSAL FINANCIAL FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1996 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1997 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40a:11-15(7) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,357.48 PER YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9628A for computer maintenance for the Unysis A6/FS and related peripheral equipment is hereby awarded to . . . Universal Financial, Elmhurst, Illinois in the amount of \$15,357.48

NOTE: no bids were received on the first and second attempt to bid, this contract was negotiated as permitted by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-5.(3) where after failure on two attempts to award through the public bidding process, negotiation is permitted

Funding for this contract has been provided in account A01-01-00151.00.034 - Information Systems Maintenance and License fees

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 561-96

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 September 25, 1996.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH C.L. ORBAKER AND ASSOCIATES, INC., OF FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY, FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION AS PART OF THE WARREN COUNTY OPEN SPACE PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,750

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of a real estate appraiser to establish values on property proposed for acquisition as part of the Warren County Open Space Program; and

WHEREAS, the property has been identified as a high priority site in the Warren County Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 013-02150.001 (Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund--Parkland) and certified by the County Treasurer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey, as follows:

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1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and C.L. Orbaker & Associates, Inc., of Flemington, New Jersey, for real estate appraisal services on property proposed for acquisition as part of the Warren County Open Space Program, in an amount not to exceed \$1,750 and currently on file in the office of the County Planning Director, be made part of this resolution by reference and be approved and entered into by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on behalf of the County of Warren.

2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement.

3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

4. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-GAZETTE, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption

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 562-96

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 September 25, 1996.

**RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DAYTOP VILLAGE FOR
PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES
FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1996 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1996
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000.00; FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE
1996 CHAPTER 51 (ALCOHOL) GRANT #96-594-ADA-00**

BE IT RESOLVED that a contract for provision of substance abuse services is hereby awarded to Daytop Village, Mendham, New Jersey in the total amount of \$9,000 for the following programs(s):

Residential Treatment

for the contract period October 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996; funds available for this contract in the 1996 Chapter 51 (Alcohol) Grant #96-594-ADA-00.

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 received from Noel Lendvai as a member of LACA/DA was accepted with regret.

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

A letter is to be sent to Mr. Lendvai thanking him for his service.

RESOLUTION 563-96

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN

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COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following members to the Warren County Community College Board of Trustees with terms to begin November 1, 1996:

James M. Cooper, Jr. Term to expire: 10/31/00
35 Titman Road
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Steven L. Scher Term to expire: 10/31/00
4 Mountain Ridge Drive
Washington, NJ 07863 07882

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: no Mrs. Stone: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 564-96

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 September 25, 1996.

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITION OF CLERK TRANSCRIBER,
CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING THE TITLE DATA CONTROL CLERK,
CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the title of clerk transcriber, classified, is created in the Warren County Health Department, Division of Public Health Nursing Services to maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the title of data control clerk, classified, be abolished; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the title of clerk transcriber be established on AFSCME Range 3 and take effect on October 3, 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 565-96

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 September 25, 1996.

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITION OF CLERK TYPIST,
CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING THE TITLE OF CLERK STENOGRAPHER,
CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Freeholders that the title of clerk typist, classified, is created in the Warren County Health Department, Division of Public Health Nursing Services, to maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the title of clerk stenographer, classified, be

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abolished; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the title of clerk typist be established on AFSCME Range 2 and take effect on October 3, 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

County Counsel David Wallace had items for executive session only.

County Engineer David Hicks reported on the Orphan Railroad Bridge Program. The state is looking for an additional \$50,303 from us by December 31st. Construction is probably scheduled for the spring. Do we want to try and find the money now or budget it for next year.

Mr. Miller said that if this is a capital project, there is no way to move the money around. We have to see if Pete can find the money now or wait until next year.

Mr. Hicks had a meeting with DEP and the NJ State Historic Preservation Group regarding the Shackletown Bridge (Warren Glen/Bloomsbury) and it is eligible for the national register. Dave needs authorization for a contract modification to redesign the profile.

County Planner David Dech had nothing to report.

CFO Pete Houck said he has again asked for a report on the construction status of the college construction project and he will be getting a report as of the end of June 1996.

County Administrator Henry Dinger submitted a letter to the board from Patrick McCormick regarding the potential of the board buying a golf course for the county. There was no interest at this time and Mr. Dinger was instructed to advise Mr. McCormick accordingly. Also, he should be told that he should forward his request to the Open Space Committee for possible consideration in the future.

PRMUA has asked that the board correspond to Somerset County in an attempt to assist in resolving some difficulties that PRMUA has been encountering in their attempted dealings with the SRVSA. Mr. Dinger will handle this matter.

The issue from the last meeting regarding loaning some county snow fencing to a private organization was denied.

Mr. Dinger mentioned to the board that our current health plan has no provisions for hospice care. After some investigation, Mr. Dinger and Mr. Coyle feel this would be beneficial to our employees. There would be no increase in the premium to incorporate hospice care in the plan. In the long run, it would be much cheaper than nursing home or hospital care. If the board agrees to this, we would let the bargaining units know about this and based on there being no objection, it could be effective in sixty days. The board authorized Mr. Dinger to proceed with this plan.

Under freeholder comments, Freeholder Miller had no comments at this time. Freeholder Stone has a personnel matter for executive session.

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Freeholder Dickey asked the board for their comments on the memo she distributed regarding the agenda format. Mrs. Stone thought it was a good idea and Mr. Miller had no problem with it. It was decided to formalize this format and include it as a handout at the freeholder meetings.

It was decided that this would be experimental until the end of the year and if it works well, it should be included as a part of the personnel policies.

Mrs. Dickey again mentioned having an independent assessment done of the incinerator. She has asked Ogden Martin if they would do a study and she has also proposed this to Rutgers.

Under closing comments, Bob Shandor asked if his tenure on the college was resolved and was told it would be discussed in executive session tonight.

Chris Pessolano said that the county auction held on Saturday was very successful. The total was \$56,102.50 which represents \$14,000 more than last year. He will submit a formal report at a later date.

Mrs. Dickey introduced the new Board of Trustee members; Steve Scher, Jim Cooper and Gladys Blemmer.

There were no press comments or questions.

RESOLUTION 566-96

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 September 25, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 25, 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.

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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

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

The board went into executive session at 10:07 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 11:10 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the purchasing director is authorized to get an appraisal on the property as discussed in executive session.

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

Mr. Dinger will prepare a written summary of the difference in funding questioned at the last meeting by Mr. Regrut.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, regarding Robert Shandor's term on the WCCC Board of Trustees, the board will accept his resignation based on the effective date of his appointment to the Planning Board.

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

The above action should be faxed to Mr. Shandor and to the college tomorrow.

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 11:15 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk