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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session on Wednesday, October 2, 1996, at the Washington Borough Municipal Building, 100 Belvidere Avenue, Washington, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Director Dickey at 7:18 p.m. 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".

As there were very few members of the public present, it was suggested that the meeting move to executive session to discuss issues related to negotiations with the corrections officers and the corrections sergeants.

RESOLUTION 567-96

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 October 2, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON OCTOBER 2, 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.

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- 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
The board returned to open session at 7:42 p.m.

Michael Hession, Transportation Coordinator for the county, made a brief presentation outlining the present policies and indicated some of the ongoing initiatives being explored to expand and improve services.

The open discussion item was the update on the Fire Academy.

Mrs. Dickey reported that the county has eliminated the fire school directors, and are placing responsibility for the academy under the supervision of the Department of Public Safety. Borough Manager Alan Fisher said he supports the fire training as it is beneficial to all municipalities. He would like to see the facility and its programs upgraded. Mrs. Dickey responded that the county is in the process of doing just that.

Mrs. Stone stated that as the liaison to the fire academy, she has been working with the firemen and Public Safety Director Robert DeGraff to bring about improvements. Some of the outstanding items will be completed by the end of the year and others will need to be put into next year's budget.

Mr. VanHorn, a freeholder candidate, stated that he agreed with Mr. Fisher on the need to upgrade the fire academy. There is much more training for firemen today than was required years ago.

Mrs. Stone mentioned that she has obtained several studies on the effects of the garbage incinerator. One was done by Mr. Kravanick and one by Rutgers, as well as a mercury study. She has provided the studies to Mrs. Dickey in advance of the meeting with State Health DePartment officials scheduled for October 16, 1996.

The resolution regarding an appointment to the citizens advisory committee was deleted from consideration pending further review.

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 8:12 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk