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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in its office in the Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on Monday, December 23, 1996 at 7:16 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".

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held November 20, 1996 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held November 20, 1996 were approved as presented.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller: abstain 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 December 11, 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 executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held December 11, 1996, were approved as presented.

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

RESOLUTION 723-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Master Voucher Certificate for Certification for Payment No. 96-34 dated December 23, 1996 in the amount of \$2,694,967.53 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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96-34	1,618,694.37
Payroll 12/19	953,108.54
Longevity	<u>123,164.62</u>
Total	2,694,967.53

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 724-96

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 December 23, 1996.

INSERTION INTO THE 1996 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,447.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPT. OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, DIV. OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, FOR THE VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 1996 in the sum of \$10,447.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Law & Public Safety, Div. of Criminal Justice, for the Victim Witness Advocacy Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$10,447.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

"UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES"

State of New Jersey, Dept. of Law & Public Safety, Div. of Criminal Justice, for the Victim Witness Advocacy Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Law & Public Safety and that two (2) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to 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 725-96

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 December 23, 1996.

INSERTION INTO THE 1996 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPT. OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIV. OF HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT, SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT #97-0963-00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local

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Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 1996 in the sum of \$300,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Dept. Community Affairs, Div. of Housing & Development, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant #97-0963-00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$300,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

"UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES"

State of New Jersey, Dept. Community Affairs, Div. of Housing & Development, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant #97-0963-00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Community Affairs and that two (2) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to 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 726-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION CANCELING CERTAIN FUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES HERETOFORE PROVIDED FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren as follows:

Section 1. The following funded appropriations remaining as balances in bond ordinances heretofore adopted by the County of Warren, New Jersey (the "County") are hereby canceled and transferred to the Capital Surplus or Capital Improvement Fund Budget, as appropriate:

Ordinance Title	Date of Adoption	Original Appropriation	Amount of Funded Appropriation to be transferred
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$5,384,506 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,056,781.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY FOR FINANCING PART OF SUCH APPROPRIATION.	6/9/93	\$5,384,506.00	\$93,958.65
	AMENDED	(008-02500.040-\$	5.00
	4/12/95	008-02500.047-\$	566.00
		008-02500-051- \$	2,095.30
		008-02500.1995.001-\$43,869.07	
		008-02500.1995.002-\$47,423.28)	
		(CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND)	

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BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$4,560,000.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,332,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY FOR FINANCING PART OF SUCH APPROPRIATION.	8/11/93	\$4,560,000.00	\$11,295.91 (008-02500.052) (CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND)
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,934,654.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,688,421.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY FOR FINANCING PART OF SUCH APPROPRIATION.	5/11/94	\$4,934,654.00	\$39,326.64 (008-02500.078-\$ 6,834.04 008-02500-080- 2,350.00 008-02500.088- 20,585.50 008-02500.118- 7,181.30 008-02500.119- 2,375.80) (CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND)
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$365,156.00 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSES.	5/22/96	\$365,156.00	\$47,531.00 (008-02500.1996.006-\$ 2,500.00 008-02500.1996.007- 38,876.00 008-02500.1996.010- 1,155.00 008-02500.1996.012- 5,000.00 (CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND)

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 727-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION CANCELLING TO CURRENT SURPLUS THE AMOUNT OF \$1,100,208.99 FROM THE CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, there exists balances in the Current Appropriations, and

WHEREAS, these appropriations are considered completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Current Appropriations balances in the total amount of \$1,100,208.99 be cancelled to Current Surplus.

WHEREAS, these Current Appropriations are now considered completed, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to cancel to Current Surplus the total amount of \$1,100,208.99:

A01-01-00397.00.343	Group Ins. for Employees	\$ 300,000.00
A01-10-02500.02.610	Rt. 614	48,993.88
A01-10-02500.02.611	Rt. 612	24,959.00
A01-10-02500.02.612	Rt. 613	8,388.79
A01-10-02500.03.626	Bridge 20032	446,141.58

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A01-10-02500.04.641	Comm. Ct. - Furniture	159.81
A01-10-02500.04.644	Comm. Ct. - Radio Reprogram.	30,889.25
A01-10-02500.04.645	Comm. Ct. - Radio Antenna	33.07
A01-10-02500.04.646	Comm. Ct. - Computer Comm.	1,139.55
A01-10-02500.04.648	Envir. Hlth. - Copy Machine	130.00
A01-10-02500.04.652	PHNA - Paper Shredder	89.15
A01-10-02500.04.653	PHNA - Video Projector	3,200.00
A01-10-02500.04.657	Wgt. & Meas. - Seraphine Ser. Lab Meas.	20.09
A01-10-02500.05.680	Bldg. & Grd. - Vehicle	2,645.00
A01-10-02500.06.660	Warren Acres - Air Conditioning Sys.	12,977.64
A01-10-02500.06.663	Warren Acres - Outdoors Recreation	45,826.00
A01-10-02500.06.666	PHNA - Clerical Recept. Ofc. Upgrade	131.84
A01-10-02500.06.667	PHNA - Classroom Seating	123.84
A01-10-02500.06.669	Warren Haven - Fire Prot. Upgrade	85,000.00
A01-10-02500.06.671	W Haven - Secure Lock System Resid.	1,242.96
A01-10-02500.07.691	Bridges - Vibratory Compactor	1,290.29
A01-10-02500.07.692	Roads - 10 Wheeler Truck	8,423.00
A01-10-02500.07.693	Roads - Chipspreader	12,379.00
A01-10-02500.07.694	Roads - Salt Wetting System	6,008.74
A01-10-02500.07.695	Roads - Salt Conveyor & Hopper	6,555.00
A01-10-02500.08.698	Human Services - Youth Shelter Deign	39,000.00
P-A01-10-02500.08.835	Comm. Ctr. - Security Access Sys.	1,123.00
P-A01-10-02500.06.755	Freeholders - Park Improve. Design	3,084.41
P-A01-10-02500.06.760	Engineers - ADA Bldg. Modifications	9,884.94
P-A01-10-02500.04.807	Cult. & Herit. - Furniture	370.00
	Total	\$ 1,100,208.99

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 728-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING AT THE INTERSECTION OF N.J. ROUTE 57 AND THE ENTRANCE TO THE WARREN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL PARK, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, BY GPU ENERGY

WHEREAS, Warren County Highway Lighting Program provides street lights along our County road system and at various intersections with State Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Community College has requested street lights at the intersection of New Jersey Route 57 and the entrance to the Warren County Educational Park; and

WHEREAS, GPU Energy has recommended, along with the County Engineer, the installation of two (2) 150 watt high pressure sodium flood lights at the above intersection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby approve the installation of two (2) lights at the intersection of New Jersey Route 57 and the entrance to the Warren County Educational Park.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the additional lights will be added to the County Highway Lighting Program, which provides safer roads to motorists traveling in Warren County.

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 729-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND A SEPARATE SIDEBAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND CORRECTION SERGEANTS OF WARREN COUNTY LOCAL PBA #302 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1994, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1997

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders and representatives of the Correction Sergeants of Warren County PBA Local #302 have completed contract negotiations and have agreed to terms and conditions of employment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the Director of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement and a separate Sidebar Agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Correction Sergeants of Warren County PBA Local #302 for the period of January 1, 1994, through December 31, 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 730-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT ACROSS BLOCK 301, LOT 8, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP, WITH JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY AND SPRINT UNITED FOR THE LOCATION AND INSTALLATION OF UTILITY SERVICES TO THE WARREN HAVEN STORAGE BUILDING

WHEREAS, the County of Warren owns Block 301, Lot 8, in Mansfield Township;

and

WHEREAS, Jersey Central Power & Light Company and Sprint United proposes to erect equipment on Block 301, Lot 8, for the purpose of extending service to the area; and

WHEREAS, all work, equipment and maintenance will be performed by Jersey Central Power & Light Company and Sprint United at no expense to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby approve the Right-of-Way Agreement between the County of Warren and Jersey Central Power & Light Company and Sprint United.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement.

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 731-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG COUNTY ROUTE #612 ALLAMUCHY-JOHNSONBURG ROAD FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the reconstruction of County Route #612 in Frelinghuysen Township will require additional right-of-way for roadway realignment; and

WHEREAS, additional right-of-way of .280 ± acres is needed being part of Block 1501, Lot 13, owned by Julia Clark; and

WHEREAS, an appraisal was done by the firm of Holenstein & Holenstein of Newton, New Jersey to determine a fair market value; and

WHEREAS, the determined appraisal value of \$1,865.00 for the property is acceptable by the property owner; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account A01-10-02500.02.611 and certified by the County's Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the purchase of the needed right-of-way for the negotiated price and authorize the Director of the Board to sign the contract for sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer be authorized to have the deed executed for the purchase of the right-of-way.

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 732-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO ENTER INTO A HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT GRANT WITH THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY FOR SAFETY CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,608.00

WHEREAS, there are monies available under the Highway Safety Project Grant with the New Jersey Office of Highway Safety for Safety Construction and Operational Improvements; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County of Warren to apply for said monies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the

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County of Warren that the Director of the Board and the Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in order to effectuate Highway Safety Project Grant with the New Jersey Office of Highway Safety for Safety Construction and Operational Improvements in the amount of \$6,608.00 for the period of May 1, 1997 to September 30, 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

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Stone and seconded by Mr. Miller at the November 13, 1996 freeholder meeting. Discussion was held but no action was taken at that time. The resolution was tabled and is being reintroduced at this time.

RESOLUTION 733-96

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was not adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held December 23, 1996.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE
AN AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION TO THE SEPTEMBER 27, 1989 LEASE
AGREEMENT (AS AMENDED NOVEMBER 22, 1993) OF OFFICE SPACE
IN THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TWIN 57 WASHINGTON OFFICE
CENTER FOR THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, on September 27, 1989, Warren County, as Tenant, entered into a lease agreement with Vincent and Paul Iannelli Partnership, Hackettstown, New Jersey, as Landlord, for the use by the Warren County Health Department of certain office space located in the Twin 57 Washington Office Center, Washington, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, said lease agreement was amended by the parties on November 22, 1993, and the term of said lease has been extended by the parties to November 30, 1996, at which time it will expire; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need for space for the Warren County Health Department, as well as a need for additional space, and this Amendment and Extension will provide said needed space; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Amendment and Extension, the Warren County Health Department will vacate the current first floor office space it now occupies and move into the third floor of the same building, which will provide the additional space needed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Amendment and Extension, the term of the lease shall be for the remainder of 1996, and continue for a period of five (5) years from January 1, 1997 to December 31, 2001, and all other provisions of the original September 27, 1989 lease agreement (as amended November 22, 1993) shall remain in effect, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in Account A01-06-01181.02.041.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the freeholder director is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Amendment and Extension to the aforesaid lease agreement.

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: no

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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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN EXTENSION TO THE SEPTEMBER 27, 1989 LEASE AGREEMENT OF OFFICE SPACE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE TWIN 57 WASHINGTON OFFICE CENTER FOR THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, on September 27, 1989, Warren County, as Tenant, entered into a lease agreement with Vincent and Paul Iannelli Partnership, Hackettstown, New Jersey, as Landlord, for the use by the Warren County Health Department of certain office space located in the Twin 57 Washington Office Center, Washington, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Landlord and the Tenant subsequently extended said lease agreement several times continuing through November 30, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Tenant desires to continue renting the first floor office space occupied by the Warren County Health Department, which includes approximately 3,000 square feet of usable space and approximately 3,422 square feet of rentable space, and the Landlord desires to continue renting said space to Tenant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in consideration of the mutual covenants contained in the attached agreement, the freeholder director is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Extension to the aforesaid lease agreement.

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 735-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE POOL/FUND

WHEREAS, the Community Alliance Pool/Fund seeks to provide its members with insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 and the regulations enacted pursuant thereto allow local units of government to join together to establish a joint insurance fund; and

WHEREAS, Warren County has determined that membership in the Community Alliance Pool/Fund is in its best interests; and

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

WHEREAS, any portion of a year as a member is considered to be a year of membership, and;

WHEREAS, the Department of Insurance and the Department of Community Affairs has approved the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the local unit agrees to be a member of the Fund for a period of three years, said membership to terminate on January 1, 2000 at 12:01 AM Standard Time;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Warren County does hereby resolve and agree to become a member in the Community Alliance Pool/Fund for the purpose of

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establishing the following types of coverage:

- a. Law Enforcement, Professional and Public Officials legal liability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Jerry Coyle is hereby appointed as the local unit's Fund Commissioner; 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.

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 736-96

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 December 23, 1996.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA AND THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR A
RADIO FREQUENCY TRADE, AND AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER
DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha, hereinafter the "Municipality", holds a license for low band radio frequency 45.080, which is being used by the Municipality's Department of Public Works (DPW); and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Communications Center needs a radio frequency in the above-referenced range that can be licensed on the County's three communications towers to service firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality's DPW frequency is the only frequency that could be used for the County's purpose, but the DPW and firefighter communications could not coexist on the same radio channel; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality is willing to "trade" radio frequencies with the County, pursuant to the terms of the attached Agreement, to enable the County to adequately provide the communications service for firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality and the County may enter into this Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq. (The "Interlocal Services Act").

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

1. The Interlocal Service Agreement between the Borough of Alpha and the County of Warren, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, for a radio frequency trade between the parties, as set forth in said Agreement, is hereby approved.

2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the County of Warren.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Agreement shall be filed and open to public inspection at the offices of the County.

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

MINUTES**December 23, 1996****RESOLUTION 737-96**

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THE STATE LEGISLATURE, THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION INVESTIGATE AND REDUCE THE IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION FROM AIRPLANE EMISSIONS

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has been put on notice by the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce air pollution or face sanctions that could cost hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy has stated that aircraft emissions produce nine percent of the nitrogen oxide in our atmosphere and contribute to ground-level ozone pollution; and

WHEREAS, nitrogen oxide emitted by aircraft is estimated to have 30 times as great an effect in creating ozone as the same fumes emitted at ground level; and

WHEREAS, evidence indicates that if airplanes are under 7,000 feet in altitude, the debris and pollution they produce will come down rather than dissipate in the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, airborne particles are believed to be the most deadly form of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Federal Aviation Administration routing procedures direct a substantial amount of low-altitude air traffic, primarily from Newark International Airport, over Warren County; and

WHEREAS, passenger and cargo flights at Newark International Airport have increased, and are expected to continue to increase, at significant rates; and

WHEREAS, no other form of transportation, recreation or industry is allowed to impact people to this extent without recourse; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Warren does hereby request that the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the State Legislature, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and the Federal Aviation Administration investigate and do all that is within their respective powers to reduce pollution from airplane emissions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Christine Todd Whitman, all New Jersey Legislative Representatives, the Chairperson of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration, the appropriate U.S. Congressional Representatives, and all New Jersey Boards of Chosen Freeholders.

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 738-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE #11043, COUNTY ROUTE #611 OVER TROUT BROOK, HOPE TOWNSHIP,

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**AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CULVERT #06058, STATE ROAD OVER
TROUT BROOK, FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP, WITH URBITRAN ASSOCIATES OF
EDISON, N.J., FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$15,000.00 AND A REVISED
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$69,900.00 - CONTRACT #WC9659P**

WHEREAS, Contract #WC9659P was awarded to Urbitran Associates of Edison, New Jersey, for Professional Engineering/Surveying Services for the Reconstruction of Bridge # 11043, County Route #611 over Trout Brook, Hope Township, and the Reconstruction of Culvert #06058, State Road over Trout Brook, Frelinghuysen Township, in the contract amount of \$54,900.00; and

WHEREAS, soil borings are to be provided for subsurface soil investigations to be used in the design of the structure foundations, resulting in a net increase of \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account A01-10-02500.03.627 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren as follows

1. Hereby approve Contract Modification #1 for the above project for a net increase of \$15,000.00 and a revised contract amount of \$69,900.00.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
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 739-96

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 December 23, 1996.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF THE WARREN HAVEN PHASE III FIRE
PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS WITH CARL GUINTA ASSOCIATES OF
RIVERDALE, N.J., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 - CONTRACT #WC96133P**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of an Engineer for the Design of the Phase III Fire Protection Improvements at Warren Haven, Mansfield Township; 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 A01-10-02500.06.669 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The Agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Carl Guinta Associates of Riverdale, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$15,000.00, currently on file in the Office of the County Engineer, be made a part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
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 740-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #614, INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP, WITH STUDER & MCELLOWNEY, P.A., OF CLINTON, N.J., FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$4,000.00 AND A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$37,000.00 - CONTRACT #WC9632P

WHEREAS, Contract #WC9632P was awarded to Studer and McEldowney of Clinton, New Jersey, for Professional Engineering/Surveying Services for the Reconstruction of a Portion of County Route #614, Independence Township, in the contract amount of \$33,000.00; and

WHEREAS, permit fees will be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection by Studer and McEldowney, resulting in a net increase of \$4,000.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account A01-10-02500.02.610 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer; 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.

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

1. Hereby approve Contract Modification #1 for the above project for a net increase of \$4,000.00 and a revised contract amount of \$37,000.00.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
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

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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 741-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC96113a FOR #2 FUEL OIL FOR TWO YEARS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15.(1) BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 1996 AT A FIXED MARK UP BID OF .0295 PER GALLON THE FIRST YEAR AND .0310 PER GALLON THE SECOND YEAR AND AN APPROXIMATE ANNUAL CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00 TO DEITER BROS. FUEL CO., INC

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC96113a for #2 fuel oil is hereby awarded to . . . Deiter Bros. Fuel Co., Inc. Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in the approximate amount of . . . \$125,000.00 as per their bid submitted . . . December 10, 1996 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget accounts A01-01-00381.00.078 - Blds/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

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 742-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SANSONE PLAZA FORD/MOTORS FLEET OF RED BANK, NEW JERSEY UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #78727 FOR THREE (3) 1997 FORD RANGER PICKUP TRUCKS AT \$16,608.00 EACH FOR THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$49,824.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for three (3) 1997 Ford Ranger Pickup trucks for the Warren County Health Department to . . . Sansone Plaza Ford/Motors Fleet, Red Bank, New Jersey

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in the total amount of . . . \$49,824.00

at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #78727

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account A01-10-02500.05.682
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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 743-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 FOR CONTRACT #WC9668P HAROLD E. PELLOW & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PHASE II FINAL DESIGN FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #612, FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$9,900.00 AND A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$40,745.00

WHEREAS, Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc. was awarded a contract for engineering services for Phase II Final Design for the reconstruction of a portion of County Route #612, Frelinghuysen Township in the contract amount of \$30,845.00; and

WHEREAS, additional engineering services were necessary for a required stream encroachment permit application and plan revisions to reduce property owner impacts along road realignment; and

WHEREAS, said changes resulted in a net increase of \$9,900.00; and

WHEREAS, said changes were ordered by the County Engineer; 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 A01-10-02500.02.611 (Co. Route #612 Eng. Design) and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. Hereby approve Contract Modification #1 for the above project for a net increase of \$9,900.00 and a revised contract amount of \$40,745.00.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
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

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RESOLUTION 744-96

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE WARREN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL PARK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WITH U.S. WATER, L.L.C. OF SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$12,150.00 AND A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$55,650.00 - CONTRACT WC95100P

WHEREAS, U.S. Water, L.L.C. has been awarded a contract (WC95100P) for operations and maintenance of the Warren County Educational Park Wastewater Treatment Plant, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection conducted a compliance evaluation of the Educational Park Wastewater Treatment Plant resulting in a September 5, 1996 letter directing that an effluent flowmeter be installed in order to accurately account for discharge volumes in accordance with NJPDES Permit No. NJ0020711, and

WHEREAS, U.S. Water, L.L.C. has submitted a proposal for the installation of the effluent flowmeter which will satisfy the NJDEP requirements for compliance with the terms of the NJPDES Permit at a cost not to exceed \$12,150.00, and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account A01-01-00381.00.209 and certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and U.S. Water L.L.C. of Somerville, New Jersey for operations and maintenance of the Warren County Educational Park Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount for baseline services of \$43,500.00, currently on file in the office of the Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, be modified to reflect an increase of \$12,150.00 for the installation of an effluent flowmeter for a revised contract amount of \$55,650.00 and be approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.

2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.

3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under provision 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 (10) 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

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Stone at the December 11, 1996 freeholder meeting. No formal action was taken at that time and it was tabled and is now being reintroduced.

MINUTES**December 23, 1996****RESOLUTION 745-96**

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR CREATING A MASTER PLAN FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE OXFORD FURNACE COMPLEX IN THE OXFORD INDUSTRIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION TO THE MARTINSON GROUP INC., OF EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,800.00

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of a consultant for creating a master plan for continued development of the Oxford Furnace Complex; and

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

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in capital account A01-10-02500.08.699 - 96 Cap - Cult & Herit - Oxford Furnace Design

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and the Martinson Group Inc., Easton, Pennsylvania for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$16,800.00, per letter of agreement which is currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.
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. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Gazette, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.

Mrs. Stone said that she did some research on this issue since the last meeting and she had an analysis done of the county funds spent on Cultural and Heritage and it was quite interesting. Mrs. Stone mentioned that a letter was sent to all county departments from Cultural and Heritage asking for teamwork from the county departments. She feels that this resolution is premature. She would like to see it put back on the agenda at a later date. We are already working on Oxford Mountain and also, we have to consider that there is always S & W and O & E associated with these capital projects.

George Warne said that in reference to the letter that was sent out, it was just to look at the county in general. This property mentioned in this resolution is strictly for the Oxford Historical District. This is an ongoing project that we are addressing here. George said he was instructed to develop a master plan for this project. This is a separate project.

Mrs. Dickey asked what type of recommendations might come out of this.

It would prioritize possible acquisition of additional properties. It will take into consideration all of the traffic flow, pedestrian flow and also show the impact on the surrounding economy. It would be an all-encompassing study.

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Mrs. Dickey said that we did ask George to give us a plan.

Mr. Miller said that he doesn't see this as a mandate to spend money, just a tool to let us know where to spend the money.

Mr. Dinger said that the same comments he voiced a few weeks ago still stand. This sends a poor message to our department heads. You tell them to cut back, this sends the wrong message.

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

Mr. Warne thanked the board and said that this is an example of good government.

The resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD" was read by the director but died for lack of a motion.

County Counsel had nothing to report.

County Engineer David Hicks had no report but wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

County Planner David Dech reported that two sections of Morris Canal property were acquired last week.

Mr. Miller asked Dave Hicks about the Hope Crossing Road Bridge. Dave said that the new rods were delivered Friday and installed Monday. The original problem was that during the galvanizing process, they were left in too long and the steel got pickled. The company provided all new rods.

CFO Pete Houck reported that he met with DCA last week regarding GAAP and Warren County and Bergen County led the pack. Funding may be available for the second year. Mr. Houck wished Mr. Miller well in all his future endeavors and wished everyone a happy and joyous holiday.

County Administrator Henry Dinger submitted one hiring request which was approved. He extended holiday greetings to all and said that it had always been interesting working with Ken.

Under freeholder comments, Mr. Miller said that this being his last regular freeholder meeting, he wanted to say that he had enjoyed these last twelve years and thanked everyone for the memories and wished a Merry Christmas to all.

Mrs. Stone said that it had been a pleasure working with Ken and she always respected his opinions. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mrs. Dickey wished Mr. Miller luck in the future and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Under public comments, Bob Shandor said that he has been involved with the county for about sixteen years and is proud of the current freeholder board. He read a special statement to Ken and presented it to him.

Freeholder-elect Steve Lance wished Ken well.

There were no press comments or questions.

MINUTES**December 23, 1996****RESOLUTION 746-96**

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 December 23, 1996.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON DECEMBER 23, 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

The board went into executive session at 8:26 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

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 8:31 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk