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Pursuant to Statute in such cases made in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on December 18, 1996, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren was held in Court Room #1, Court House, Belvidere, NJ on Wednesday, January 1, 1997 A.D. at 2:00 P.M.

The following notice was read by Deputy Clerk Naomi Stout: "ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR/GAZETTE, BLAIRSTOWN PRESS, THE NEWS, STAR-LEDGER AND THE EXPRESS-TIMES AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE".

The Invocation was given by Reverend Joseph Vasarhelyi, Pastor of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Deputy Clerk Naomi Stout.

The Certification of Election of Stephen J. Lance was read by Deputy Clerk Naomi Stout.

The Oath of Office of Stephen J. Lance was administered by the Honorable Harry K. Seybolt, J.S.C.

Mr. Lance was assisted by his wife Karen Lance.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Deputy Clerk Naomi Stout and the following members were present: Mr. Lance, Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Dickey.

RESOLUTION 1-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 1997

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Ann M. Stone, is appointed Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 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. Lance: abstain Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

The Oath of Office of Director of the Board was administered by the Honorable Harry K. Seybolt, J.S.C.

Mrs. Stone was assisted by her daughter Kim Viscomi.

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RESOLUTION 2-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, 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 January 1, 1997.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF
CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 1997**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Susan A. Dickey is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 3-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FREEHOLDER ANN STONE TO VARIOUS
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1997**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Freeholder Ann Stone is appointed to the following boards and committees for the year 1997:

Boards of School Estimate

Welfare Board

Office on Aging Advisory Council

Nutrition Program Advisory Council

New Jersey Association of Counties - 1st Alternate Voting Member

Mosquito Extermination Commission

Planning Board

Education Coordinating & Planning Committee

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 4-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FREEHOLDER SUSAN DICKEY TO VARIOUS
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1997**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Freeholder Susan Dickey is appointed to the following boards and committees for the year 1997:

Boards of School Estimate

Housing Committee

New Jersey Association of Counties - Voting Member

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Planning Board
Welfare Board

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 5-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEPHEN LANCE TO VARIOUS
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1997**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Freeholder Stephen Lance is appointed to the following boards and committees for the year 1997:

Boards of School Estimate
Human Services Coalition
Mental Health Board
Police Chief's Association
Trustee, Warren County Legal Services
New Jersey Association of Counties - 2nd Alternate

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 6-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO APPOINT
SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR AUTHORIZED BY
THIS BOARD OR WHICH THE DIRECTOR MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to appoint such committees as maybe required by law or authorized by this Board or which the Director may deem appropriate:

Freeholder Stephen J. Lance
Board of Agriculture
Boards of School Estimate
Board of Elections
Cooperative Extension Service
Correctional Center
Economic Development and Tourism
Environmental Commission
Human Services Department and its
various advisory committees
JINS
Juvenile Detention Center

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**Legal Services
Mental Health Board
NJ Association of Counties - 2nd Alternate
Police Chiefs Association
Board of Recreation Commissioners
Sheriff's Office
Statewide Excess Liability Fund Rep.
Trustee Warren County Legal Services**

Freeholder Ann M. Stone

**Boards of School Estimate
Bridge Division
Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Division
County Clerk (except Judicial section)
County Transportation Outreach
Economic Development and Tourism
Educational Coordinating & Planning Committee
Emergency Management
Environmental Commission
Engineer's Office
Health Services
Library Commission
Mosquito Extermination Commission
NJ Association of Counties - 1st Alternate Voting Member
Nutrition Program
Nutrition Program Advisory Council
Planning Board
Rescue and Ambulance Squads
Road Division
Shade Tree Commission
Soil Conservation
Solid Waste
Superintendent of Schools
Transportation Committee
Volunteer Fire Companies
Vo-Tech
War Veterans
Warren County Community College
Warren Haven
Welfare Board**

Freeholder Susan A. Dickey

**Audio Visual Aids Comm.
Board of Taxation
Boards of School Estimate
Citizen's Fiscal Advisory Committee
County Adjuster**

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Cultural and Heritage Commission
 Domestic Abuse and Rape Crisis Center
 Economic Development and Tourism
 Environmental Commission
 Housing Program
 Human Services
 Medical Examiner
 Mobile Eye Clinic
 NJ Association of Counties - Voting Member
 North Jersey Transportation Planning Committee
 Planning Board
 Private Industry Council of Morris/Sussex/Warren
 Prosecutor
 Surrogate
 Weights and Measures
 Welfare Board
 Women's Commission

All Three Freeholders

Freeholder's Office
 C.F.O.
 Purchasing Department
 County Counsel
 Information Systems

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 7-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

**RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES
 INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER
 LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1997**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the municipalities of Warren County are divided into three districts and a Freeholder is assigned as liaison to each district as follows:

District No. 1:

Belvidere
 White Township
 Oxford Township
 Blairstown Township
 Hardwick Township

Freeholder Stephen J. Lance

Knowlton Township
 Liberty Township
 Hope Township
 Pahaquarry Township

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<u>District No. 2:</u>	<u>Freeholder Susan A. Dickey</u>
Washington Borough	Independence Township
Mansfield Township	Frelinghuysen Township
Allamuchy Township	Hackettstown
Washington Township	

<u>District No.3:</u>	<u>Freeholder Ann M. Stone</u>
Phillipsburg	Lopatcong Township
Alpha Borough	Harmony Township
Pohatcong Township	Greenwich Township
Franklin Township	

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 8-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 1997**

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren for the year 1997. All regular meetings shall be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Administration Building, Route #519, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	8 at 9:30 A.M.	July	9 at 9:30 A.M.
January	15 at 7:00 P.M.	July	23 at 7:00 P.M.
January	22 at 7:00 P.M.	August	13 at 9:30 A.M.
February	11 at 9:30 A.M. *	August	27 at 7:00 P.M.
February	19 at 7:00 P.M.	September	10 at 9:30 A.M.
February	26 at 7:00 P.M.	September	17 at 7:00 P.M.
March	12 at 9:30 A.M.	September	24 at 7:00 P.M.
March	19 at 7:00 P.M.	October	8 at 9:30 A.M.
March	26 at 7:00 P.M.	October	15 at 7:00 P.M.
April	9 at 9:30 A.M.	October	22 at 7:00 P.M.
April	16 at 7:00 P.M.	November	12 at 9:30 A.M.
April	23 at 7:00 P.M.	November	19 at 7:00 P.M.
May	14 at 9:30 A.M.	November	25 at 7:00 P.M. **
May	21 at 7:00 P.M.	December	10 at 9:30 A.M.
May	28 at 7:00 P.M.	December	17 at 7:00 P.M.
June	11 at 9:30 A.M.	December	23 at 7:00 P.M. ***
June	18 at 7:00 P.M.		
June	25 at 7:00 P.M.		

* Please note that the first meeting in February is being held on Tuesday, February 11th instead of Wednesday, February 12th.

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**** Please note that the third meeting in November is being held on Tuesday, November 25th instead of Wednesday, November 26th.**

***** Please note that the third meeting in December is being held on Tuesday, December 23rd instead of Wednesday, December 24th.**

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 9-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE STAR GAZETTE/FORUM AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND THE EXPRESS-TIMES AS THE ALTERNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER IN WHICH SHALL BE PUBLISHED ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that THE STAR GAZETTE/FORUM is hereby designated as the official newspaper and THE EXPRESS-TIMES as the alternate official newspaper in which shall be published all advertisements and notices required by law to be published on behalf of the County of Warren. This action is taken pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:23-13.

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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 10-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE NEWS AS AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE COUNTY FOR THE PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN NOTICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS DURING THE YEAR 1997

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted January 1, 1997, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren designated The Star Gazette/Forum, of Hackettstown, as the official newspaper and The Express-Times, of Easton, Pennsylvania, as the alternate official newspaper for the publication of all notices and advertisements required by law to be published on behalf of the County of Warren; and

WHEREAS, it appears that certain notices and advertisements are required by law to be published in a newspaper published at the county seat, if there be one, such as N.J.S.A. 40A:2-19 regarding publication required by the Local Bond Law; and

WHEREAS, it appears that The News is a newspaper published in Belvidere, the county seat, and that The News meets all requirements to qualify as an official newspaper,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that THE NEWS is hereby designated as the official newspaper pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:23-13 in which shall be published all notices and advertisements required by law to be published

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on behalf of the County of Warren in a newspaper published at the county seat. Except as to such notices referred to above, the resolution adopted January 1, 1997 designating official newspapers shall continue in full force and effect.

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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 11-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AND CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER TO SIGN ALL WARREN COUNTY CHECKS**

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that in accordance with the R.S. 40A:5-17 the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and Chief Financial Officer of the County of Warren are hereby authorized to sign all Warren County checks.

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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 12-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING VARIOUS BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES
FOR WARREN COUNTY'S PUBLIC MONIES**

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that pursuant to R.S. 40A:5-14 that the following, banks (main or branch offices) be and are hereby designated as depositories of the County's public monies as herein set forth:

BE IT RESOLVED that the United National Bank; First Union Natl. Bk.; Phillipsburg National Bank; PNC Bank; First National Bank of Hope; Summit Bank; Hudson City Savings Bank; Newton Trust Company; Valley National Bank; and Skylands Community Bank be and the same are hereby designated as depositories for interest bearing accounts of public monies of the Chief Financial Officer - Treasurer's Office of the County of Warren, Superintendent of the Warren County Welfare House and Warren County Nutrition Program for the Elderly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the First Union Natl. Bank and United Natl. Bank and the same are hereby designated as the depositories of the County's public monies received by the County Clerk, Surrogate, Sheriff, Chief Financial Office (current account, payroll account, other trust account, capital account, library trust account, health trust account, section 8 program account, section 8 mod rehab account, section 8 voucher program account, rehab trust account, community development account and open space

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tax account).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Summit Mortgage Company be and the same is hereby designated as the depository of the County's public monies received by the repayment of loans for home improvements under the County Housing Program.

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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 13-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A
TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,449,137.00
THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 1997 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statutes 40A:4-19 provides that every County must make temporary appropriations during the period January 1 to January 30 to cover commitments made during the period of January through the date of the adoption of the Budget, the total of said appropriations for the preceding year, excluding the amount of appropriations for the Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance, and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty days of January, and

WHEREAS, one quarter of the total appropriations in the 1995 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance is \$14,449,137.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following temporary appropriations in the total amount of \$14,449,137.00 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Financial Officer's Department for their records.

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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 14-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

**RESOLUTION TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY CURRENT APPROPRIATION
FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000.00 THROUGH
THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 1997 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, temporary appropriations for Capital Project commitments made during the period of January through the date of the adoption of the budget in the total amount of \$750,000.00 be made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached temporary current appropriation for Capital Projects in the amount of \$750,000.00 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Financial Officer for their records.

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Bridge & Culvert Improvements - Bridge *20032 A01-10-02500.03.725	\$ 500,000.00
Building & Grounds Improvements - Warren Acres HVAC A01-10-02500.06.770	<u>250,000.00</u>
	Total \$ 750,000.00

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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 15-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO MAKE INVESTMENTS THROUGH CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS, REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS, OR OTHER SIMILAR PLANS

WHEREAS, it appears to be to the best interest of the County of Warren to participate in the purchase of Certificates of Deposits, Repurchase Agreements or other investments which would allow the County Chief Financial Officer to make short term investments at the best rates available creating additional income through higher interest rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the County Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make investments through Certificates of Deposits, Repurchase Agreements or other similar plans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Chief Financial Officer shall report to the Board of Chosen Freeholders at their next meeting all transactions made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all withdrawals be signed by the facsimile signature of the following: Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and Chief Financial Officer.

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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 16-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, 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 January 1, 1997.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRIAN D. SMITH AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO WARREN COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to maintain effective legal representation of Warren County; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance thereof the board has determined that Brian D. Smith, Esq. should continue to perform certain professional legal services on behalf of the county;

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

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County of Warren as follows:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:20-1, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43, and the cases cited thereunder, Brian D. Smith, Esq., an attorney-at-law of the State of New Jersey, with offices located at 416 Front Street, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823, is hereby appointed as special counsel to Warren County for a one (1) year term of office commencing January 1, 1997 and until December 31, 1997.

2. The Agreement between the Board and Mr. Smith setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation, which Agreement is made a part of this Resolution by reference and is incorporated herein as if set forth verbatim, is hereby approved by the Board, and the Director of the Board is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

3. Said Agreement is made, negotiated and awarded by the Board without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, as said Agreement is for professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law inasmuch as the services thereunder are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law.

4. Notice of this action, stating the nature, duration, service and amount of said Agreement, and that this Resolution and said Agreement are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board, shall be published in the Star Gazette/Forum as required by law within ten (10) days of the adoption 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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 17-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1997.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR WARREN COUNTY WITH CHARLES M. LEE

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Charles M. Lee, Esq. of 687 Washington St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840, shall be on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and made a part hereof by reference, is approved and shall be entered into by this board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director of the Board is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service: under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. This agreement is for services as Special Counsel at a rate of \$115.00 per hour, plus reimbursement for reasonable miscellaneous expenses.
5. The term of this agreement shall be from the passage of the enabling resolution until December 31, 1997, or until terminated within the provisions of the agreement.

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6. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR GAZETTE, Hackettstown, NJ, as required by law within ten (10) days of this 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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

Mrs. Stone introduced the dignitaries present: Senator William Schluter, Assemblyman Leonard Lance, Assemblywoman Connie Myers, former freeholder and Speaker of the House "Chuck" Haytaian, former freeholder Tony Fowler, former freeholder Kenneth Miller and Sheriff Don Kelley.

Senator Schluter congratulated Freeholders Stone and Lance and gave a special tribute to Ken Miller for serving long and well for Warren County for the last 12 years.

Senator Schluter said his interests are in land use, farmland preservation and growth in the urban areas with an eye to the future. He expressed his appreciation to the Warren County residents for their support of him. His comment today is that he will work hard for the people in Warren County to see that the quality of life is preserved.

Assemblyman Lance congratulated Steve and Ann and said that they all are fine examples of good government.

Assemblywoman Connie Myers said that it was an honor and a privilege to represent our county residents in Trenton this past year.

"Chuck" Haytaian congratulated Ann and pointed out that 20 years ago he was nominated (by himself) for director of the freeholder board. He congratulated Steve and said that he worked very hard to help get him elected. He thanked Walter Orcutt for his help in getting Steve elected. He said it is very important to have our freeholder board operate efficiently. He said the best position he every had was as a freeholder in Warren County.

Former freeholder Tony Fowler congratulated Steve on his election and mentioned that Clara would have been here but she has the flu. He also congratulated Ann on becoming director but felt either Susan or Steve should have been director.

Former freeholder Ken Miller congratulated Ann and Steve and said that his 12 years on the board was a long time but he had enjoyed it.

Sheriff Kelley congratulated Ann and Steve and thanked Judge Seybolt for being here today.

Freeholder Lance thanked his campaign workers and volunteers for allowing him the opportunity to serve the county. He intends to be a breath of fresh air and expects to make a positive change. He believes that we learn from the past. At the end of his term, December 31, 1999, he expects that what this board does now will have a lasting effect

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on the future of this county, and will make this a place you would want to raise your family. He holds all here in high esteem and thanked everyone for their help in participating.

Freeholder Dickey said that now is a time for renewal and evaluation. She feels they have made accomplishments in three areas: financial stability, environmental protection and open government. The debt has been decreased by 4-1/2 million dollars. The 1997 budget has no new debt, no tax increase and maintains the same level of services. She encourages a sound environmental future and open government. She thinks the travelling freeholder meetings were good and will continue to support this concept. She feels we need the involvement of the people.

The status of her platform has always been a sound environment, open spending and continued development. These issues are important to all of us. She feels we have had a productive two years and she thanked Freeholder Stone for allowing here to serve as director for those two years. She also thanked government staff for all their help.

Freeholder Stone thanked everyone for coming out today and feels that their support is very encouraging. She is grateful to God for allowing her to serve these people and to fulfill her obligations. She thanked her family and friends for their encouragement. She is grateful to Susan Dickey for allowing her to be director of the board and she will strive for unity, dedication to the job and she will address the concerns of the people she represents. Open space has to move forward. We also have to improve the library service in the southern end of the county. She needs board support for this. Controlled spending will be ongoing but we have to stop borrowing and live within our means. We will have to make some difficult decisions. We have improved our transportation service and we are getting the small buses in Phillipsburg, which is a great accomplishment. We hired a transportation coordinator and brought transportation back into the county. We have to address economic development. This year all three freeholders will be on the environmental commission. With the cooperation of the board she can accomplish our goals. She wishes for peace in 1997.

Freeholder Stone also acknowledged the chairman of the Democratic Party Jack Joyce, the Chairman of the Republican Party Walter Orcutt and Prosecutor John O'Reilly.

On motion by Mrs. Dickey and seconded by Mr. Lance, and there being no further business to come before the board on this date, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk