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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in its offices in the Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ on Wednesday, February 26, 1997 at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Ann Stone and upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder Ann Stone, Freeholder Susan Dickey and Freeholder Stephen Lance.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Director Stone.

Director Stone 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 Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held February 5, 1997 were approved as presented.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the executive session minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren held February 5, 1997 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren held February 11, 1997 were approved as presented.

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

Director Stone opened the public hearing on the second reading of the ordinance for capital improvements at 7:16 p.m.

Mr. Bohacz asked why Route #517 was not included in the road projects. Mr. Hicks informed him that this ordinance covers capital improvements and the Route #517 job is a maintenance project and comes out of the Road Department operating budget.

There being no further comments from the public, Director Stone closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

ORDINANCE 116-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following ordinance was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 1997.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$1,020,000.00 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSES**

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

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Section 1. The improvements described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance are hereby authorized as General Improvements to be made by the County of Warren, New Jersey. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,020,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Budget Fund of the County of Warren for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2(A).

Section 2 (A). The improvements hereby authorized and the proposed appropriations are for the following purposes:

(1)	Road and Drainage Improvements Design, construct or reconstruct and improve county roads number 612, 613, 614, 633 and 655 and intersections of routes 623 & 628 and 519 & 623.	\$	200,000.00
(2)	Bridge and Culvert Improvements Design, construct or reconstruct and improve county bridges number 03001, 03002, 08011, 11043, 12027, 12036, 16057, 16060, 16086, 16086A, 20001, 20049, 22036, 22037 and 06058.	\$	570,000.00
(3)	Buildings & Grounds Improvements Remove and replace underground fuel storage tanks.	\$	250,000.00
	Total	\$	1,020,000.00

Section 2 (B). The maximum amount of money to be appropriated for said purposes is \$1,020,000.00, no part of which is to be borrowed.

Section 3. The said purposes described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance is not a Current Expense and are for the improvements or purposes as stated above, no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on the property benefitted thereby.

Section 4. These appropriations are made as a result of the need to improve existing county infrastructure and facilities.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be published, together with a Notice of Introduction thereof and of the Date of Final Passage in the manner provided by law. Final Passage is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 1997 at 7 p.m., in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey or at such other date and time to which is may be adjourned.

At least one (1) week prior to the date set for Final Passage of this Ordinance, there shall be posted on the bulletin board of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, a copy of this Ordinance and a notice that copies of same will be made available upon request during the ensuing week up to and including the date set for final passage and the notice shall set forth the place at which such copies may be made available; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED this Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage as provided herein.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of an ordinance 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

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PROCLAMATION 117-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following proclamation was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 1997.

PROCLAMATION - WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH - MARCH 1997

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background helped found the Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways as servants, slaves, nurses, nuns, homemakers, industrial workers, teachers, reformers, soldiers and pioneers; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of our Nation's life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working in and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout our history by providing the majority of the Nation's volunteer labor force and have been particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in the country; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor union movement and the modern civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the body of American history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the month of March is designated as "Women's History Month", and the Women's Commission is calling upon the people of Warren County and the Board of Chosen Freeholders to observe the month of March 1997 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Ann M. Stone, Director
Board of Chosen Freeholders

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

Maria Goldstein, Chairwoman of the Commission for Women accepted the proclamation on behalf of the commission and thanked the board for their continuing support.

Under public comments, Dennis Bertland questioned the purchase of the Hamlen property and asked why this property had been bumped up so quickly. He said this should have been referred to the county planning board.

Jim Smith of Sanico objected to Resolution #H2 and said that he objects to this award of contract.

Chris Pessolano said that he did a break-down on the monthly cost and then awarded to the low bidder. Waste Management of North Jersey has been low each year.

Mr. Smith said that the bid calls for a per month basis but it is not being done that way. It is being done on a pick-up basis but the bid calls for a flat rate. He says we are paying for a per pick-up price at the nursing home.

Chris said the prices can fluctuate and that is stated in the bid spec. Mr. Smith was higher by \$3,200 the first year, \$2,200 the second year, \$1,000 the third year, \$1,500 the fourth year and \$1,100 the fifth year.

Mr. Smith said the bid has a lot of problems.

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RESOLUTION 118-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 1997 CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN ADDITIONAL COSTS NOT ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED IN THE ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC USE

WHEREAS, the County of Warren, New Jersey desires to amend the 1997 Capital Budget of said county by inserting thereon the items therein as shown in such budget for the following reason:

Additional costs not originally anticipated in the acquisition of open space property for public use.

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

Section 7. the 1997 Capital Budget of the County of Warren is hereby amended by adding thereto as follows:

**AMENDMENT NO. 97-1
1997 CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE
COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY
(C-3, Current Year Action)**

PROJECT TITLE	EST. TOTAL COST	1997 BUDGET APPROP.	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	FUNDED IN FUTURE YEARS
BUILDING AND LAND Acquisitions	\$1,133,000		\$400,000	\$733,000

1997 SIX YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 1997-2002

**C-4, Anticipated Project Schedule
and Funding Requirements**

PROJECT TITLE	EST. TOTAL COST	1997	1998	1999
BUILDING AND LAND ACQUISITIONS	\$1,133,000	\$400,000	\$366,500	\$366,500

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

Mrs. Dickey questioned the CFO about this resolution and he explained that the purpose of the resolution is to amend the budget for the acquisition of open space property, namely the Hamlen property.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: no Mrs. Stone: yes

ORDINANCE 119-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following ordinance was approved on first reading by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 1997.

AN ORDINANCE KNOWN AS A COUNTY ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PREMISES KNOWN AN BLOCK 23, LOT 7 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH AND BLOCK 98, LOT 2 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF

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LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. THE PURPOSE OF SAID PURCHASE IS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE AND SAID PURCHASE COST IS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$1,100,000.00 PLUS CLOSING AND SURVEY EXPENSES. THE SUM OF \$400,000 REPRESENTING THE FIRST INSTALLMENT SUM OF \$367,000 PLUS CLOSING AND SURVEY EXPENSES IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN

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

Section 1. The improvements described in Section 2 of this Ordinance are hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made by the County of Warren, New Jersey. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$400,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund of the County of Warren for said stated purpose.

Section 2. (A) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose of the proposed appropriation for financing said improvement is for the Purchase of premises known as Block 23, Lot 7 on the Tax Map of the Township of Greenwich and Block 98, Lot 2 on the Tax Map of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey for preservation of open space and the closing expenses associated therefor.

Section 2. (B) The maximum amount of money appropriated in the 1997 General Capital Budget for the above noted purchase is \$400,000.00, no part of which said sum is to be borrowed.

Section 2. (C) The Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby authorizes the execution of an installment purchase agreement in accordance with NJSA 40A:2-26 et seq. to provide for payment of the balance of the purchase price in two annual installments. Payments as follows: \$366,500.00 payable twelve (12) months from the date of the closing and \$366,500.00 payable twenty four (24) months from the date of the closing. The maximum amount of money appropriated in future years for the above noted purchase is \$733,000.00, no part of which said sum is to be borrowed.

Section 2. (D) A supplemental debt statement reflecting the principal sum of the installment purchase agreement has been duly prepared and filed consistent with the provisions of NJSA 40A:2-10 as required by NJSA 40:12-5 et seq.

Section 3. The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited, and stated:

(A) The said purpose described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance is not a Current Expense and is for the Purchase of premises known as Block 23, Lot 7 on the Tax Map of the Township of Greenwich and Block 98, Lot 2 on the Tax Map of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey and the closing expenses therefor, which the County may lawfully make as a general improvement and no part of this cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on the property benefitted thereby.

Section 4. The capital budget of the County of Warren is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the division of Local Government Services is on file with the clerk to the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be published together with a notice of introduction thereof and of the date of final passage in the Star/Gazette Forum at least one (1) week

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prior to the date set for final passage thereof. The date for final passage shall be at 9:30 a.m. on the 12th day of March, 1997, at the Freeholders Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, Route 519, Belvidere, New Jersey, or such other item as to which it may be adjourned.

At least one (1) week prior to the above date or meeting, for the consideration of this Ordinance, there shall be posted on the bulletin board of the Board of Chosen Freeholders a copy of this Ordinance and a notice that copies of this Ordinance will be made available during the ensuing week up to and including the date of the meeting for further consideration of the Ordinance by the members of the general public of the County who shall request copies and the notice shall set forth the place at which such copies may be made available.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED this Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

Mrs. Dickey said that she feels this should have been held so that the public hearing would fall on a night meeting. She is not entirely sure of the purpose of the purchase of this property. It should be considered with an eye to the open space plan. She will raise these points at the public hearing.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: no Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 120-97

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 February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Master Voucher Certificate for Certification for Payment No. 97-5 dated February 26, 1997 in the amount of \$1,212,319.33 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board 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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 121-97

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 February 26, 1997.

TRANSFER IN THE 1996 RESERVED APPROPRIATIONS;

TO:	OUT-OF-COUNTY VO-TECH SCHOOLS, OE	\$ 5,000.00
FROM:	WARREN HAVEN, S & W,	\$ 5,000.00

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-59 states that transfers can be made to Reserved Appropriations through March 31, and

WHEREAS, by unforeseen demand there has arisen the necessity for expenditures to fulfill the purposes of the appropriations as stated in the 1996 Budget and Tax Levy in the following accounts:

Out-of-County Vo Tech Schools, OE	\$ 5,000.00
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and there being an excess in appropriations heretofore made as follows:

Warren Haven, S & W \$ 5,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that by a Majority Vote of this Board that the following transfers in the 1996 Reserved Appropriations be made:

TO

R-A01-07-01747.00.215 Out-of-Co. Vo Tech Sch. OE \$ 5,000.00

FROM

R-A01-06-01500.10.000 Warren Haven, S & W \$ 5,000.00

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 122-97

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 February 26, 1997.

**INSERTION INTO THE 1997 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$8,508.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, RIGHT-TO-KNOW GRANT**

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 1997 in the sum of \$8,508.00 which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health, Right-To-Know Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$8,508.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Health, Right-To-Know Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the Department of Health 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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 123-97

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 February 26, 1997.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BETWEEN
D.I. FARMS, A NEW JERSEY CORPORATION, AS SELLER, AND THE**

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ON WEST OXFORD MOUNTAIN IN OXFORD TOWNSHIP**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Contract for Sale of Real Estate between D.I. Farms, a New Jersey Corporation, as Seller, and the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, as Buyer, regarding property located on West Oxford Mountain in the Township of Oxford, Block 3, Lots 17, 18 and 19 on the Township of Oxford Tax Map, which contract is incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved and the Freeholder Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute same. The County Administrator and County Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary and appropriate to enable the closing of title pursuant to said 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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 124-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 1997.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY BRIDGES #22036 & #22037,
COUNTY ROUTE #632 & SHURTS ROAD OVER A TRIBUTARY
TO THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the construction of Warren County Bridges #22036 & #22037 and intersection reconstruction will require the purchase of additional right-of-way for wider bridge structures; and

WHEREAS, additional right-of-way of .033± acres is needed, being part of Block 73, Lot 1.03, owned by Mark A. And Susan Healy; and

WHEREAS, an equitable cost of \$700.00 was negotiated by the Office of the County Engineer for acquiring the right-of-way, which is agreeable to the property owner; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 008-02500.1995.003 and certified by the County 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer be authorized to have the deed executed for the purchase of the property for bridge construction.

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 125-97

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 February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AS DEVELOPED BY

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THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, SMALL CITIES CDBG PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has entered into Grant Agreement #97-0963-00 with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, that Grant Agreement requires the County of Warren to comply with all federal regulations with respect to citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has reviewed the Citizen Participation Plan prepared for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant grantees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Freeholder Director and Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Citizen Participation Plan developed by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities CDBG Program, is adopted by the County of Warren.
2. The County of Warren will follow all regulations set forth in that document throughout the term of the Grant Agreement cited above.

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 126-97

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 February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING HENRY D. DINGER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF WARREN COUNTY AS THE CDBG FAIR HOUSING OFFICER FOR WARREN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has received a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Small Cities Program within the County of Warren; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren must make efforts to affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has reviewed various actions that would be acceptable to the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has made assurances in the grant agreement that:

- (1) It will comply with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and regulations issued thereto; and
- (2) It will comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations issued thereto; and
- (3) It will comply with the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and will affirmatively further fair housing; and
- (4) It will comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Henry D. Dinger, County Administrator, shall be designated as the Fair Housing Officer for the County of Warren; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fair Housing Officer shall provide fair housing advisory services and assistance and referral advice to persons requesting such assistance from the County of Warren; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Warren will conduct a public

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information and outreach campaign to publicize the County of Warren's fair housing 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

Mrs. Dickey asked why this wasn't the housing program director and Mr. Dinger said it has to be a county employee.

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

RESOLUTION 127-97

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 February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND CATHERINE NORRIS BREWSTER TO WORK AS A CONSULTANT TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CASE ASSESSMENT RESOURCE TEAM; AGREEMENT IN EFFECT JANUARY 1, 1997 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1997; (FUNDS AS AVAILABLE IN ACCOUNT #0019280004.300) AGREEMENT CEILING NOT TO EXCEED \$22,750

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human Services has funding available for the administration of the Warren County Case Assessment Resource Team; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of Human Services has developed an agreement with Catherine Norris Brewster to provide these administrative services on behalf of the department at a rate not to exceed \$17.50 per hour; and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be in effect for the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997 and shall not exceed \$22,750 (funds available in Account # 0019280004.300).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Chosen Freeholders approves the consultant agreement for the period 1/1/97 - 12/31/97 between the Warren County Department of Human Services and Catherine Norris Brewster for the administration of the Case Assessment Resource Team; agreement ceiling not to exceed \$22,750.

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 128-97

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 February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED STATE FUNDING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES

WHEREAS, Warren County Community College and other community colleges throughout the State of New Jersey are experiencing escalating operational costs while revenues remain at the same level or decrease; and

WHEREAS, college education must be maintained within the reach of the working citizens of the state which is critical to future job growth and the economic development

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of our community and the state in the next century; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has not adhered to the original concept of equal cost sharing between the state, counties and students for community colleges whereby the current level of state funding is 24%;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, that it supports current efforts to promote the return to the original basic funding principle of one-third state, one-third county, and one-third student financing of community colleges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Christine Whitman, Senator William E. Schluter, Assemblyman Leonard Lance, Assemblywoman Connie Myers and the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of the State of New Jersey.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 129-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND THE AWARD OF CONTRACT #WC9626 AND AWARD CONTRACT WC9626-1 FOR INMATE COMMISSARY SERVICE AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 27, 1997 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1997 TO KEEFE SUPPLY COMPANY OF EDISON, NEW JERSEY WITH THE COMMISSION RATE OF 6%

WHEREAS, Inmate Commissary Service Bids for the County of Warren were received on May 13, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Institutional Distributors Inc., was the bidder paying the highest commission for Inmate Commissary Service and was awarded the contract by resolution, May 22, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Institutional Distributors has stated that they can no longer provide the service as outlined in the bid specification and that the award should be made to the vendor providing the next highest commission rate, Keefe Supply Company of Edison, New Jersey, in the rate of 6%; and

WHEREAS, no county funds are needed for this contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby rescind the award for Inmate Commissary Service from Institutional Distributors Inc., and award the contract to Keefe Supply Company at the commission rate of 6%.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Lance questioned this and Chris said the original place went out of business.

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

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RESOLUTION 130-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9701 FOR PICKUP AND DISPOSAL OF TRASH FROM COUNTY BUILDINGS TO WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NORTH JERSEY, INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 1997 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1998 IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$64,000.00 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND UP TO FOUR ADDITIONAL YEARS AS PROVIDED FOR BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15.(3)

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9701 for the pickup and disposal of trash from County Buildings is hereby awarded to . . . Waste Management of North Jersey, Inc., Chester, New Jersey in the approximate amount of \$64,000.00 as per their bid submitted . . . February 18, 1997 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts A01-01-00381.00.086 - Bldg/Grds-Garbage Removal, A01-04-01021.00.086 - Roads-Garbage Removal, A01-05-01141.00.086 - Warren Acres Garbage Removal, A01-06-01501.12.086 - Warren Haven-Garbage Removal, 003012150.059 - Library Branch Maintenance

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

It was decided to table action on the above resolution until it is discussed in executive session and then take action in open session.

RESOLUTION 131-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9702 FOR RADIOS & RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO REILLY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, INC., OF GREAT MEADOWS, NEW JERSEY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$33,892.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9702 for Motorola Radius GM300 Radios, base units, 4800 Baud MRM RF Modems, antenna kits, computer mounts, amplifiers and installation for the Prosecutors Office is hereby awarded to . . . Reilly Radio Communications, Inc., Great Meadows, New Jersey in the total amount of . . . \$33,892.00 as per their bid submitted . . . February 11, 1997 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 account 801-03150.802 - Prosecutors Confiscated Interest

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

RESOLUTION 132-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9703 FOR LAPTOP COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO COMPUTER CITY, A DIVISION OF TANDY CORPORATION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$32,251.53

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9703 for 18 Compaq Model Armada 112 OT P100 Laptop Computers with Simple Technology 8MB Upgrade and 1 Iomega 420MB Ext. Tape Backup is hereby awarded

to . . . Computer City a Division of Tandy Corp., Fort Worth, Texas

in the total amount of . . . \$32,251.53

as per their bid submitted . . . February 11, 1997

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 account 801-03150.802 - Prosecutors Confiscated Interest

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

Mrs. Stone said that laptop computers are being given to all the police departments in the county.

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

RESOLUTION 133-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9707 RADIO MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 1997 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1998 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS AS PER THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) TO TUWAY WIRELESS OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$15,259.44

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9707 for radio maintenance is hereby awarded

to . . . TuWay Wireless, Allentown, Pennsylvania

in the approximate amount of . . . \$15,259.44

as per their bid submitted . . . February 18, 1997

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible

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and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts A01-04-01021.00.516 - Roads Radio Maintenance, A01-03-00341.00.016 - Prosecutor's Radio Maintenance, A01-04-01051.00.514 - Bridge Radio Maintenance, A01-03-00701.00.016 - Sheriff's Radio Maintenance, A01-03-00741.00.008 - Weights & Measures Maints/Repair, A01-05-01501.00.514 - Jail Radio Maintenance, A01-06-01501.12.081 - Warren Haven - Maintenance/Other Maintenance Contracts

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

RESOLUTION 134-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9708 ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 1997 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1998 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) TO DOVER ELEVATOR COMPANY OF SECAUCUS, NEW JERSEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,500.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9708 for elevator maintenance is hereby awarded

to . . . Dover Elevator Company, Secaucus, New Jersey
in the amount of . . . \$16,500.00

as per their bid submitted . . . February 18, 1997

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts A01-01-00381.00.072 - Bldg/Grds-Elevator Maintenance, A01-01-00381.83.072 - Bldg/Grds-Annex Elevator Maintenance, A01-06-01501.12.072 - Warren Haven Maintenance - Elevators

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

RESOLUTION 135-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9709 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 1997 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1998 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL

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**YEARS TO DONALD W. SMITH FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$2,207.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC9709 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in White Twsp., Landfill property identified as Block 32, Lot 18 - 43.14 acres and Block 32, Lot 22 - 41.70 acres is hereby awarded to . . . Donald W. Smith, Belvidere, New Jersey annual rent of \$1,122.00 for Lot 18 and \$1,085.00 for Lot 22 as per their bid submitted February 10, 1997 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the highest responsible and responsive bid received.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there were no bids received for county property in Mansfield Twsp. Warren Haven identified as Parcel A-1, and A-2.

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

RESOLUTION 136-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO STORR TRACTOR COMPANY, UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A77220 COVERING LAWN & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FOR A CASE INTERNATIONAL MODEL #4210 TRACTOR WITH FLAIL MOWER AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$53,391.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for a Case International Tractor Model #4210 with Flail Mower and accessories is hereby awarded

to . . . Storr Tractor Company, Somerville, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$53,391.00 at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A77220

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account A01-10-02500.07.791 - 97 Capital Bldgs & Grds - Front End Loader/Tractor

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 137-97

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 February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints a member to the Warren County Special Services School District Board of Education to fill an unexpired term, to become effective February 27, 1997:

Anthony T. Amato
82 Rutherford Drive
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire: June 30, 1999

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

County Counsel David Wallace had items for executive session only.

County Engineer David Hicks reported that he had pulled a resolution (H9) under award of contracts that has to be readvertised. It will be introduced at the next meeting.

County Planner David Dech thanked the board for the purchase of the West Oxford Mountain property. He also mentioned that regarding the Hamlen property, it is included in the county's open space plan.

Dave reported that regarding transportation funding on the state level, the North Jersey area is losing money. He submitted a report to the board. He and Bernie Rooney attended a Project Prioritization Committee meeting on Tuesday at which NJDOT proposed its' schedule. They are looking at an endorsement by March 1st. However, it can not be reviewed in detail in that short a period of time so they are looking for a one month extension. The committee wanted a ranking (high, medium, low) on the projects. The Warren Glen - Bloomsbury Bridge is a top priority. Mrs. Stone said it jeopardizes the public safety. She asked about the cost and Dave said it was originally \$600,000 but is probably higher now.

Mrs. Stone said that as a freeholder board, they should contact the New Jersey legislators on this issue.

Mrs. Dickey said she would like this board to oppose the tunnel project and asked for a resolution for the March 12th meeting. Dave Dech will prepare the resolution.

Dave Hicks said that we only have six projects in the federal aid program and one goes back to 1981.

The CFO had nothing to report.

County Administrator Henry Dinger asked the board if they are in favor of the poster project as proposed by Shawn Buskirk and if so asked that they sign a letter of support. The board agreed to this.

Mr. Dinger also reminded the board that they need to come up with two names for

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appointment to the PRMUA.

Mr. Dinger also asked if the board had decided where to hang the Wayne Dumont portrait and Mrs. Stone asked that it be hung on the back wall over the director's chair.

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Dickey made reference to the article in the Star Ledger about the sludge fertilizer. She took exception to the criticism made by Hydropress against Mike King and the WC Health Department. Mayor VanHorn should be commended for bringing this to the public's attention. The county needs to look at sludge requirements and see what we can do. We should start by asking the Environmental Commission to take a look at this.

Mr. Lance said he attended the HSAC meeting with NORWESCAP and they did an in-depth poverty study on this area. The State Department of Human Services appropriated \$550,000 to Hunterdon and Warren counties for mental health.

Mrs. Stone reported that the mayors had a meeting regarding Merrill Creek and the siren system. Lt. Quinn met with Lopatcong Township and the time frame given was until June to get the siren system going. However, it will probably be done by April.

Susan said she received a letter from George Warne stating that they are having a problem with the chimneys at Shippen Manor. They need to be re-pointed as the mortar is crumbling. He is asking the board to consider an emergency appropriation for \$9,000 to their account to correct this problem. Mrs. Dickey said this is the wrong terminology and asked Steve Marvin to contact George Warne about this.

Under closing comments, Bob Shandor thanked the board for the resolution to purchase the West Oxford Mountain property and also thanked them for the Hamlen purchase.

Mark Hontz, an attorney for Dolan and Dolan, spoke to the board on behalf of the Friends of the Morris Canal. He advised the board that removing the public access easement may be illegal and not prudent. He feels that the county should not be involved in this. The board should not take any action as 1) there is no threat to the Stewarts Hunt landowners at this time 2) one condition is that the board create a park program to oversee this project and if the board extinguishes this access it would be premature, 3) the terms of any settlement are subject to public hearing for a public vote and 4) it may be illegal or against the public interest and would be voidable by the courts. As a safeguard and if litigation is ever needed, a report has to be made available to the public; one in the county seat, one in Greenwich Township and the board would have to be able to prove why this is needed and as there is no immediate threat to the landowners, he would caution the board about further action. He feels that any action to extinguish public access will be struck down and as it is not in the public interest, would be illegal.

Ray Bohacz again asked the board about the status of his project. Mrs. Stone said that there is a Public Works meeting scheduled for tomorrow and she will bring it up. Steve Marvin spoke to George Ulmer and George anticipates the project will be completed

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mid to late April.

Mr. Bohacz asked if it will be safe and will someone call him after the meeting. Steve will call him. He also made a request to meet with Mr. Dinger on Thursday. He was told to call for a time.

A gentleman from the Lopatcong Environmental Commission brought up the Morris Canal matter and said the members voted to adopt a resolution opposing the county action to take away the public access. He read it to the board.

Wilma Frey, Coordinator of the Highlands Coalition, defended the canal and what it stands for. There are many reasonable compromises that could be made.

Florence Kuipers said the board should acknowledge the group who have worked on this project over the last sixteen years.

Dennis Bertland said he is looking forward to meeting with Steve Lance next week.

Under press comments and questions, Art Charlton of the Star Ledger asked about the actual use of the West Oxford Mountain property and the Hamlen property and will there be public access. The board said yes.

RESOLUTION 138-97

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 February 26, 1997.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON FEBRUARY 26, 1997. 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. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

Director Stone called for a five minute recess at 8:55 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 9:15 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 11:05 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, county counsel is authorized to settle the lawsuit as discussed in executive session up to the maximum amount.

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

Director Stone called for a roll call on Resolution #H2 which was moved and seconded earlier and discussed in executive session.

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

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk