

## MINUTES

April 16, 1997

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, April 16, 1997 at 7:20 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Stone and upon roll call the following members were in attendance: 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".

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Shannon Brennan, Youth Opportunities Coordinator, HS, and Candy Brewster, CART Coordinator, HS, gave a brief update on Youth Services in Warren County.

Before they began, Ms. Kubert, Director of Human Services, commented on how smoothly her department runs with such competent and efficient people to work with.

Shannon reported that the Shelter/Detention Review Committee, formed in 1996, focuses on Warren County youth who are placed through the court system in either a youth shelter, detention center or other facility and is administered by the Juvenile Justice Commission which was established one year ago.

The goals of the committee are to move the youth through the system as quickly as possible, identify any gaps in the system, recommend placements or services and to make recommendations regarding the use of client specific services funding.

The committee has established an Alternate to Detention Program that is for kids who would otherwise be in the detention center. There are ten slots available. It provides after school companionship until 8:00 p.m., electronic monitoring, work-shops for kids with parents, etc. This program has been in operation since September. There is \$35,000 in wraparound funding which is used to purchase services that are needed; mental health evaluations, sex offender evaluations and group treatment, competency evaluations for two youth, funds to facilitate participation in ADP and substance abuse treatment.

Shannon said that a quarter of the kids in trouble need substance abuse rehabilitation. The sex offender treatment is a long-standing issue in Warren County. The need for treatment is there and we are spending funds on this.

In 1997, we will have two new projects; "Aging Out Youth" for 17, 18 and 19 year old youths from troubled families, putting a workshop together for this and "Career Counseling", how to get help when needed. There is a resource committee looking at a mentoring program.

Candy Brewster spoke about CART and CIACC. Warren County received \$43,376 in wraparound funding this year of which approximately \$31,228 has been spent. Wraparound

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services were provided for 22 families and the bulk of the money was spent on mentoring and recreation. Structured recreation is needed over the summer months. These kids need a one-on-one type of relationship. We currently have two children in out-of-state placement and two at the Arthur Brisbane Treatment Center. CART continues to be plagued by the lack of services for clients aging out of the children's system and for those who are mentally ill.

The Youth Incentive Program (YIP) is a program for youth with special emotional needs and their families. The components to YIP are: CIACC (County Interagency Coordinating Council), CART (Case Assessment Resource Team) and CFT Facilitator (Child Family Team).

Mrs. Dickey again mentioned the feasibility of utilizing the JINS building but Karen Kubert said that, as discussed in the past, that would be very costly. It would cost approximately \$900,000 to rehabilitate and \$500,000 annually to operate.

The alternate is the host home program which has been done in the past. We should also look into the type of program that Camden County has. It was pointed out that the drugs available today are far more dangerous than in the past and the children getting involved are much younger.

Mrs. Stone thanked Ms. Brennan and Ms. Brewster for doing a fabulous job for the county.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

**RESOLUTION 271-97**

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 April 16, 1997.

**RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS**

**BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Master Voucher Certificate for Certification for Payment No. 97-10 dated April 16, 1997 in the amount of \$2,911,083.49 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

PAYROLL 3/10/97	971,439.87
VOUCHERS	<u>1,939,643.62</u>
TOTAL	2,911,083.49

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 272-97**

On motion by Mr. 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 April 16, 1997.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF GRANT NO. 97-159-SCH-00 FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES BY THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CHILDREN RESIDING IN WARREN COUNTY WHO ARE REGISTERED WITH THE SPECIAL HEALTH SERVICES CASE MANAGEMENT UNIT.**

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**IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$25,882 FOR THE PERIOD  
JULY 1, 1997 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1998**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized and directed to execute an application for the renewal of Grant No. 97-159-SCH-00 from the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services by the Warren County Health Department, Division of Personal Health Services to provide services to children residing in Warren County who are registered with the Special Health Services Case Management Unit, in the total amount of \$25,882 for the period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998, which application is made a part of this Resolution by reference and is incorporated herein as if set forth verbatim.

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

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, authorization to prepare a resolution for the next meeting appointing Kathryn Deguire as a member to the WC Mental Health Board.

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

Under closing comments, Mrs. Jean Donahue again asked the board if there is anything new on giving any preference on giving jobs to county residents.

Mrs. Stone said that the board had requested that county counsel check with the surrounding counties to see how they handle this and county counsel said he has had no responses to his requests. He was advised to reach out to these counties again for a response.

Ann Jennings spoke to the board regarding their support for Phillipsburg as the site for a railroad museum. (The freeholder board supported this by resolution in the fall of 1996) She handed out fliers from the Phillipsburg Railroad & Transportation Heritage Center Committee for an all-day tour of the Phillipsburg Area Heritage Center Sites on Saturday and Sunday, April 26th and 27th.

Under press comments, Mike Miller of the Express-Times questioned as to why the meeting with Phillipsburg is being held in executive session. Mrs. Stone said that as she told him earlier on the phone, they will be discussing contract negotiations.

Director Stone called for a recess at 8:10 p.m.

**RESOLUTION      273-97**

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 April 16, 1997.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN  
FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON APRIL 16, 1997. THE  
GENERAL NATURE OF THE SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDES VARIOUS**

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

The board went into executive session at 8:17 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 10:03 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

We are to ask Jerry Coyle about the paperwork on the position of Fire Academy Coordinator.

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 10:08 p.m.

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

**ATTESTED TO:**

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk