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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, September 10, 1997 at 9:40 a.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".

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held August 13, 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 executive session of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held August 13, 1997 were approved as presented.

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

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Carol Hollingsworth for her invaluable service as a member to the PCFA. She thanked the board and wished them continued success in the future. The board thanked her for all she had done while a PCFA member.

Erwin Naumann and Jim Cooper of the Citizens Advisory Committee gave the board copies of the report they prepared outlining the work they have done with the county department heads regarding the county's fiscal operations.

Mr. Naumann acknowledged and thanked Mrs. Dickey for creating this committee and thanked the board for appointing them. They worked two years on this project. They also thanked the department heads and the employees for their cooperation. The committee was comprised of ordinary citizens, representative of the citizens of the county and it was a very diverse committee. The report addressed only a portion of the budget line items, the ones selected account for 79% of the county share (tax dollars) of the budget in 1996. The report contains 110 pages and the committee hopes it will be widely circulated. He suggested that a copy be sent to every municipality. He again thanked the board for allowing them to serve the county in this way.

Mrs. Stone mentioned that the county is richly blessed with volunteers.

Mrs. Dickey thanked them all very much and in particular, Erwin and Jim. The committee started out with 13 members but dwindled down to 4.

Mr. Lance said that a tremendous effort was put forth in this document.

There were no public comments at this time.

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RESOLUTION 547-97

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 September 10, 1997.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Master Voucher Certificate for Certification for Payment No. 97-23 dated September 10, 1997 in the amount of \$2,164,373.59 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

97-23	1,197,676.09
Payroll 8/28	966,697.50
TOTAL	2,164,373.59

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 548-97

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 September 10, 1997.

**INSERTION INTO THE 1997 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
DEPT. OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, FOR VETERANS
TRANSPORTATION #VL98T21**

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 \$13,000.00, which item is now available from the State of N.J., Dept. of Military & Veteran Affairs, for Veterans Transportation #VL98T21.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$13,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

"UNDER STATE AN FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES"
State of New Jersey, Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs,
for Veterans Transportation #VL98T21

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State

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of New Jersey, Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs and that two (2) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 549-97

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 September 10, 1997.

**INSERTION INTO THE 1997 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$107,399.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT
CORPORATION, SECTION 5311 GRANT PROGRAM**

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 1997 in the sum of \$107,399.00, which item is now available from the New Jersey Transit Corporation, Section 5311 Grant Program. Matching County funds in the amount of \$35,800.00 has been appropriated in the County Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$107,399.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

New Jersey Transit Corporation, Section 5311 Grant Programs

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the New Jersey Transit Corporation 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 550-97

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 September 10, 1997.

**RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A COUNTY OF WARREN'S TRUST FUND FOR THE**

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WARREN COUNTY GREEN TRUST ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the County of Warren wishes to establish a dedicated fund into which shall be deposited monies from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Programs as per State regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:36-1 et seq.) requiring that such account may only be used for the Green Trust project and that the account will be subject to DEP audit.

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren desires to establish a Warren County Green Trust Account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Chief Financial Officer is directed to request for approval from the Division of Local Government Services and to establish a Warren County Green Trust Account as per NJAC13:47F-1.5.

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 551-97

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 September 10, 1997.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE
AGREEMENT VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY FUND FY-98 WITH
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPT. OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROJECT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$10,254.00 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 to execute an agreement with the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, for the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, Victim Assistance Project, in the amount of \$10,254.00 for the period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998.

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 552-97

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 September 10, 1997.

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE
INTERNODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT (ISTEA)**

WHEREAS, the Internodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) represented a revolutionary change from past transportation legislation; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental structure of ISTEA recognizes the need to allocate funds to states based upon transportation needs, system requirements and each geographic area's unique problems; and

WHEREAS, the programs and goals of ISTEA are sound and must be retained to ensure the continuation of the many projects necessary to sustain and improve the health, safety and quality of life throughout our country; and

WHEREAS, the maximum level of Federal investment should be authorized with the new legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby urges the reauthorization of ISTEA, retaining its basic structure and increasing funding levels to meet the demands and requirements of all our transportation systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to our United States Senate and Congressional representatives.

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 553-97

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 September 10, 1997.

**RESOLUTION TO RESCIND THE WEIGHT LIMIT ON
CONRAIL BRIDGE STRUCTURE NO. 2154-162,
COUNTY ROUTE #637, GREENWICH TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has reconstructed Conrail Bridge No. 2154-162 on County Route #637 over Washington Secondary Line, Greenwich Township; and

WHEREAS, the previous weight limit of 18 tons for type 3 trucks, 28 tons for type 3S2 trucks, and 36 tons for type 3-3 trucks is no longer necessary; and

WHEREAS, County Route #637 is maintained by Warren County and the County is responsible for all signing on the roadway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the rescinding of the above weight limits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Clerk of Greenwich Township.

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

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

RESOLUTION 554-97

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 September 10, 1997.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND SUPPORTING THE WARREN COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING
THE PROPOSED PLAN OF THE POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY
TO LOWER THE TIPPING FEE AT THE RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY**

WHEREAS, members of the Warren County Pollution Control Financing Authority have presented proposed strategies at the June 5 and September 4, 1997, Solid Waste Advisory Council meetings to reduce the tipping fee to make the facility competitive if New Jersey's waste flow laws are held unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, three major strategies that were presented by the PCFA were opposed by the SWAC membership at the August 7 meeting, and memorialized in a letter dated August 12, 1997, and reaffirmed by the SWAC membership at the September 4, 1997, meeting, and

WHEREAS, the three strategies opposed by SWAC are: expanding the throughput of the incinerator by 100 tons-per-day, accepting ash into the landfill from other counties, and the imposition of a tax or environmental investment charge on Warren County citizens to pay off a stranded debt; and

WHEREAS, increasing throughout and accepting other counties ash can have detrimental environmental impacts on the citizens of Warren County and reduce the life of the landfill thereby creating the need to site another landfill by 2020 instead of 2042; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of an additional tax or environmental investment charge to pay the outstanding debt on privately insured revenue bonds is unwarranted and an unfair financial burden on the citizens of Warren County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the Board accepts and supports the recommendations submitted by SWAC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Warren County Pollution Control Financing Authority, the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, the legislative delegation, the Governor, and the municipalities of Warren County.

Mr. Lance said that he has a problem with this resolution. The recommendations are all negative and there are no solutions to the problem. The incinerator faces very serious problems in the future and this resolution does not address the situation. Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. Stone both felt it was important for the freeholders to support SWAC's recommendations. Mrs. Stone said that there was very good attendance at the September SWAC meeting.

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: no Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

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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 September 10, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC9784 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FINANCIAL/STATISTICAL SOFTWARE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AGENCY

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC9784 for financial/statistical software for the Warren County Public Health Nursing Agency is hereby approved

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for bids for the above in the Star Gazette.

Funds for this contract are provided in trust account 401-02506.009 - PHNA Trust - Equipment

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 556-97

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 September 10, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9782-2 WITH AMERICAN LEGION BERNARDINE - MAY POST FOR A NUTRITION SITE ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1997 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550.00 PER MONTH

BE IT RESOLVED, that this contract is awarded to American Legion Bernardine-May Post 457 to provide a nutrition site in Phillipsburg, New Jersey

The contract is to be on a month to month basis at a monthly rental of \$550.00, October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998.

Funding for the 1997 portion of this contract is provided in account 0019280034.179 - Area Plan Grant - Nutrition Program

Funding for the 1998 portion of this contract is subject to the receipt of 1998 grants.

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

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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 September 10, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9782-1 WITH SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR A NUTRITION SITE ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1997 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$575.00 PER MONTH

BE IT RESOLVED, that this contract is awarded to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church to provide a nutrition site in Belvidere, New Jersey
The contract is to be on a month to month basis at a monthly rental of \$575.00 October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998.

Funding for the 1997 portion of this contract is provided in account 0019280034.479 - Area Plan Grant - Nutrition Program

Funding for the 1998 portion of his contract is subject to the receipt of 1998 grants.

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 558-97

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 September 10, 1997.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following member to the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council effective September 11, 1997:

Brian Petroll
4 Magnolia Drive
Columbia, NJ 07832
(representing Knowlton Twp.)

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 559-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was

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unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 10, 1997.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING HENRY D. DINGER TO
THE POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF
WARREN COUNTY TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED
TERM OF CAROL A. HOLLINGSWORTH**

WHEREAS, the resolution of the County of Warren, entitled "Resolution Creating the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren", adopted August 14, 1974, has become and is fully effective and the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders has filed a certified copy thereof in the Office of the Secretary of State of New Jersey as provided in Section 4 (e) of the New Jersey Pollution Control Financing Law, and there has been duly created and there is validly existing the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County, a body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey, pursuant to said New Jersey Pollution Control Financing Law; and

WHEREAS, the term of Carol A. Hollingsworth, duly appointed to the authority, will expire effective February, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Carol A. Hollingsworth has resigned this position effective August 13, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders must file with the Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey a resolution reappointing or replacing members of the Authority;

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

Section 1. The following person is appointed as a member of the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County to serve for the unexpired term of Carol A. Hollingsworth, and thus for a term expiring on the first day of February of the year set opposite his name:

Henry D. Dinger 2001

Section 2. A copy of this resolution, duly certified by the Deputy Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren shall forthwith be filed by said Deputy Clerk in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey.

Section 3. 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

County Counsel David Wallace had items for executive session only.

County Engineer David Hicks had nothing to report.

County Planner David Dech submitted the Traffic Counting Report to the board. 53 of the locations are in the southern part of the county and 171 locations have been counted since 1991. In general, traffic is increasing. Routes 519 and 632 shown signs of increased traffic but Route 627 shows a decrease. This report is used for the preparation of road department projects and also for the general public's information.

Mr. Dech reported on the Fair Survey results. They had set-up an interactive display

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with questions and diagrams and a form for people to fill out. Only 33 people responded to the survey. Four people did not answer the questions but offered comments (no new development), 7 people answered the questions and had comments, also against new development but in favor of open space and farmland preservation. Mr. Dech said he would like to conduct an open public survey, in depth, in order to get a 10% sample of the citizens of the county.

CFO Pete Houck said he met with DCA at Rutgers on Monday to discuss the State Chart of Accounts Project. This is the first step in the State's process of automating their reporting system. The pilot program should be complete by the end of the year and full implementation by 1999. Mr. Houck doesn't see this happening.

County Administrator Henry Dinger reported that the Paulinskill-Pequest Watershed Association submitted two names for appointment to SWAC. Dave Dech will research and prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

Regarding the letter from Alpha about installing a street light, they don't need freeholder approval for this. Dave Hicks will contact them about this.

With reference to the request for two county owned buildings for a proposed residential treatment program to be managed by Hackettstown Hospital, Mr. Dinger said he doesn't know of any county buildings that are available for this use. He suggested that they put in a bid on the Centrex Building in Washington. Any other request needs to come through the budget process.

The letter from Jackie Wershing of Newton requests that Warren County recognize all Korean War Veterans by commemorating sections of County Route #519 as the "Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway." This action was already taken in Hunterdon County and Sussex County. Henry said that Leo Becker wants to discuss this at their meeting and asks that we hold up action on this until a later date.

The hiring request for JD Officers was approved.

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Dickey asked some questions about the revolving loan account in Economic Development. She had some letters from the attorney and a memo from Jay regarding the procedures and they seem to be conflicting. She felt that someone should come before the board, either Jay Miers or Pat McCormick, to outline the procedures used for these loans. Nothing was decided.

Mrs. Dickey had supplied copies of her budget suggestions to both Ann and Steve and asked if they had any comments. Ann said she needs time to go over this before she discusses it.

Mrs. Dickey said at the Planning Board meeting, a representative from ANJAC was there to show the benefits of open space to the community.

Mr. Lance said he met with the Hope Township Committee regarding a road swap (Swayzee and Foundry Roads). Dave Hicks will review this and also Dave Dech, as part of the Master Plan.

Mrs. Stone said that all three freeholders will be in Hope on Saturday and invited the public to join them.

She has been meeting regularly with the recycling group and said that the true cost of the recycling program for 1997 is \$155,466. There is a petition going around regarding recycling urging the county not to drop its' recycling program. Ann wants to meet with the public works department in late September or early October and finalize the plans.

There was a tour yesterday of the facility and the landfill. The cost projected was too high. We need to get accurate figures to the press and the public. We have to work together

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on the recycling program. This affects the fuel assurance quality of the incinerator. We have to be very concerned about this.

Mrs. Dickey said we should consider privatization of the recycling program.

Ann said we are looking at all options. We need to work with the municipalities on this.

Mr. Lance said we have to support recycling. We need to maintain the battery program.

Under public comments, Chris Pessolano, Purchasing Director, reminded everyone about the county auction on Saturday.

Laurie Gold was appreciative of the vote today on the resolution supporting SWAC. She would, at some time, like to talk to Mr. Lance about SWAC, their responsibilities and also, regarding the debt that is involved. She also publicly thanked Ann Stone for her involvement and commitment to recycling.

Mr. Lance said that he is concerned about the height minimum of the landfill, he was told 13 feet and now it is 50 feet.

Sister Miriam said that New Jersey should take a role more than just economics. We have to speak for the unborn of all species. We have to be committed to agriculture and the ecology. She is concerned about the collapse of the food system. The preservation of the food system must be of the utmost concern. Pure food, air and water must be the prime concern of this county.

There were no closing public comments.

There were no press comments or questions.

RESOLUTION 560-97

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 September 10, 1997.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1997. THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDES VARIOUS PERSONNEL MATTERS; CONTRACTS; LITIGATION; LAND ACQUISITION AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS. 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:

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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

Director Stone called for a ten minute break at 10:45 a.m.
The board went into executive session at 11:10 a.m.
The board returned to open session at 12:40 p.m.
Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, a letter is to be sent to Duane Copley regarding the DeBlock property.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: abstain 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 12:42 p.m.

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