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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in its offices in the Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ on Wednesday, November 12, 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 and Freeholder Susan Dickey. Freeholder Stephen Lance was absent due to illness.

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 Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held October 8, 1997 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held October 8, 1997 were approved as presented.

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

Erwin Naumann, member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, along with Richard Decker, Rosalie Murray, Jim Cooper and John LaPorta, gave a presentation to the board on their report with its major recommendations.

Mr. Naumann acknowledged Mrs. Dickey for conceiving this committee and acknowledged the freeholders for their support. He also, on behalf of the committee, thanked the department heads and the employees for all their cooperation. The eight major recommendations are as follows:

1. County Organization - Have a full time administrator in place by April 1, 1998.
2. Public Works - establish a Public Works Department managed by the County Engineer, consisting of the Engineering Dept., Bridge Dept., Road Dept. and the Buildings and Grounds Dept. Review the functions and staffing of the Road Dept. with a view to making the Road Dept. more cost effective.
3. Capital Improvement Program - Reconsideration of the upgrading of two miles of oil/chip roads to black top roads that is routinely done every year.
4. Debt Management - The present "pay-as-you-go" program should be continued.

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Suggested strategies for incurring new bonded debt are in the report.

5. Education - The freeholders should establish a long term fiscal planning policy.

6. Privatization - All departments should be asked to submit candidates for privatization but cost savings should be achieved without quality degradation to our citizens.

7. Zero Based Budgeting - Each department head should be required to justify the need for each and every position in his/her department.

8. Employee Benefits - Steps should be taken to curtail the fiscal growth of this budgetary item.

The committee was comprised of individuals with a significant diversity of opinions. It was not a stacked committee. The departments that were reviewed consisted of 79% of the county tax dollars. Copies of the report should be made available to the departments involved, the libraries, the media and possibly the municipalities.

The entire report, consisting of 110 pages, is available in the freeholder's office.

The committee was very impressed with the department heads and employees that they came in contact with and also with the Mr. Dinger, whom they felt was extremely competent. They did however feel that a county of this size, with such a large budget, should have a fulltime chief operations manager. The board should hire the services of a professional recruiting firm to set the specs.

Mr. Naumann said, in his final closing statement, that this had been a very educational experience for them all. It was a two year task that was very time consuming but very worthwhile for the whole community.

Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Dickey thanked the committee for all their hard work and expressed their appreciation for the recommendations made in their report.

Director Stone called for a five minute recess at 11:10 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:17 a.m.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

RESOLUTION 639-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Master Voucher Certificate for Certification for Payment No. 97-29 dated November 12, 1997 in the amount of \$7,104,494.58 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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| 97-29 | \$5,197,778.48 |
| Payroll 10/23 | 953,942.82 |
| Payroll 11/6 | 951,648.28 |

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| Uniform Allowance | 1,125.00 |
| TOTAL | \$7,104,494.58 |

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 640-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**INSERTION INTO THE 1997 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING,
CROSS ACCEPTANCE 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 \$40,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Office of State Planning, Cross Acceptance Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$40,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury,
Office of State Planning, Cross Acceptance Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Office of State Planning 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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 641-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997

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**INSERTION INTO THE 1997 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF
WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,526.00 FROM THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY, DEPT. OF HEALTH, SPECIAL EARLY
INTERVENTION PROGRAM SPECIAL COORDINATION #98-269-EIP-00**

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 adopted 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 \$34,526.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Health, Special Early Intervention Program Special Coordination #98-269-EIP-00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$34,526.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Dept. of Health, Special Early Intervention Program Special Coordination #98-269-EIP-00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, 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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 642-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**INSERTION INTO THE 1997 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, COUNCIL ON THE ARTS - FOLK ARTS GA#812P0065**

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 time 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

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in the year 1997 in the sum of \$10,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Council on the Arts - Folk Arts GA#812P0065.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$10,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Council on the Arts - Folk Arts GA#812P0065

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Council on the Arts 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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 643-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**INSERTION INTO THE 1997 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF
WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,100.00 FROM THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY, COUNCIL ON THE ARTS GA#813B0209**

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 \$45,100.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Council on the Arts GA#813B0209.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$45,100.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Council on the Arts GA#813B0209

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of new Jersey, Council on the Arts 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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

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RESOLUTION 644-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

TRANSFER IN THE 1997 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS:

TO: VARIOUS, SALARIES & WAGES \$121,500.00
VARIOUS, OTHER EXPENSES \$191,859.50 **TOTAL: \$313,359.50**

FROM: JAIL, S & W \$57,858.50
AID TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES-DAYCARE \$40,501.00
PROV. FOR SAL. ADJ. & NEW EMPLOYEES \$215,000.00 **TOTAL: \$313,359.50**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-58 states that transfers can be made after November 1, 1, and

WHEREAS, by unforeseen demand there has arisen the necessity for expenditures to fulfill the purposes of the appropriations as stated in the 1997 Budget and Tax Levy in the following account:

Various, Salaries & Wages \$121,500.00
Various, Other expenses 191,859.50 **TOTAL: \$313,359.50**

and there being an excess in appropriations heretofore made as follows:

Jail, S & W \$ 57,858.50
Aid to Catholic Charities 40,501.00
Prov for Sal Adj & New Employees 215,000.00 **TOTAL: \$313,359.50**

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 transfer in the 1997 Budget Appropriation be made:

FROM

A01-05-01100.00.000 Jail, S & W \$ 57,858.50
A01-06-01683.00.200 Aid to Cath Char-Daycare 40,501.00
A01-09-01835.00.200 Prov for Sal Adj & New Emp 215,000.00 \$313,359.50

TO

A01-01-00140.00.000 Treas, S & W \$ 3,000.00
A01-01-00220.00.000 Co Adj, S & W 2,500.00
A01-01-00280.00.000 Personnel, S & W 14,000.00
A01-01-00300.00.000 County Clerk, S & W 2,500.00
A01-01-00390.00.000 Econ Dev, S & W 2,500.00
A01-02-00540.00.000 Surrogate, S & W 5,000.00
A01-03-00700.00.000 Sheriff, S & W 32,000.00
A01-03-00740.00.000 Weights & Measures 4,000.00
A01-03-00780.00.000 Bd of Taxation 2,500.00
A01-03-00860.00.000 Bd of Elections 4,500.00
A01-04-01020.00.000 Roads, S & W 40,000.00

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| A01-04-01060.00.000 | Engineering, S & W | 9,000.00 | |
| A01-04-01021.10.014 | Roads, OE | 19,500.00 | |
| A01-06-01620.00.200 | Norwescap Alcoholism | 5,000.00 | |
| A01-06-01677.00.200 | Catholic Charities - Soc Serv | 3,000.00 | |
| A01-06-01680.00.200 | NJ Comm Act - Norwescap Daycare | | 9,101.00 |
| A01-06-01685.00.200 | Warren Co. Legal Services | 23,400.00 | |
| A01-07-01705.00.200 | Warren Co. Spec. School Serv | 1,335.00 | |
| A01-07-01745.00.210 | Out-of-County Colleges | 15,000.00 | |
| A01-07-01775.00.200 | Warren Co Vocational School | 115,438.50 | |
| A01-03-00831.00.007 | Shade Tree Comm, OE | 85.00 | \$313,359.50 |

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 645-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NJ TRANSIT AGREEMENT FOR RETURN OF LEASED EQUIPMENT FOR TWO SECTION 5310 STATE OWNED VEHICLES (1988 FORD MINIBUS #16-528; AND 1989 FORD MINIBUS #16-593)

WHEREAS, on February 11, 1997, the County of Warren approved the 1997 Lease Agreement with NJ Transit Corporation for the use of state owned Section 5310 vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the county is required to return one of these leased vehicles to NJ Transit (1988 Ford Minibus #16-528; and 1989 Ford Minibus #16-593).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to execute the NJ Transit Agreement for Return of Leased Equipment for the following two vehicles (1988 Ford Minibus #16-528; and 1989 Ford Minibus #16-593).

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 646-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NJ TRANSIT CORPORATION FOR THE OPERATION OF SECTION 5310 (FORMERLY SECTION 16) PARATRANSIT VEHICLES; AGREEMENT

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WHEREAS, on December 27, 1995, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved an application with NJ Transit Corporation to be designated an official recipient of Section 5310 (formerly Section 16) paratransit vehicles; and

WHEREAS, NJ Transit requires that the county execute a Lease Agreement to operate these vehicles; agreement to be in effect for the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to execute a Lease Agreement between the county and NJ Transit Corporation for the operation of Section 5310 (formerly Section 16) paratransit vehicles for the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 647-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY '97 VENDOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, THEREBY RAISING THE AGREEMENT CEILING FROM \$37,800 TO A MAXIMUM OF \$39,499

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved the amended FY'97 Vendor Agreement between the county and the Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services for \$37,800 on June 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the state has made available \$1,699 added funds for the FY'97 Vendor Agreement to support final client transportation costs related to this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren supports the modification to the FY'97 Vendor Agreement for anticipated additional maximum funding of \$1,699; thereby increasing the agreement from \$37,800 to \$39,499; funding subject to availability.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 648-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WARREN COUNTY TO ENTER
INTO INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
TOWN OF BELVIDERE FOR THE PROVISION
OF ON-SITE PLUMBING INSPECTION SERVICES
BY WARREN COUNTY FOR BELVIDERE**

WHEREAS, the National Standard Plumbing Code has been promulgated as a subcode of the Uniform Construction Code as adopted by the Commissioner of Community Affairs, pursuant to the Uniform Construction Code Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-119 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 5:23 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Belvidere desires to enter into an inspection agreement with Warren County, for Warren County to act as Belvidere's on-site inspection agency and to perform those inspections as provided in said agreement in order to insure that the provisions of the National Standard Plumbing Code are enforced in said municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the freeholder director is hereby authorized to enter into an interlocal service agreement, attached hereto and made a part hereof, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq., with the municipality of Belvidere for the provision of on-site plumbing inspection services by Warren County as provided in said agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the agreement shall be filed and open to public inspection at the Wayne Dumont, Jr., Administration Building, 165 CR 519, South, Belvidere, NJ 07823 immediately after the introduction of this resolution.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 649-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES APPLICATION FOR 1998 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS
FUNDING (CONTRACT H1WZ8N) WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES, DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, TOTALLING \$52,046
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1998 - DECEMBER 31, 1998,
SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THESE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, has made Social Services for the Homeless funding available to Warren County totalling \$52,046 for Calendar Year 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services has prepared a grant application to the NJ Department of Human Services for use of these funds; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be subcontracted as follows:

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| County Welfare Agency | \$52,046 |
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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the application for Calendar Year 1998 Social Services for the Homeless funding (Contract H1WZ8N) to the NJ Department of Human Services for \$52,046 is approved subject to the availability of these funds.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 650-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUPPORT AND ADOPTION OF
UNITED STATES SENATE BILL NO. 1149, KNOWN AS THE
"INVESTMENT AND EDUCATION ACT OF 1997"**

WHEREAS, the largest portion of real estate tax bills issued by the 566 municipalities located within the State of New Jersey are monies dedicated and paid for the support of local boards of education who are in dire need of these funds in order to provide a thorough and efficient form of education; and

WHEREAS, present Section 505(a) of the United States Bankruptcy Code gives bankruptcy judges broad power to overrule property valuation decisions on a retroactive basis without limitation, thereby reducing tax liability and often causing a revenue shortfall; and

WHEREAS, present Section 724(b) of the United States Bankruptcy Code requires and permits administration expenses such as trustee's and lawyer's fees to be paid prior to unpaid ad valorem tax liens, eventually forcing local jurisdictions to accept less in delinquent taxes than they would have otherwise received, thereby again reducing the amount paid to local boards of education; and

WHEREAS, United States Senate Bill No. 1149 known as the "Investment and Education Act of 1997" was introduced on September 4, 1997, been twice read, and now referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The Bill, if adopted and passed, would correct and eliminate the inequities and subordinate status of liens for unpaid ad valorem taxes and maximize the funds available to municipal and regional boards of education across the nation:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, New Jersey that we fully support United States Senate Bill No. 1149 known as the "Investment and Education Act of 1997" in order to correct the inequities contained in the United States Bankruptcy Code regarding school funding by real estate taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Orin Hatch, Chairman of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Frank Lautenberg, Senator Robert Toricelli, and Congresswoman Marge Roukema.

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 that this resolution be forwarded to all freeholder boards in the

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county and to all Warren County municipalities..

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

RESOLUTION 651-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN NO
PASSING ZONES ALONG COUNTY ROUTE #632,
FRANKLIN, WASHINGTON AND MANSFIELD TOWNSHIPS**

BE IT RESOLVED that No Passing Zones be established and maintained along County Route #632, (Bloomsbury-Asbury Road and Asbury-Anderson Road), Franklin, Washington, and Mansfield Townships, Warren County, New Jersey, as authorized by the New Jersey Department of Transportation in accordance with the sketch dated August 1, 1997, bearing number NPZ-3466.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 652-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN NO
PASSING ZONES ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF
COUNTY ROUTE #615, (LONG BRIDGE ROAD),
ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP**

BE IT RESOLVED that No Passing Zones be established and maintained along County Route #615, (Long Bridge Road), Allamuchy Township, Warren County, New Jersey, as authorized by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on:

| <u>ROUTE NO.</u> | <u>ROAD NAME</u> | <u>MUNICIPALITY</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> |
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| 615 . | Long Bridge Road | Allamuchy Twp. | Co. Rt. 613 | Co. Rt. 612 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 653-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN NO
PASSING ZONES ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF
COUNTY ROUTE #604, TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN
AND ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP**

BE IT RESOLVED that No Passing Zones be established and maintained along County Route #604, (Willow Grove Street and Waterloo Road), Town of Hackettstown and Allamuchy Township, Warren County, New Jersey, as authorized by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on:

| <u>Route No.</u> | <u>Road Name</u> | <u>Munacipality</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
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| 604 | Willow Grove St and Waterloo Rd | Town Hackettstown & Allamuchy Twsp | State Rt 46 | Warren Co/ Sussex Co Line |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 654-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO
EXECUTE THE SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR TASK ORDER NO.
2 FOR WARREN COUNTY'S TECHNICAL STUDY PROJECT ENTITLED:
"HACKETTSTOWN BYPASS CORRIDOR STUDY", FOR THE PERIOD
BETWEEN JULY 1, 1997, THROUGH JUNE 30, 1999, BETWEEN
THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY/NORTH JERSEY
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC., AND THE COUNTY
OF WARREN, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,703**

WHEREAS, in order to enable selected subregions to conduct technical studies as part of the FY 1998 Unified Planning Work Program, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., developed a Technical studies program to pass funds through to individual

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counties rather than use these funds to supplement existing state and regional planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, this technical study effort is aimed at identifying methods to maximize the delivery of transportation services to meet regional needs; and

WHEREAS, this Technical Studies Program is jointly administered by the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., (NJIT/NJTPA) and has been undertaken in Warren County by the Warren County Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, Warren County's proposed Technical Studies Program for fiscal year 1998/1999 follows a specific program designed jointly by the Warren County Planning Department, the NJIT/NJTPA; and

WHEREAS, Warren County's proposed technical study project has been approved by the NJIT/NJTPA, and

WHEREAS, the NJIT/NJTPA allocated \$80,000 for this technical study as outlined in Volume III of the FY 1998 Unified Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the NJIT/NJTPA did not receive the funding allocation as outlined in Volume III of the Unified Work Program from the Federal Highway Administration for this technical study; and

WHEREAS, Task Order No. 2 reflects the current total available allocated to Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., has modified the county's operating budget to reflect the current available funding; and

WHEREAS, upon notification from the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the remaining Federal Highway Administration funds are available, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., will issue an addendum to Task Order No. 2 and operating budget for the remaining program balance; and

WHEREAS, under Task Order No. 2, Warren County is hereby authorized to incur costs, starting July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1999, to a maximum of \$65,703; and

WHEREAS, this amount consists of Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration planning funds of \$49,703 (80%) and \$16,000 (20%) Warren County in-kind match; and

WHEREAS, the funding level and the contract agreement are subject to adjustment based on review and audit of our FY 97 program performance and the availability of federal funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The agreements for the Technical Study for the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1999, between the County of Warren, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., and the New Jersey Institute of Technology, is approved based on review and audit of the FY 97 program performance and availability of funds.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby directed to execute said agreements.
3. Costs incurred under this contract shall not exceed \$65,703.

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

Mrs. Stone asked that a copy of the above resolution be sent to the Town of Hackettstown.

RESOLUTION 655-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO
EXECUTE THE SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998
SUBREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, THE
NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY AND
THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,283**

WHEREAS, in order to improve subregional or county transportation planning, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has initiated a program to pass Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funds through to individual counties rather than use these funds to supplement existing state and regional planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, this subregional transportation planning effort is aimed at developing staff capability and improving institutional systems in the Warren County Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, this Subregional Transportation Planning Program is jointly administered by the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. (NJIT/NJTPA), and has been undertaken in Warren County by the Warren County Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, this marks the twenty-first year the Warren County Planning Department will be participation in the program; and

WHEREAS, Warren County's proposed Small Urban Area Subregional Transportation Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 1998 follows a specific program designed jointly by the Warren County Planning Department, New Jersey Institute of Technology and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority; and

WHEREAS, Warren County's proposed Subregional Transportation Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 1998 has been approved by the NJIT/NJTPA; and

WHEREAS, the NJIT/NJTPA allocated \$47,000 for the Subregional Transportation Planning Program as outlined in Volume II of the FY 1998 Unified Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the NJIT/NJTPA did not receive the funding allocation as outlined in Volume II of the Unified Work Program from the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, Task Order No. 1 reflects the current total available allocated to Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., has modified the county's operating budget to reflect the current available funding; and

WHEREAS, upon notification from the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the remaining Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funds are available, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., will issue an addendum

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to Task Order No. 1 and operating budget for the remaining program balance; and

WHEREAS, under Task Order No. 1, Warren County is hereby authorized to incur costs, starting July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 1998, to a maximum of \$35,283; and

WHEREAS, this amount consists of Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration planning funds of \$25,883 (80%) and \$9,400 (20%) Warren County in-kind match; and

WHEREAS, the funding level and the contact agreement are subject to adjustment based on review and audit of our FY 97 program performance and the availability of federal funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The agreements for subregional transportation planning for FY 98 between the County of Warren and the State of New Jersey is approved subject to adjustment based on review and audit of the FY 97 program performance and availability of federal funds.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby directed to execute said agreements.
3. Costs incurred under this contract shall not exceed \$35,283.

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 656-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO SIGN CONTRACT ALWF8N WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES THROUGH THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (HSAC) FOR PLANNING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$291,033 (\$238,935 NJDHS FUNDING; \$52,098 COUNTY MATCH) FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/98 - 12/31/98; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN THE 1998 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human Services has been duly designated to administer or supervise the administration of human services problems, as defined in the New Jersey State plans for human services; and

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human Services desires that the Warren County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC), through the Warren County Department of Human Services, provide planning services in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the attached contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to execute agreement #ALWF8N with the NJ Department of Human Services of the use of funds for planning services by the Warren County HSAC, through the Warren County Department of Human Services, in the amount of \$238,935 with a county

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match required of \$52,098 (15,045 in-kind "CCE" match; \$37,053 cash match) for a total program cost of \$291,033 during the period 1/1/98 - 12/31/98; subject to the availability of funds in the 1998 County Budget.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 657-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED ROLE OF THE WARREN
COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD IN PLANNING, OVERSIGHT AND QUALITY
ASSURANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, in the State of New Jersey, counties, through their locally appointed mental health boards, provide important oversight in the interests of ensuring comprehensive state-funded community mental health services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has heretofore supported the efforts of its mental health board in the administration of these duties through various needs determinations, plans, coordination and quality assurance activities; and

WHEREAS, a recent state initiative has been announced to create a single managed care process for those portions of the public mental health system that are reimbursed by the NJ Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (Medicaid); and

WHEREAS, this process may result in substantial changes in how the state-funded mental health system operates, including the county mental health board's role assuring coordination and ensuring quality for publicly funded mental health services; and

WHEREAS, this action could be detrimental to the county's ongoing interests in ensuring a comprehensive system of mental health services for deserving citizens of this and other counties;

WHEREAS, the Warren County Mental Health Board supported this role at their October 8, 1997 meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby call on the State of New Jersey to safeguard and positively ensure the continuance of a strong local oversight and quality assurance role for county mental health boards and to provide operational support as appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders will support actions by the Warren County Mental Health Board to advocate for such a continued role; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk to the Board is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to the appropriate legislators, Commissioners of the NJ Department of Human Services and Health and Senior Services as well as to the freeholder boards of the other twenty (20) counties in the state for their consideration.

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 658-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS #98CP-PS-3, #98SCP-PM-3, AND 98-FC-3 WITH THE NEW JERSEY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION FOR \$115,433 PROGRAM SERVICES FUNDS, \$35,000 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT FUNDS AND \$86,532 FAMILY COURT FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, PROGRAM SERVICES AND FAMILY COURT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission has awarded Warren County \$115,433 of Program Services Funds and \$35,000 Program Management funds through the State/Community Partnership Grant Program and \$86,532 Family Court funds; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be used by the Warren County Department of Human Services for program services, program administration and the Family Court services during the period January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute grant agreements #98scp-ps-3, 98scp-pm-3, and 98-fc-3 with the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission for \$115,433 of Program Services Funds and \$35,000 Program Management Funds through the State/Community Partnership Grant Program and \$86,532 Family Court Funds to be used by the Warren County Department of Human Services for program services, program administration and Family Court services during the period January 1, 1998 - December 31, 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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 659-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SHORT FORM REGISTRATION/ VERIFICATION STATEMENT (CRI-200) BETWEEN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE NJ DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs requires the completion of the Short Form Registration/Verification Statement (CRI-200) for registering the solicitation of

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donations; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services has completed this form in anticipation of seeking future donations on behalf of individuals in need of basic human services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders supports the submission of the Short Form Registration/Verification Statement between the county Department of Human Services and the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 660-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES (DIVISION OF ALCOHOLISM, DRUG ABUSE AND ADDICTION SERVICES) THROUGH THE 1998 CHAPTER 51 GRANT FOR \$164,486 STATE FUNDS, \$61,795 COUNTY IN-KIND MATCH; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Addiction Services has notified the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders of the anticipated availability of \$164,486 from the Alcohol Beverage Tax (Chapter 51) Grant funds for calendar year 1998 to include a county in-kind match of \$61,795; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services has prepared an application for use of these funds which has been approved by the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACA/DA):

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute a grant application, as prepared by the Warren County Department of Human Services, for funds in the anticipated amount of \$164,486 from the NJ State Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the 1998 Chapter 51 Grant. A local match of \$61,795 is provided through in-kind county contributions.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 661-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEALTH COORDINATOR TO SUBMIT
A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
ACT FUNDING UP TO \$175,000 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1998**

WHEREAS, The County Environmental Health Act (CEHA), N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et. seq. authorizes county departments of health to conduct comprehensive environmental health services in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP); and

WHEREAS, the CEHA has enhanced environmental health services in Warren County by providing State funding and technical assistance to the Warren County Health Department since 1985; and

WHEREAS, CEHA grant funds up to \$175,000 are available to the County of Warren for calendar year 1998;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorizes the Public Health Coordinator to make application for, and if accepted, to execute a grant agreement with the NJDEP in an amount up to \$175,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders agrees to provide in-kind matching funds up to \$175,000, pursuant to the matching fund requirements of the grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders authorizes the Freeholder Director, County Administrator/Clerk and County Counsel to execute form DEP-096G-Governing Body Resolution, as required to validate the application.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 662-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF
WARREN AND JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT CO. D/B/A GPU
ENERGY AND BELL ATLANTIC OF NEW JERSEY, INC., BOTH NEW JERSEY
CORPORATIONS, ACROSS LOTS 10 & 11, BLOCK 13, HARMONY TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the County of Warren owns Lots 10 & 11, Block 13, in the Township of Harmony; and

WHEREAS, Jersey Central Power & Light Co. d/b/a GPU Energy and Bell Atlantic of New Jersey, Inc. have agreed to improve the service to Lots 10 & 11, Block 13 and needs to extend the existing easement for the placement of a new pole; and

WHEREAS, all work, poles, electrical equipment and maintenance will be performed by Jersey Central Power and Light Co. d/b/a GPU Energy and Bell Atlantic of New Jersey, Inc.

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at no expense to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Right-of-Way Agreement between the County of Warren and Jersey Central Power and Light Co. d/b/a GPU Energy and Bell Atlantic of New Jersey, Inc. be approved.

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

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 663-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT
#WC9733 WITH MT HOPE ROCK PRODUCTS, INC. FOR THE
1997 RESURFACING PROJECTS PHASE I, COUNTY ROUTES
#621, #623 & #649 HARMONY AND WASHINGTON TOWNSHIPS
FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$2,795.01 AND A FINAL
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$590,572.01**

WHEREAS, Contract #WC9733 was awarded to Mt. Hope Rock Products, Inc. for the 1997 Resurfacing Projects Phase I, County Routes #621, #623, #628 & #649, Harmony and Washington Townships in the contract amount of \$587,777.00; and

WHEREAS, final as-built quantities resulted in a net increase of \$2,795.01; and

WHEREAS, said changes were ordered by the County Engineer.

WHEREAS, adequate funds have been established in account 0019280006.200 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve Change Order #1 for the above project for a net increase of \$2,795.01 and a final contract amount of \$590,572.01.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 664-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT
#WC9754 WITH 78 CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR THE
RESURFACING AND REHABILITATION OF COUNTY ROUTE #633,**

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**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FOR A NET DECREASE OF \$8,414.31
AND A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$275,985.69**

WHEREAS, Contract #WC9754 was awarded to 78 Construction Corp. for the Resurfacing and Rehabilitation of County Route #633, Franklin Township in the contract amount of \$284,400.00; and

WHEREAS, final as-built quantities resulted in a net decrease of \$8,414.31; and

WHEREAS, said changes were ordered by the County Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve Change Order #1 for the above project for a net decrease of \$8,414.31 and a final contract amount of \$275,985.69.

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 665-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF LAND MARK I APPRAISAL,
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000, TO PREPARE AN APPRAISAL OF A PROPERTY
IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP THAT IS TO BE ACQUIRED AS PART OF THE
MORRIS CANAL ACQUISITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has been provided a matching grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, for the acquisition of the Morris Canal; and

WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the Green Acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, said appraisal will be in accordance with the Appraisal Institute, New Jersey Department of Environmental protection, Green Acres Program, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice; and

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

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 0010280016.200 (Morris Canal Acquisition Other Expenses) and certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The land appraisal for Block 25, Lots 5 & 5Q, in Greenwich Township by Land Mark I Appraisal, in the amount of \$1,000, be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Gazette, as required by law, within 10 days of its adoption.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 666-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF LAND MARK I APPRAISAL,
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900, TO PREPARE AN APPRAISAL OF A
PROPERTY IN MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP THAT IS TO BE ACQUIRED
AS PART OF THE MORRIS CANAL ACQUISITION IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has been provided a matching grant from the New Jersey Acres Program for the acquisition of the Morris Canal; and

WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the Green Acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Appraisal Institute, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice;

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

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account number 0010280016.200 (Morris Canal Acquisition Other Expenses) and certified by the Chief Financial Officer;

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

1. The land appraisal for Block 1603, Lot 23.01, in Mansfield Township, by Land Mark I Appraisal, in the amount of \$900, be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Gazette, as required by law, within 10 days of its adoption.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 667-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

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**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL BY GOULD ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.,
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200, TO PERFORM A PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT ON BLOCK 1603, LOT 23.01, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP,
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in purchasing property along the Morris Canal;
and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorized an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program for matching grant funds for the acquisition of the Morris Canal; and

WHEREAS, Phase I Environmental Assessment expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the Green Acres Program; and

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

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account number 0010280016.200 (Morris Canal Acquisition Other Expenses) and certified by the Chief Financial Officer;

WHEREAS, said Phase I Environmental Assessment will be in accordance with the guidelines as set forth by the American Society for Testing and Materials, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, and the Uniform Standards of Professional Site Assessment Practice;

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

1. The proposed Phase I Environmental Assessment of Block 1603, Lot 23.01, in Mansfield Township, by Gould Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$1,200 be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Gazette, as required by law, within 10 days of its adoption.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 668-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL BY GOULD ENVIRONMENTAL,
INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500, TO PERFORM A PHASE I
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ON BLOCK 25, LOTS 5 & 5Q, GREENWICH
TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorized an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, for matching grant funds for the acquisition of the Morris Canal; and

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WHEREAS, Phase I Environmental Assessment expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the Green Acres Program; and

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

WHEREAS, said Phase I Environmental Assessment will be in accordance with the guidelines as set forth by the American Society of Testing and Materials, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, and the Uniform Standards of Professional Site Assessments Practice; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account number 0010280016.200 (Morris Canal Acquisition Other Expenses) and certified by the Chief Financial Officer;

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

1. The proposed Phase I Environmental Assessment of Block 25, Lots 5 & 5Q, in Greenwich Township, by Gould Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$1,500, be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star Gazette, as required by law, within 10 days of its adoption.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 669-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL BY POTENTA ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900, TO PERFORM A PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ON PARCELS LOCATED IN INDEPENDENCE, MANSFIELD, GREENWICH, AND LOPATCONG TOWNSHIPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH REVIEW REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in purchasing property along the Morris Canal; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorized an application to the New Jersey Department of environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, for matching grant funds for the acquisition of the Morris Canal; and

WHEREAS, Phase I Environmental Assessment expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the Green Acres Program; and

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

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account number 0010280016.200 (Morris

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Canal Acquisition Other Expenses) and certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The proposed Phase I Environmental Assessment of Block 801, Lots 18 & 19, in Mansfield Township; Block 1, Lot 37, in Independence Township; Block 24, Lots 1, 1.01, 3 and Block 25, Lot 1, in Greenwich Township; Block 99, Lots 6, 6.01, 7 and Block 100, Lot 7, in Lopatcong Township, by POTENTA Environmental Consultants, L.L.C., in the amount of \$900, be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of the action shall be published in The Star-Gazette, as required by law, within 10 days of its adoption.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 670-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF BLOCK 25, LOT 1, IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, AND A PORTION OF BLOCK 100, LOT 7, IN LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in purchasing property along the Morris Canal;
and

WHEREAS, a contract has been executed by Robert and Sharon Santini, owners of a portion of Block 25, Lot 1, in Greenwich Township, and a portion of Block 100, Lot 7, Lopatcong Township, Warren County, New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute the attached 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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 671-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9787 FOR FRESH BAKED PRODUCTS FOR WARREN HAVEN TO MICHELLE'S FAMILY BAKERY FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 1997 THROUGH

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AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9787 for fresh baked danish, doughnuts and buns is hereby awarded to . . . Michele's Family Bakery, Hazelton, Pennsylvania in the approximate amount of . . . \$15,000.00 as per their bid submitted . . . October 27, 1997 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid submitted

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account A01-06-01501.06.029 - Warren Haven Dietary Baked Goods

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 672-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoints the following member to the Warren County Library Commission for a five year term effective November 13, 1997.

Lester E. Shotwell
67 Limekiln road
Columbia, NJ 07832

Term to expire: 12/31/02

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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

A recommendation was received from the Mental Health Board for the appointment of Deborah Good to fill an existing term. A resolution for appointment is to be prepared for the next freeholder meeting.

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, a resignation from Alan Bullock as a member of the WC Community College Trustee Search Committee was accepted with regret and a letter of thanks is to be sent to him.

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

Mrs. Stone asked to have Kenneth Lutz appointed to the vacancy on the Trustee Search Committee but Mrs. Dickey asked to have the appointment tabled until later in the meeting until they have had a chance to discuss this further.

RESOLUTION 673-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITION OF SENIOR PLANNER,
CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING THE POSITION OF SUPERVISING
PLANNING AIDE, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN
COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the position of senior planner, classified, is created within the Warren County Planning Department; and **BE IT RESOLVED** that the position of supervising planning aide, classified, in the Warren County Planning Department be abolished; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the position of senior planner be established on a thirty-five hour work week on AFSCME Range Group 17 and take effect November 13, 1997.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 674-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 12, 1997.

**RESOLUTION CREATING THREE PART-TIME SENIOR
LIBRARY ASSISTANT POSITIONS, CLASSIFIED,
WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that three part-time positions of senior library assistant, classified, within the Warren County Library, are created to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the created part-time positions of senior library assistant take effect immediately and be established on AFSCME Range Group 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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

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County Counsel David Wallace had items for executive session only.

County Engineer David Hicks had nothing to report, however Mrs. Stone thanked him for getting the signs ready for the dedication of Route 519 as Veteran's Memorial Highway.

County Planner David Dech mentioned that at the last meeting he had asked the board to designate the agency to handle the open space management. His recommendation had been for the Planning Department to be the designated agency and he had also requested an additional planner position. He asked if the board had made a decision. They had not made a decision so he will ask again at the next meeting.

County CFO Pete Houck said that he has received all the budget responses from the departments and we will be meeting soon with the department heads.

County Administrator Henry Dinger submitted five hiring requests and all were approved.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Prosecutor's request for increases for his staff. Mrs. Stone had no problem with the request. Mrs. Dickey commented that she doesn't like the fact that the increases come at the end of the year. The Prosecutor said that he submits these increases based on merit.

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the salary increases submitted by the Prosecutor for his staff were approved.

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

Karen Kubert, Director of Human Services/Mental Health, spoke to the board about the recent issues regarding mental health board membership. Mrs. Dickey asked if she had tried lobbying the legislators to change the statute.

Henry asked if these requests have been imposed on all counties. We should contact the other counties and find this out before our board makes a decision. Karen said that the state refuses to put this in writing and Henry responded that we should do nothing until we get something in writing. If we do receive something in writing, then we can contact the commissioner and clarify the situation.

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Dickey said she sent a memo to Pat Rivoli regarding the expansion of a 100 bed facility at the Hagedorn Geriatric Center in Glen Gardner. She asked what procedures had been put in place for this increase and whether or not 911 had been consulted. She thinks that this board should contact the state and get more information from them. She also asked Dave Wallace to do some research. She wants to know why these new people can't be sent to the state hospital.

Karen Kubert said that there was a lot of misinformation in the newspaper article. Susan said that she wants to make sure that this is a secure facility. Karen was authorized to contact the state and ask them to come to the November 19th meeting to discuss this issue.

Mrs. Stone had an item for executive session.

There were no closing public comments.

There were no press comments or questions.

RESOLUTION 675-97

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON NOVEMBER 12, 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.
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: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

Director Stone called for a ten minute break at 12:20 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 12:47 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 1:12 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

Neil Conover, Chairman of the Environmental Commission, came before the board to discuss recent events that have taken place. Mr. Conover said that Richard Dunlap, on his own, called a meeting of the commission for tomorrow night. Mr. Dunlap is not the chair and there is a meeting scheduled for December 4th that was advertised at the beginning of the year. Mr. Conover was asked if this meeting tomorrow night is necessary and he said that he can't get an adequate answer from Mr. Dunlap as to why the meeting couldn't wait. The bylaws say that three members can call a meeting.

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Mr. Conover said that he and Dan Salvito, Vice Chair, did not agree to the November 13th meeting. Mr. Conover will not be attending and Dan Salvito will be out of town and not attending either. The agenda items listed are: 1. Grants 2. The cross acceptance process. 3. The lower Delaware management plan. 4. Introduction of two new members to the board. 5. Steve Madonna's contract.

Mr. Conover just wanted to let the board know what has been going on. He left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

The board returned to executive session at 1:41 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 2:20 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

Mrs. Stone has received correspondence from Frank Mancuso regarding a vacancy on the VoTech Board.

Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. Stone discussed the appointment of Mr. Lutz to the Trustee Search Committee. Mrs. Dickey was not in favor of doing this on such short notice but Mrs. Stone said he is a very good candidate and the appointment needs to be made before their next meeting.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, Kenneth Lutz was appointed as a member to the Warren County Community College Trustee Search Committee effective November 13, 1997.

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

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk