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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, New Jersey on Tuesday, November 25, 1997 at 7:07 p.m.

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

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

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

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held October 15, 1997 were approved as presented.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the minutes of the Freeholder/Mayor Meeting held October 29, 1997 were approved as presented.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the minutes of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held November 5, 1997 were approved as presented.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

Dinah Rush, WC Recycling Coordinator, assisted by Carol Ward, County 4-H Agent, gave the board a brief overview of the recycling programs offered.

One of the major programs offered is the Junior Environment Ambassador Program which was started three years ago and has received several awards. They hold habitat surveys at the WC Fairgrounds which is an excellent area; it has a wetlands area, a stream runs through the property, etc. These surveys show the students what in the environment needs to be protected. Approximately 100 students participate in this program each year.

It also includes a forestry program for the 5th, 6th and 7th grade students. They are chosen by their teachers through essays, etc. It points out the two methods of waste management: hands on experience and leachate detection. The students build a mini-landfill and do the necessary testing and they also build a mini-incinerator. They are taken on a tour of the landfill and at the end of the program, the students prepare a closing program for their parents. The whole objective is "Keep It Clean and Green".

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The students are evaluated at the end of the program and is supported through a recycling grant at no cost to the schools.

Dave Frinzi, a 6th grade teacher for Washington Borough, said that this is a wonderful experience for the students and he has received all positive feedback from them. He also read letters from some other teachers who also commended the program and pointed out that it reaches not only the students but their families.

Freeholder Lance said that this program is a big asset to the county. He asked how many sessions were held and Dinah said they ran a week-long program for two day, one night sessions.

Carol Ward praised Dinah and the job she does. She said Dinah works very hard and has received many awards and much national recognition. Through her efforts, we have received many thousands of dollars in grant money. She has also done much work with the business community.

Mrs. Stone said that she agrees with Carol in that Dinah does an excellent job.

Steve Lance asked about the staffing level and was told they have two laborers and two drivers. Dinah said that they need to discuss this situation. The laborers handle the baling, sorting, separating and unloading of the recyclable. They get the product ready for market. One driver handles the Eager Beaver Trailers and picks-up on Monday. The other driver handles the battery pick-up, separates, etc.

Mrs. Dickey asked how many grants there are. Dinah said that there is \$50,000 in a Program and Education Grant and there will be another one next year. There is also one for equipment. There is \$39,000 left in the Resource Recovery Grant which was encumbered from other years and held over. There is over \$100,000 available to offset the cost of the budget. \$79,000 is the bottom line that has to be budgeted by the county.

John Carlton, Executive Director, PCFA, said that the money from the state may not be available after 1998.

Tom Walsh, Mayor of Liberty Township, remarked that the county should put the money in the budget to recycle on a county level.

Lorrie Gold, member of SWAC, said that SWAC is in support of the proposed recycling plan.

Nancy Mason, former member of the recycling staff and now Coordinator for the Town of Belvidere, commented that Belvidere relies very heavily on the county depot and they need to know by December 31st what the county is going to do.

Several audience members spoke in favor of continuing recycling and expressed their concerns about the center closing.

John Carlton said that on behalf of PCFA, they are interested in making the transition go as smoothly as possible. One option in the local government agreement is that projected costs could go into the budget. PCFA would take on the management of the program and the county would pay for the cost of the program. This could be either a short or long-term process.

Steve Lance said that closing the recycling center has never been an option for him. The county should assume the education specialist position. As far as the active program, we have to provide the most cost effective service to the taxpayer that we can.

Susan Dickey agrees that the county has a very good program, the challenge is how to keep it going. We should use county resources first. She asked how much the municipalities would be willing to contribute to continue the program. She is not interested

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in ending the program or reducing the services but we must find the most creative way to continue. We need something to compare this with, we need to get an RFP.

Ann Stone said that dedication is the key. You don't have that with privatization. One misconception is that this program was not mandated to make money. The program is important for the quality of life in the county. Mrs. Stone will personally support this program, totally, and thanked everyone for coming out tonight for this presentation.

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTION 678-97

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 November 25, 1997.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Master Voucher Certificate for Certification for Payment No. 97-31 dated November 25, 1997 in the amount of \$2,227,385.70 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

97-31	\$1,175,421.26
Election 11/25/97	34,232.00
Payroll 11/20/97	1,017,732.44
TOTAL	\$2,227,385.70

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 679-97

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 November 25, 1997.

**INSERTION INTO THE 1997 BUDGET OF THE
COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,699.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIV. OF YOUTH
& FAMILY SERVICES, PARATRANSIT SERVICES
GRANT AGREEMENT #XAWL7N, FOR A TOTAL
APPROPRIATION OF \$19,499.00**

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

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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 \$1,699.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Human Services, Division of Youth & Family Services, Paratransit Services Grant Agree. #XAWL7N.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$1,699.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Dept. of Human Services, Div. of Youth & Family Services., Paratransit Services Grant Agreement #XAWL7N

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Human Services 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 680-97

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 November 25, 1997.

TRANSFER IN THE 1997 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS:

TO:	JUV. RET. & REHAB. CTR., OE	\$30,000.00
	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AGENCY, OE	\$35,000.00
	COMMUNICATION CENTER, S & W	\$24,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$89,000.00

FROM:	JAIL, S & W	\$30,000.00
	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AGENCY, S & W	\$35,000.00
	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, S & W	\$12,000.00
	PUBLIC SAFETY, S & W	\$12,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$89,000.00

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

Juv. Ret. & Rehab. Ctr., OE	\$30,000.00	
Public Health Nursing Agency, OE	35,000.00	
Communication Center, S & W	24,000.00	\$89,000.00

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

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Jail, S & W	\$30,000.00	
Public Health Nursing Agency, S & W	35,000.00	
Emergency Management, S & W	12,000.00	
Public Safety, S & W	12,000.00	\$89,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that by a Majority Vote of this Board that the following transfer in the 1997 Budget Appropriations be made:

FROM

A01-05-01100.00.000 Jail, S & W	\$30,000.00	
A01-06-01220.00.000 Pub. Hlth. Nurs. Ag., S & W	35,000.00	
A01-03-00940.00.000 Emergency Management, S & W	12,000.00	
A01-03-00930.00.000 Public Safety, S & W	12,000.00	\$89,000.00

TO

A01-05-01141.00.098 Juv. Ret. & Rehab., OE	\$10,000.00	
A01-05-01141.00.222 Juv. Ret. & Rehab., OE	20,000.00	
A01-06-01221.00.368 Pub. Hlth. Nurs. Ag., OE	35,000.00	
A01-03-00960.00.000 Communication Center, S & W	24,000.00	\$89,000.00

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 681-97

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 November 25, 1997.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON AGING AND THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF THE NUTRITION PROJECT FOR THE ELDERLY TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AMENDMENT TO THE NUTRITION AGREEMENT TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$5,404 OF TITLE III-C FUNDS TO THE NUTRITION PROJECT BUDGET. THE REVISED BUDGET WILL BE \$713,139 AND THE REVISED TITLE III FUNDING WILL BE \$198,993

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, that the Executive Director of the Office on Aging and the Department Head of the Nutrition Project for the Elderly are authorized to execute a Letter of Amendment to the Nutrition Agreement to add an additional \$5,404 of Title III-C funds to the Nutrition Project budget. The revised total budget will be \$713,139 and the revised Title III funding will be \$198,993.

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 682-97

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 November 25, 1997.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS
ALONG COUNTY ROUTE #647, HARMONY -
MONTANA -BRASS CASTLE RD., HARMONY TWP.,
WASHINGTON TWP., FRANKLIN TWP.,
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

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

- Section 1. That the speed limit in both directions of traffic along County Route #647, Harmony-Montana-Brass Castle Road, Harmony Twp, Washington Twp, Franklin Twp, Warren County, New Jersey be established as follows:
 Zone 1. 40 MPH, from County Route #519 (M.P. 0.00) to 1600' East of Old Church Road (M.P. 0.46).
 Zone 2. 45 MPH, from 1600' East of Old Church Road (M.P. 0.46) to 2100' East of Demeter Road (M.P. 5.55).
 Zone 3. 40 MPH, from 2100' East of Demeter Road (M.P. 5.55) to County Route #623 (M.P. 8.05).
- Section 2. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated speed limits.
- Section 3. This resolution shall take effect upon approval by the Commissioner 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: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 683-97

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 November 25, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9794P FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE WARREN COUNTY SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998 TO PLANNERS DIVERSIFIED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,000.00

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BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9794P for administration of the Warren County Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program is hereby awarded to . . . Planners Diversified, Summit, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$48,000.00 as per their bid submitted . . . November 10, 1997 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid submitted
Award of this contract is contingent upon the approval of Federal Grants for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program

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 684-97

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 November 25, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9795P FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WARREN COUNTY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998 TO PLANNERS DIVERSIFIED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$577,777.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9795P for Implementation of the Warren County Housing Assistance Payments Program is hereby awarded to . . . Planners Diversified, Summit, New Jersey in the approximate amount of . . . \$577,777.00** (see attached copy of section IV of the proposal)

* actual fee will be based on regulations established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
as per their bid submitted . . . November 10, 1997
and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest for the Federal Housing Assistance Program

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 685-97

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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 November 25, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC95104 WITH FLYNN'S CATERING FOR FOOD SERVICES TO THE WARREN COUNTY NUTRITION SITES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998 FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL YEAR OF THIS CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(10) AT A PER MEAL COST OF \$3.2267 - APPROXIMATE ANNUAL CONTRACT = \$316,087.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County Contract WC95104 for providing meals for the Warren County Nutrition Program is hereby extended for the period of January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998

to . . . Flynn's Catering, Phillipsburg, New Jersey

in the per meal amount of . . . \$3.2267 with an approximate annual contract value of \$316,087.00 for the third year

Funding for this contract has been provided in the following accounts:

A01-06-01561.00.680 - Nutrition Program Site Meals, and

0010280034.680 - A.P.G. Nutrition Site Meals

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to executed 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 686-97

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 November 25, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WARREN COUNTY NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY AND CHRISTINE ZELESNY TO SERVE AS DIETICIAN FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 1997 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1998 AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$18.50

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

1. The attached agreement with Christine Zelesny, Glen Gardner, New Jersey, to be responsible for all duties of the position of Dietician for the Nutrition Program for the Elderly, is hereby awarded for the period of December 1, 1997 through November 30, 1998.

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2. **Approved mileage under the agreement will be paid at the prevailing county rate.**
3. **This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).**
4. **Funds for this contract are provided in account #0010280034.037 Nutrition Project - Dietician expenses.**
5. **Notice of this action shall be published in the Star Gazette, Hackettstown, New Jersey, as required by law, within ten (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 687-97

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 November 25, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO UNISYS CORP., OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #81236 FOR SOFTWARE LICENSES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,352.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for software licenses for the Warren County Information Systems Department is hereby awarded

to . . . Unisys Corp., Philadelphia, PA

in the amount of . . . \$26,352.00

at the price established under New Jersey State Contract #81236

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account A01-00151.00.034 - Information Systems - Maint & License Fees

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 688-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholder of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 25, 1997.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL BY POTENTA ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 TO PERFORM A PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ON BLOCK 2, LOT 47 AND

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BLOCK 5, LOTS 1 AND 8, IN LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is now collecting a dedicated tax in the amount of .02 cents per \$100 valuation to fund the purchase of open space and farmland preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Open Space Plan and the Board of Recreation Commissioners have identified Block 2, Lot 47 and Block 5, Lots 1 and 8, in Lopatcong Township, known as Marble Mountain, as a high priority site for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong supports the acquisition and the current landowner has offered to sell the property willingly; and

WHEREAS, a Phase II Environmental Assessment is needed prior to purchasing additional county land; and

WHEREAS, Phase II Environmental Assessment expenses can be funded by the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund; 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 013-02150.001 (Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, Parkland) and certified by the Chief Financial Officer;

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

1. The proposed Phase II Environmental Assessment of Block 2, Lot 47, and Block 5, Lots 1, and 8, in Lopatcong Township, by POTENTA Environmental Consultants, L.L.C., in the amount of \$5,000, be accepted.

2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

3. The proposed Phase II Environmental Assessment be completed and submitted to the Warren County Planning Department by December 31, 1997.

4. 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 689-97

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholder of the County of Warren at a meeting held November 25, 1997.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SALE OF THE COUNTY PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE CENTREX BUILDING TO GEORGE D. STARETZ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract for sale of county property known as the Cenrex Building, Block 100, Lot 33, Washington Borough is hereby awarded to . . . George D. Staretz, Mt. Olive, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$10,000.00

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as per their bid submitted at auction . . . October 30, 1997 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the highest responsible and responsive bid submitted at auction.

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 690-97

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 November 25, 1997.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following member to the Warren County Mental Health Board effective November 26, 1997 to fill an existing term:

Deborah Good
175 Old River Road
Milford, NJ 08848

Term to expire: 6/30/98

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

A resolution was received from Hardwick Township supporting the continuation of the General Assistance Program at the municipal level.

County Counsel David Wallace had items for executive session only.

County Engineer David Hicks had nothing to report.

County Planner was not in the room at this time.

County CFO Pete Houck reported that they met with the department heads on Monday and their budget requests are due back to Pete on Friday, December 12th.

County Administrator Henry Dinger submitted one hiring request and it was approved.

A request came from Dave Dech regarding the salary for Greg Sipple. After some discussion it was decided by Mrs. Stone and Mr. Lance that Greg be put back on the previous salary guide but he not be compensated for the back-pay. Mrs. Dickey agreed with the salary adjustment but did not agree with the non-payment of back-pay.

Under freeholder comments, Susan questioned Steve Marvin about the fourth Judge issue and asked if this request is for next year. Steve said that we need to include this in the 1998 budget.

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Mr. Lance said that he attended the league convention and said that NJAC will be acting on two resolutions, probably on December 5th, one resolution regarding the possibility of the state assuming the solid waste debt and one making the counties competitive.

Ann Stone reminded everyone that on Saturday, December 6th, Merrell Creek will be holding the siren test.

Under closing comments, Steve Marvin asked where WERC is regarding the recycling issue.

Dave Dech questioned the item he submitted regarding the Senior Planner issue and was told that the board took action earlier when he was out of the room. Mr. Dech was not in agreement with the board's decision and he feels that because it was not Greg's fault, but rather the fault of the NJ Department of Personnel, he should be compensated for that five month period. Mr. Sipple did the work and deserves to be paid for that work.

Mrs. Stone pointed out that it was not the county's fault either and Mr. Dinger felt that if we compensated him, it could set a precedent. Mr. Dech did not agree.

There were no press comments or questions.

RESOLUTION 691-97

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 November 25, 1997.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON NOVEMBER 25, 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.

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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 8:45 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 9:10 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 9:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION 692-97

On motion by Mr. Lance, 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 25, 1997.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVID A. WALLACE
AS WARREN COUNTY COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING
AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43, David A. Wallace, Esq., an attorney-at-law of the State of New Jersey, with offices located at 942 Route 517, P.O. Box 741, Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840, is hereby reappointed as Warren County Counsel for a three (3) year term of office commencing December 24, 1997 and until December 23, 2000.

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

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: no Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 693-97

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 November 25, 1997.

MINUTES

November 25, 1997

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL
SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following member is hereby appointed to the Warren County Vocational-Technical School Board of Education, effective November 26, 1997, to fill an unexpired term:

Anthony W. Wyhopen
7 West Quarry Road
Bevidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire: 10/31/00

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

Chris Pessolano has been talking to our hauler and to some others, he has had about three or four responses. An official RFP would take too long. Mr. Dinger thinks that the budget for recycling can be reduced.

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk