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Pursuant to Statute in such cases made in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on December 17, 1997, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren was held in Court Room #1, Court House, Belvidere, NJ on Thursday, January 1, 1998 at 1:00 P.M.

The following notice was read by Deputy Clerk Naomi Stout: "ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL 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".

The Invocation was given by Reverend Jack E. Roan, Pastor of the Stewartsville Presbyterian Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Deputy Clerk Naomi J. Stout.

The Certification of Election of Ann M. Stone was read by County Clerk Terrance D. Lee.

The Oath of Office of Ann M. Stone was administered by the Honorable John F. Kingfield, J.S.C.

Mrs. Stone was assisted by her granddaughter Melissa Stone.

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 p.m. by Deputy Clerk Naomi Stout and the following members were present: Mr. Lance, Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. Stone.

RESOLUTION 1-98

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1998.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 1998.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Susan A. Dickey, is appointed Director of Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren for the year 1998.

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Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.
s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

The Oath of Office of Director of the Board was administered by the Honorable John F. Kingfield, J.S.C.

Mrs. Dickey was assisted by her daughter Nicole Dickey.

RESOLUTION 2-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, 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 January 1, 1998.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 1998.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Stephen J. Lance is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren for the year 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: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 3-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, 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 December 23, 1997.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FREEHOLDER SUSAN DICKEY TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1998.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Freeholder Susan Dickey is appointed to the following boards and committees for the year 1998:

- Boards of school Estimate
- Housing Committee
- Human Services Coalition
- New Jersey Association of Counties - Voting Member
- Planning Board
- Welfare 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: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 4-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEPHEN LANCE TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1998.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Freeholder Stephen Lance is appointed to the following boards and committees for the year 1998:

Boards of School Estimate
 Human Services Coalition
 Mental Health Board
 Police Chief's Association
 Trustee, Warren County Legal Services
 New Jersey Association of Counties - 2nd Alternate

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 5-98

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held December 23, 1997.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FREEHOLDER ANN STONE TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1998.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Freeholder Ann Stone is appointed to the following boards and committees for the year 1998:

Boards of School Estimate
 Welfare Board
 Office on Aging Advisory Council
 Nutrition Program Advisory Council
 New Jersey Association of Counties - 1st Alternate Voting Member
 Mosquito Extermination Commission
 Planning Board
 Education Coordinating & Planning Committee

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 6-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, 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 December 23, 1997.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO APPOINT SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS BOARD OR WHICH THE DIRECTOR MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to appoint such committees as maybe required by law or authorized by this Board or which the Director may deem appropriate:

Freeholder Stephen J. Lance

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Board of Agriculture
 Boards of School Estimate
 Board of Elections
 Cooperative Extension Service

Correctional Center
 Economic Development and Tourism
 Human Services Department and its
 various advisory committees

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Juvenile Detention Center
 Legal Services
 Mental Health Board
 NJ Association of Counties - 2nd Alternate
 Police Chiefs Association
 Board of Recreation Commissioners
 Sheriff's Office
 Statewide Excess Liability Fund Rep.
 Trustee Warren County Legal Services

Freeholder Ann M. Stone

Boards of School Estimate
 County Clerk (except Judicial section)
 County Transportation Outreach
 Economic Development and Tourism
 Educational Coordinating & Planning Committee
 Health Services
 Library Commission
 Mosquito Extermination Commission
 NJ Association of Counties - 1st Alternate Voting Member
 Nutrition Program
 Nutrition Program Advisory Council
 Planning Board
 Public Works
 Shade Tree Commission
 Soil Conservation
 Solid Waste
 Superintendent of Schools
 Transportation Committee
 Vo-Tech
 War Veterans
 Warren County Community College
 Warren Haven

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Audio Visual Aids Comm.
 Board Of Taxation
 Boards of School Estimate
 Citizen's Fiscal Advisory Committee

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County Adjuster
 Cultural and Heritage Commission
 Domestic Abuse and Rape Crisis Center
 Economic Development and Tourism
 Environmental Commission
 Housing Program
 Human Services
 Medical Examiner
 NJ association of Counties - Voting Member
 North Jersey Resource Conservation & Development Program
 North Jersey Transportation Planning Committee
 Planning Board
 Private Industry Council of Morris/Sussex/Warren
 Prosecutor
 Public Safety
 Surrogate
 Weights and Measures
 Welfare Board
 Women's Commission

All Three Freeholders

Freeholder's Office
 C.F.O.
 Purchasing Department
 County Council
 Information Systems

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 7-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, 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 January 1, 1998.

RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1998.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the municipalities of Warren County are divided into three districts and a Freeholder is assigned as liaison to each district as follows:

District No. 1:	Freeholder Stephen J. Lance
Belvidere	Knowlton Township
White Township	Liberty Township
Oxford Township	Hope Township
Blairstown Township	Pahaquarry Township
Hardwick Township	
District No. 2:	Freeholder Susan A. Dickey

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Washington Borough
 Mansfield Township
 Allamuchy Township
 Washington Township

Independence Township
 Frelinghuysen Township
 Hackettstown

District No. 3:Freeholder Ann M. Stone

Phillipsburg
 Alpha Borough
 Pohatcong Township
 Franklin Township

Lopatcong Township
 Harmony Township
 Greenwich Township

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 8-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, 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 January 1, 1998.

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 1998.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren for the year 1998. All regular meetings shall be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Administration building, Route #519, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	14	at	9:30 A.M.	July	8	at	9:30 A.M.
January	21	at	7:00 P.M.	July	22	at	7:00 P.M.
January	28	at	7:00 P.M.	August	12	at	9:30 A.M.
February	11	at	9:30 A.M.	August	26	at	7:00 P.M.
February	18	at	7:00 P.M.	September	9	at	9:30 A.M.
February	25	at	7:00 P.M.	September	16	at	7:00 P.M.
March	11	at	9:30 A.M.	September	23	at	7:00 P.M.
March	18	at	7:00 P.M.	October	14	at	9:30 A.M.
March	25	at	7:00 P.M.	October	21	at	7:00 P.M.
April	8	at	9:30 A.M.	October	28	at	7:00 P.M.
April	15	at	7:00 P.M.	November	10	at	7:00 P.M. *
April	22	at	7:00 P.M.	November	18	at	7:00 P.M.
May	13	at	9:30 A.M.	November	24	at	7:00 P.M. **
May	20	at	7:00 P.M.	December	9	at	9:30 A.M.
May	27	at	7:00 P.M.	December	16	at	7:00 P.M.
June	10	at	9:30 A.M.	December	23	at	7:00 P.M.
June	17	at	7:00 P.M.				
June	24	at	7:00 P.M.				

* Please note that the first meeting in November is being held on Tuesday, November 10th

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at 7:00 P.M. instead of Wednesday, November 11th at 9:30 A.M.

**** Please note that the third meeting in November is being held on Tuesday, November 24th instead of Wednesday, November 25th.**

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

Mrs. Dickey mentioned that the board will also be holding travelling meetings and freeholder/mayor meetings again this year. However, at the freeholder/mayor meetings, all municipal officials will be included. She also stated that she would like Deputy Director Lance to conduct some of the workshop meetings and he agreed.

RESOLUTION 9-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, 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 January 1, 1998.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE STAR GAZETTE/FORUM AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND THE EXPRESS-TIMES AS THE ALTERNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER IN WHICH SHALL BE PUBLISHED ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that THE STAR GAZETTE/FORUM is hereby designated as the official newspaper and THE EXPRESS-TIMES as the alternate official newspaper in which shall be published all advertisements and notices required by law to be published on behalf of the County of Warren. This action is taken pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:23-13.

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

RESOLUTION 10-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, 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 January 1, 1998.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE NEWS AS AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE COUNTY FOR THE PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN NOTICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS DURING THE YEAR 1998.

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted January 1, 1998, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren designated The Star Gazette/Forum, of Hackettstown, as the official newspaper and The Express-Times, of Easton, Pennsylvania, as the alternate official newspaper for the publication of all notices and advertisements required by law to be published on behalf of the County of Warren; and

WHEREAS, it appears that certain notices and advertisements are required by law to be published in a newspaper published at the county seat, if there be one, such as N.J.S.A. 40A:2-19 regarding publication required by the Local Bond Law; and

WHEREAS, it appears that The News is a newspaper published in Belvidere, the county seat, and that The News meets all requirements to qualify as an official

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newspaper,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that **THE NEWS** is hereby designated as the official newspaper pursuant to N.J.S.A.40:23-13 in which shall be published all notices and advertisements required by law to be published on behalf of the County of Warren in a newspaper published at the county seat. Except as to such notices referred to above, the resolution adopted January 1, 1998 designating official newspapers shall continue in full force and effect.

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

RESOLUTION 11-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, 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 January 1, 1998.

PROVISION UNDER N.J.S. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,323.858.00 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 1998 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statutes 40A:4-19 provides that every County must make temporary appropriations during the period January 1 to January 30 to cover commitments made during the period of January through the date of the adoption of the Budget, the total of said appropriations for the preceding year, excluding the amount of appropriations for the Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance, and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty days of January, and

WHEREAS, one quarter of the appropriations in the 1997 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations for Debt Service, Capital Improvement fund and Public Assistance is \$16,323,858.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following temporary appropriations in the total amount of \$16,323,858.00 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Financial Officer's Department for their records.

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

On motion by Mrs. Stone, 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 January 1, 1998.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN DESIGNATING OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO INVEST AND DISBURSE FUNDS, AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES, PERMITTED INVESTMENTS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC MONEYS.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, the annual Cash Management Plan prepared by the Chief Financial Officer of the County of warren, is hereby approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the board directs the official charged with the custody of public funds covered

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under the plan to deposit and invest said funds in accordance with the provisions of said plan.

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

RESOLUTION 13-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, 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 January 1, 1998.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRIAN D. SMITH AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO WARREN COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to maintain effective legal representation of Warren County; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance thereof the board has determined that Brian D. Smith, Esq. should continue to perform certain professional legal services on behalf of the county;

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:20-1, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43, and the cases cited thereunder, Brian D. Smith, Esq., an attorney -at-law of the State of New Jersey, with offices located at 515 Oxford Street, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823, is hereby appointed as special counsel to Warren County for a one (1) year term of office commencing January 1, 1998 and until December 31, 1998.

2. The agreement between the Board and Mr. Smith setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation, which 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 to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

3. Said Agreement is made, negotiated and awarded by the Board without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, as said Agreement is for professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law in as much as the services thereunder are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law.

4. Notice of this action, stating the nature, duration, service and amount of said Agreement, and that this Resolution and said Agreement are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board, shall be published in the Star Gazette/Form as required by law within ten (10) days of the adoption 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: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 14-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, 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 January 1, 1998.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR

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WARREN COUNTY WITH CHARLES M. LEE.

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Charles M. Lee, Esq. of 687 Washington Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840, shall be on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and made a part hereof by reference, is approved and shall be entered into this board on behalf of the County of Warren.

2. The Director of the Board is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law because the services are to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

4. This agreement is for services as Special Counsel at a rate of \$115.00 per hour, plus reimbursement for reasonable miscellaneous expenses.

5. The term of this agreement shall be from the passage of the enabling resolution until December 31, 1998, or until terminated within the provisions of the agreement.

6. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR GAZETTE, Hackettstown, NJ, as required by law within (10) days of this 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: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 15-98

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1998.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-8, the following member is reappointed to the Warren County Community College Board of Trustees:

Janus Walter

Term to expire: 10/31/99

Grey Key Farms

28 Knowlton Road

Columbia, NJ 07832

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-8, the following member is appointed to the Warren County College Board of Trustees:

Richard J. Frinzi

Term to expire: 10/31/99

307 March Blvd.

Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

(to fill an unexpired term)

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

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Director Dickey introduced Senator Schluter and he congratulated Mrs. Stone on her reelection and Mrs. Dickey for her appointment as Director of the Board.

Senator Schluter said that the State has a large menu facing them this year. The important issues are solid waste disposal, auto insurance, school funding and property tax reform. He said that good government should be our goal and he is dedicated to carrying out the best possible government.

Assemblyman Leonard Lance reminded everyone he started out as a law clerk for County Clerk Harry Snyder, who was Ann Stone's father. Assemblyman Lance congratulated Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. Stone.

He said that the Legislature and the Executive Branch will need to work together on many issues, the most prominent one being solid waste. He serves on the Appropriation Committee and will do his best for Warren County. It is important for everyone to work together.

Assemblywoman Connie Myers said that 1998 is a critical year for Warren County; in particular the issue of solid waste. Government needs to speak with a single voice in the solid waste matter. We will also have to deal with the problem of growth. Warren County is the last agricultural and rural county in the state.

George Thompson, former Warren County Freeholder, congratulated the members of the board and said that with the serious problems facing the board this year, he hopes they will all work together.

Kenneth Miller, former Warren County Freeholder, said that now that a year has passed, there is life after politics! He served in government for 25 years but is still involved in working towards the designation of Phillipsburg for the site of the Railroad Museum. He would like to count on the county for help in this quest. Two other municipalities are looking to be the site. He still continues to work with 4-H, still involved and still continues to work for the good of Warren County.

Mrs. Stone spoke and thanked all the officials that came out and thanked Pastor Jack Roan for coming today, this is the third time he has done the invocation at a reorganization and she also thanked Judge Kingfield for administering the oath of office. Mrs. Stone also thanked all the members of her family and warned them that this will go on for a long time. She is committed to serving and representing the citizens of Warren County.

She thanked the Democratic party for allowing her to be their candidate. She recognized Gladys Blemmer who has been with her all the time and is dedicated to the county. She thanked Dan Hirschberg who helped on her campaign, Keith Slack, who was Treasurer for her and also thanked Henry Dinger for the outstanding job that he has done, he is a true public servant.

Mrs. Stone said that during her term of office, the county has kept the tax rate under control, made many improvements to the transportation program, established an economic development program, worked on open space, implemented the 911 program, etc. Critical decisions must be made regarding our commitment to the expansion of the Phillipsburg Library and the County Recycling.

We spent ten years establishing the recycling program and on Monday she received a proposal from Dinah Rush, the Recycling Coordinator, that would require no additional funds; no increase in funding; no cost to the county.

Mrs. Stone made a motion to approve the new recycling proposal submitted by

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Dinah Rush but the motion died for lack of a second.

In closing, Mrs. Stone wished everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

Mr. Lance thanked everyone for coming out today and said that after his first year on the board, he can say that he enjoyed working with the other two members of the board. He feels that all the county employees are top notch. He said that we need to take pride in the county we are living in and keep it environmentally safe for our children. This is even more important to him now as he and his wife Karen are expecting their first child in July. The county has acquired open space of 3,869 acres over the past few years and this program must go on.

Mr. Lance said he is in favor of siting the Railroad Museum in Phillipsburg as what is economically good for Phillipsburg is good for all of the rest of the county.

The bottom line of his has always been "no increase in county taxes" and there was no increase in 1997. We now have a \$2 million budget gap. We will have to review each county program to establish need.

Mrs. Dickey thanked everyone for coming today. She reminded everyone about the county's budget policy that ended deficit spending. We established a "pay as you go" policy and decided to live within our means. This reduced the county debt by \$7 million. For this we have to give credit to all our departments; both department heads and their employees.

1998 will be a test of government accountability. We will need to meet the challenges and work together to make 1998 a year to redefine our priorities and focus on government. Through attrition and retirement we can consolidate our downsizing. We need to supply maximum service at a minimum cost. We need to send a strong message for farmland preservation and defend the county's rural role. In 1998, the county must establish an administrative code.

Mrs. Dickey introduced Doris Moyer, Councilwoman, Town of Belvidere, Rene Mathez, Deputy Mayor, Knowlton Township and Frank Van Horn, Mayor of Knowlton Township, Harry Pool, PCFA, Jack Joyce, Chair of the Democratic Party and Prosecutor John O'Reilly.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, and there being no further business to come before the board on this date, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes