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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 Wednesday, February 11, 1998 at 9:42 a.m.

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

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

Director Dickey 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. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held January 1, 1998 were approved as corrected.

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

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held January 14, 1998 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held January 14, 1998 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held January 28, 1998 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the executive session minutes of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held January 28, 1998 were approved as presented.

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

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PROCLAMATION 81-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following proclamation was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 11, 1998.

PROCLAMATION - SELF-HELP SUPPORT GROUP WEEK - MARCH 9 - 15, 1998.

WHEREAS, a recent Gallop poll found that over 14 million people in the United States participated in some form of self-help groups and that the overall number of self-help groups in New Jersey was growing at a rate of 8.4 percent annually; and

WHEREAS, in dealing with rising demand and limited resources, self-help groups can meet the expanding mental health needs of their communities without having to expand community mental health budgets; and

WHEREAS, self-help groups help to prevent stress by serving as new sources of social support that help people deal with short-term crises and life transitions as well as long-term disabilities and stress; and

WHEREAS, in terms of prevention, self-help groups hold special potential for addressing the mental health needs of at risk populations such as persons facing transitional life crises, persons with addictions, persons with chronic health problems or disabilities, and families of those individuals; and

WHEREAS, self-help groups are also uniquely suited to promoting coping skills and self-esteem through the practical experiential knowledge that is shared, the provision of positive role models and the benefits of being able to help others; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 U.S. Surgeon General Koop sponsored a national Surgeon General's Workshop on Self-help and Public health to explore how self-help groups and health care professionals could work together for the benefit of public health; and

WHEREAS, among the workshop recommendations that Dr. Koop already enacted has been the development of a national Council on Self-Help and Public Health which will work to increase the awareness, utilization, and understanding of self-help groups; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey developed the first statewide and first computerized state Clearinghouse in the nation linking people together to find and form support groups;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Susan A. Dickey, Director, Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, do hereby designate March 9 to March 15, 1998 as "Self-Help Support Group Week" in Warren County.

Susan A. Dickey, Director
Board of Chosen Freeholders

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

Karen Kubert, Director, WC Human Services, accepted the proclamation with thanks.

The freeholder meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. for the WC Community College Board of School Estimate Hearing.

The freeholder meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Judge Diana spoke to the board regarding serious conditions that exist in the court

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house. The building is 175 years old and in very poor condition. We have three full-time judges and one part-time judge, six county offices plus all the court related offices housed in the court house plus we have a fourth judge in the works. Approximately 55,000 people enter the court house every year and this does not include people who visit the six county offices. He suggests we start planning for a new court house or renovation of the existing structure. Even if the board makes a commitment today, it will take five years to complete. The board needs to form a committee to study this issue with representatives from the board, the planning department and other representatives of county government and the courts. Their charge would be to select a site and an architect and report back to the board.

The county should be proud of their judges but there is a critical need for a fourth judge. There are 1500 more cases per year than Hunterdon County. 9000 new cases will be filed this year. Each judge handles approximately 2000 cases per year. There is a backlog of 3000 cases without a fourth judge. The backlog will continue to grow and as the population grows, the court cases will grow accordingly. There has been a 35% increase in court cases in the last ten years. The minimum accommodations for a fourth judge will necessitate that the facility will have to be upgraded with space for a secretary and a law clerk and or course, space is the major problem. Renovations will entail utilization of certain rooms that are being used by others now and the estimate for this is \$12,500. There is litigation going on now regarding whether this cost is the responsibility of the state or the county.

Freeholder Lance asked when the fourth judge would be coming on and Judge Diana said that it could happen anytime regardless whether the legislation passes or not. We will be getting a new judge and if the work was complete now, the judge would come on today.

Judge Diana thanked the board for this opportunity to speak to them regarding this issue.

Karen Kubert, Director of Human Services spoke to the board regarding the One Ease E-Link concept paper. This would involve 50 computers and work stations and would be totally funded by the state. There is a \$50,000 grant for the first year for a program manager and \$85,000 for a Network Administrator to provide the computer technology.

Mrs. Dickey asked when the user fees come into play and Ms. Kubert said at the end of the year. Mr. Lance asked if she had talked to Pete about this and Mr. Houck said yes she had and this would not be a duplication of our system.

Mr. Dinger cautioned that his concerns are that he has not had great success with the state systems. There need to be tight safeguards on confidentiality issues.

RESOLUTION 82-98

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 February 11, 1998.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE COUNTY OF WARREN BE THE LEAD AGENCY TO IMPLEMENT A STATE INITIATIVE "ONE-EASE-E-LINK" WITH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED BY BOTH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIVISION; ANTICIPATED ONE-

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TIME FUNDING OF \$135,000 TO BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN SERVICES, LABOR, AND HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD.

WHEREAS, the NJ Departments of Human Services, Labor, and Health & Senior Services have made one-time funding available too Warren County to implement a state initiative "One-Ease-E-Link", and

WHEREAS, the county will receive \$135,000 from the state for a one year period to design, maintain, own, and manage this statewide electronic communication system; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services, in collaboration with the County Information Systems Division, has developed a concept paper which recommends that the County of Warren be designated the lead agency to implement "One-Ease-E-Link" with administrative services provided by these two offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren be designated the lead agency in initiating "One-Ease-E-Link" with administrative assistance to be provided through the county Department of Human Services, Labor, and Health & Senior Services for a one-year period.

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

There were no public comments on agenda items.

RESOLUTION 83-98

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 February 11, 1998.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Master Voucher Certificate for Certification for Payment No. 98-4 dated February 11, 1998 in the amount of \$4,042,425.11 including bills and investments; is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Payroll	1/29	997,839.00
Payroll	2/11	983,743.04
Uniform		62,487.50
98-4		1,998,355.57

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 84-98

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 February 11, 1998.

TRANSFER IN THE 1997 RESERVED APPROPRIATIONS; TO: JUVENILE RET. & REHAB.

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CTR., OE \$15,500.00 SHERIFF, OE \$2,500.00 JAIL, OE \$5,000.00. TOTAL: \$23,000.00 FROM: JUVENILE RET. & REHAB. CTR., S & W \$15,500.00, SHERIFF, S & W \$2,500.00 JAIL, S & W \$5,000.00. TOTAL: \$23,000.00.

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-59 states that transfers can be made to Reserved Appropriations through March 31, 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 accounts:

Juvenile Ret. & Rehab. Ctr., OE	\$15,500.00
Sheriff, OE	2,500.00
Jail, OE	5,000.00
Total	\$23,000.00

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

Juvenile Ret. & Rehab. Ctr., S & W	\$15,500.00
Sheriff, S & W	2,500.00
Jail, S & W	5,000.00
Total	\$23,000.00

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 transfers in the 1997 Reserved Appropriations be made:

TO:	
R-A01-05-01141.00.222 Juv. Ret. & Rehab. Ctr., OE	\$15,500.00
R-A01-03-00701.00.008 Sheriff, OE	2,500.00
R-A01-05-01101.00.327 Jail, OE	5,000.00
Total	\$23,000.00
FROM	
R-A01-05-01140.00.000 Juv. Ret. & Rehab. Ctr.,S&W	\$15,500.00
R-A01-03-00700.00.000 Sheriff, S & W	2,500.00
R-A01-05-01100.00.000 Jail, S & W	5,000.00
Total	\$23,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 85-98

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 February 11, 1998.

INSERTION INTO THE 1998 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,254.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPT. OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES, RIGHT-TO-KNOW GRANT.

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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 1998 in the sum of \$4,254.00 which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Health & Senior Services, Right-to-Know Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$4,254.00 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 & Senior Services,

Right-To-Know Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Health & Senior 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: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 86-98

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 February 11, 1998.

INSERTION INTO THE 1998 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,147.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES, FOR THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE PROGRAM GRANT #BDWM8N.

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 1998 in the sum of \$85,147.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Human Services, for the Personal Assistance Service Program Grant #BDWM8N.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$85,147.00 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, for the Personal Assistance Service Program Grant #BDWM8N.

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

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of New Jersey, Dept. of 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: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 87-98

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 February 11, 1998.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO SIGN THE 1998 SEGMENT OF THE WARREN COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING'S AREA PLAN CONTRACT FOR 1998 - 2000 FOR \$405,623.

WHEREAS, the County of Warren may enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services during FY-1998 for \$405,623.00 (representing \$255,148.00 of the Federal Title III Funds, and \$150,475.00 of State Funds) to carry out a program to develop a comprehensive and coordinated system of services for the elderly under the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren does authorize a contract and upon receipt of a fully executed contract from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services shall expend these funds pursuant to the terms of said contract between the County of Warren and the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the person whose name and title appear below is authorized to sign such contract:

Susan Dickey
Director, Board of
Chosen Freeholders

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 88-98

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 February 11, 1998.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND NATALIE ANN ANDRIOLI TO WORK AS A CONSULTANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CASE ASSESSMENT RESOURCE TEAM AS THE CHILD/FAMILY TEAM FACILITATOR; AGREEMENT IN EFFECT FEBRUARY 11, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998; (FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH NJDHS CONTRACT #ALWF8N); AGREEMENT CEILING NOT TO EXCEED \$18,750.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Human Services (NJDHS) has funding available for the Child/Family Team Facilitator of the Warren County Case Assessment Resource Team; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of Human Services has developed an agreement with Natalie Ann Andrioli to provide these services on behalf of the department at a rate not

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to exceed \$15.00 per hour: and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be in effect for the period February 11, 1998 through December 31, 1998 and shall not exceed \$18,750 (funds available through NJDHS Contract #ALWF8N).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of chosen Freeholders approves the consultant agreement for the period 2/11/98 - 12/31/98 between the Warren County Department of Human Services and Natalie Ann Andrioli to serve as Facilitator for the Case Assessment Resource Team; agreement ceiling not to exceed \$18,750.

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 89-98

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 February 11, 1998.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE FOR THE REVIEW OF TREATMENT OF THE CRIMINALLY INSANE WITH NECESSARY FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

WHEREAS, Governor Christine Todd Whitman created the Task Force for the Review of Treatment of the Criminally Insane through Executive Order No. 58 (1996); and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was charged with reviewing the current practices employed by state psychiatric facilities in caring for the criminally insane; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was also charged with considering security issues at state psychiatric facilities and the rights of patients and persons who reside nearby; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force transmitted its report to the office of the Governor on October 30, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the reports and recommendations contained within were reviewed and supported by the Warren County Mental Health Board at its January 7, 1998 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Board requests that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren also support the findings of the Task Force; and especially the enactment of legislation requiring sexually violent predators be centralized and treated in a simple secure institution operated by the New Jersey Department of Corrections; with funding to support this and all other Task Force recommendations to be made available through the Department of Corrections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren joins the Mental Health Board in the support of all recommendations contained within the report of the Task Force with the condition that the funding to supplement these recommendations be made available from the NJ Department of Corrections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to other county mental health boards, appropriate legislators, Commissioner of the NJ Department of Human Services as well as to the freeholder boards of the other twenty (20) counties in the state for

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their consideration.

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 90-98

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 February 11, 1998.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE LOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE
WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE
NURSING SERVICES TO PHILLIPSBURG CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE SUM OF \$4,672.00 FOR THE
PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 1997 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1998.**

WHEREAS, chapter 226 laws of 1991 provided that medical examinations, hearing screening and other services may be provided to non-public schools as a board of health activity; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Health Department, Division of Personal Health Services has trained personnel to provide nursing services to Phillipsburg Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, the Lopatcong Board of Education is interested in continuing last year's agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the attached contract agreement between the Lopatcong Board of Education and the Warren County Health Department to provide nursing services to Phillipsburg Christian Academy through the Division of Personal Health Services of the Health Department for the sum of \$4,672.00 for the period of September 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998, be and is hereby approved, and further, that the Freeholder Director is hereby authorizes 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: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 91-98

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 February 11, 1998.

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR STATE AID FOR THE COUNTY ROUTE #646
INTERSECTION & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, HARMONY & LOPATCONG TOWNSHIPS
AND TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,128.42.**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund includes the County Aid Program which provides State Aid Funding to Warren County; and

WHEREAS, a balance of \$10,128.42 exists in State Aid Funding from previous

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projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the filing of the application for State Aid Funding for the County Route #646 Intersection and Safety Improvements, Harmony and Lopatcong Townships and the Town of Phillipsburg, in the amount of \$10,128.42.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board and the director to execute said application for funding from the State of New Jersey and forward same to the District I Office of the New Jersey 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: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 92-98

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 February 11, 1998.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR REMOVAL OF
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS AND INSTALLATION OF
ABOVEGROUND VAULTED STORAGE TANKS AT THE
ROADS DEPARTMENT HACKETTSTOWN AND
ALPHA GARAGES FOR CONTRACT #LWC9807P.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the request for proposals for Engineering Services for Removal of Underground Storage Tanks and Installation of Above Ground Vaulted Storage Tanks at the Roads Department Hackettstown and Alpha Garages, Contract #WC9807P, are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds is hereby directed to solicit proposals from qualified firms for the above project.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

PROPOSALS TO BE RECEIVED - TUESDAY, MARCH 31 AT 1:00 P.M.

AWARD DATE - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 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 93-98

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 February 11, 1998.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC9805 AND
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR TIRES
AND TUBES.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC9805 for tires and tubes is hereby approved.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for bids for the above in the Star Gazette.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account A01-04-01021.00.017 - Motor Pool Expenses.

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

RESOLUTION 94-98

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 February 11, 1998.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN 8" WATER MAIN WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROUTE #627, POHATCONG TOWNSHIP, WITH CHERRY, WEBER & ASSOCIATES (TOWNSHIP ENGINEER), OF PHILLIPSBURG, N.J., FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500.00.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services of an Engineer for Inspection of the Construction of an 8" Water Main within the Right-of-Way of County Route #627, Pohatcong Township; 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 advertized; and

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

1. The Agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Cherry, Weber & associates, (Township Engineer) of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, for professional services for the inspection of the above project for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00, currently on file in the Office of the County Engineer, be made a part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren .
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star Gazette, as required by law, within ten 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: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 95-98

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 February 11, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC93122 FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1997 TO KPMG

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**PEAT MARWICK IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
\$59,950.00.**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of a licensed auditor to conduct the annual warren county Audit; 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 advertized; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Purchasing has certified that this contract meets the statute and regulations governing the award of such contracts;

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account A01-01-00106.00.200 - Audit
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and KPMG Peat Marwick, Short Hills, New Jersey for professional services for the above project in the total amount of \$59,950.00 per letter of agreement which is currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of warren.

2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.

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

4. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star Gazette, as required by law, within ten 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: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 96-98

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 February 11, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9801 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (HAMLEN FARM) FOR FARMING FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 1998 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1999 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS TO JOHN J. MECSEY FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,289.50.

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9801 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in Greenwich and Lopatcong Townships identified as Block 23, Lot 7 and Block 98, Lot 2 approximately 43 acres is hereby awarded to John J Mecsey, Stewartville, New Jersey annual rent of \$76.50 per acre for a total amount of \$3,289.50 as per their bid submitted. . . January 26, 1998 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the highest responsible and responsive bid submitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of

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the County of Warren be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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Mrs. Stone asked how many bids were received and Chris Pessolano said he received two.

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

RESOLUTION 97-98

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 February 11, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9806R FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG SERVICE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER TO BACH'S DRUG & SURGICAL FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 1998 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1999, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$55,000.00 ACTUAL AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY ACTUAL USE.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of a Pharmacy, Prescription Drug Service at the Warren County Correctional Center; 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 advertized; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Purchasing has certified that this contract meets the statute and regulations governing the award of such contracts;

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account A01-05-01101.00.327 - Correctional Center Prescription Drugs

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Bach's Drug and Surgical, Hackettstown, New Jersey for professional services for the above project in the approximate amount of \$55,000.00, actual amount to be determined by actual use per letter of agreement which is currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star Gazette, as required by law, within ten 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

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

RESOLUTION 98-98

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 February 11, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE CONTRACT #WC9763 FOR ROCK SALT WITH ATLANTIC SALT, INC., FOR AN INCREASE OF 1400 TONS AND A NET INCREASE OF \$44,590.00 AND A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$267,540.00.

WHEREAS, CONTRACT #WC9763 was awarded to Atlantic Salt, Inc., of Lowell, Massachusetts for 7,000 ton of Rock Salt in the Contract amount of \$222,950.00; and

WHEREAS, additional Rock Salt is needed for all County Routes to be used for salting County roadways when icy etc.; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds have been established in Account A01-04-01021.00.563 - Road Dept. Bulk Salt, and certified by the County Treasurer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve Change Order #1 for the above usage for a net increase of \$44,590.00 and a revised Contract in the amount of \$267,540.00.

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

RESOLUTION 99-98

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 February 11, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO LOGICAL ARTS INC., TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BOSS SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$13,000.00.

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county enter into a contract for computer software maintenance; 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 "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for Public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Purchasing has certified that this contract meets the statute and regulations governing the award of such contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a purchase order is hereby awarded to Logical Arts Inc., of Spotswood, New Jersey for providing computer software maintenance the Sheriff's BOSS Software System. This software maintenance includes enhancements, any changes in law or statutes that affects the way the Sheriff's Office does business.

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

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a purchase order to Logical Arts Inc.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary,

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Unspecified Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Publics Contracts Law because the services defined are for official licensed software maintenance.

3. A notice of this action shall be published in The Star Gazette.

Funding for this contract is provided in budget account A01-03-00701.00.008 - Sheriff - Main/Repair Ofc Equip.

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 100-98

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 February 11, 1998.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN.**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following member is appointed to the Warren County Commission for Women, effective 11/1/97, for a three year term to expire October 30, 2000.

Bonnie J. Scher

Term to expire: 10/30/00

4 Mountain Ridge Drive

Oxford, NJ 07863

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

RESOLUTION 101-98

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 February 11, 1998.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
WARREN COUNTY LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE (LACA/DA).**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoints the following members to the Warren County LACA/DA, effective January 1, 1998:

Lou Nauman

Term to expire: 12/31/98

Probation Dept., WC Court House

413 Second Street

Belvidere, NJ 07882

Michael Riotto

Term to expire: 12/31/98

49 Mill Pond Road

Washington, NJ 07882

Donna Rue

Term to expire: 12/31/98

Public Health Nursing

162 East Washington Ave.

Washington, NJ 07882

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Robert Kahn
6 Raven Drive
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Term to expire: 12/31/99

Christine Engiles
Prosecutor's Office, WC Court House
413 Second St.
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire: 12/31/99

Janet Kocotos
71 Cherry Lane
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Term to expire: 12/31/99

Roberta Fohr
Purchasing Dept., Adm. Bldg.
165 County Rd. 519 South
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire: 12/31/99

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

County Counsel David Wallace reported that PCFA approved the recycling agreement and copies have been provided to the administrative office.

Mr. Dinger said he wants to be sure that our county staff is not blamed for the so-called "chaos" caused by this recycling situation. Our staff did a good job based on what we had to work with at the time. He sent a letter to Bob West commending him and his staff.

County Engineer David Hicks reported there is a public hearing tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Harmony Municipal Building regarding the Elizabethtown Gas pipe line that is being put in. The hearing is primarily to look at an alternate route to run the line. They would rather have it go through the power line than in the road right-of-way but we will work with them.

County Planner David Dech reported that regarding the state plan, he met with a majority of the municipalities, boards and commissions and there were two public hearings, one in October and one in December, and five regional meetings in October. They hope to have the staff review of the state plan done by the 23rd. Before it is sent to the state, we will have to schedule a public hearing at a freeholder meeting. It was decided to hold it on Wednesday, April 15th.

Mr. Dech also reported that the Board of Recreation Commissioners would like to have two alternates added to their commission to ensure that they have a quorum for their meetings so that they can help the planning department with their role of the open space

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direction.

Dave has also talked to the Chairman of the Morris Canal Committee regarding the potential to reconstitute the Morris Canal Committee into the Board of Recreation Commissioners. The majority of the board agreed to expand the membership of the Board of Recreation Commissioners.

Dave also reported that the Open Space Committee met this morning and reviewed two applications. They will be meeting again on the 16th to interview the two applicants and then they will make a recommendation in March.

He has received a letter from DEP which states that WERC is asking for a permit increase for tonnage.

CFO Pete Houck submitted a report on the open space fund and his concerns about overcommitting the funds.

County Administrator Henry Dinger submitted two hiring requests and both were approved.

Henry also reported that we will soon have another vacancy in the personnel department and we are now training a person from another department to fill in temporarily, we have posted the position.

There will be a Task Force meeting today at 3:30 today but Mr. Carlton will not be there. Ann Stone is the freeholder representative to attend the meeting today.

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Stone asked what happened to the Manhattan Bagel item and Susan said she wants Dave Wallace to review it before the board takes action because of a clause in the agreement from the bank. It probably will be scheduled for the February 25th meeting.

Mrs. Stone also asked about the appointment to the Economic Development Board. We will talk to Jay about the name.

Steve Lance said he has received some calls regarding the school scheduling problem. This is not a freeholder problem and the board can't really get involved. A letter should be written explaining that the board can't help, legally or ethically.

Susan received a letter from Blair Academy regarding the board doing a proclamation on their anniversary and we should go ahead and do this. She also was thinking about recognizing private industries with proclamations or certificates of merit which would acknowledge any contributions they have made to the community. Henry said we should be careful about this and just stick to doing it by official request.

Susan also mentioned that Hackettstown Hospital would like to do a presentation on what they are doing with their capital fund.

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Dave Wallace should research this first before we schedule anything.

Mrs. Dickey also reminded everyone there are tours of the Musconetcong coming up on the 28th of February.

Under closing comments, Karen Kubert said she wanted to clear up something that was in the paper that indicated that the county gave \$38,000 to Hackettstown Hospital. This is not true, it was Warren Hospital that gave the money to them.

Under press comments, the board was asked about the fourth judgeship and Mrs. Dickey said that the budget committee is looking at long term requests for capital projects.

RESOLUTION 102-98

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 February 11, 1998.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON FEBRUARY 11, 1998. 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.

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

Director Dickey called for a five minute break at 12:30 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 12:45 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 1:10 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the board authorized county counsel to advise Attorney DelDucca to proceed with the settlement in the case as discussed in executive session.

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

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, the board authorized Mr. Dinger to write a letter to Judge Diana regarding the fourth judge.

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

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

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ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk