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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in its offices in the Administration Building, Belvidere, NJ on Wednesday, February 25, 1998 at 7:09 p.m.

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

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".

PROCLAMATION 106-98

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following proclamation was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 25, 1998.

**PROCLAMATION -HONORING HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
ON ITS 25TH YEAR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.**

WHEREAS, Hackettstown Community Hospital marked its 25th anniversary on February 23, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the hospital has gained a reputation for excellence in service to the residents of Hackettstown, other surrounding Warren County communities and nearby Morris and Sussex County communities; and

WHEREAS, the technical capabilities of the hospital remain on the leading edge of medical care; and

WHEREAS, the hospital continues to attract highly competent medical, administrative and service staffs; and

WHEREAS, many area residents volunteer their services toward the continued excellence of the hospital and its services; and

WHEREAS, the administration of the hospital has excellent plans for future growth and continued community service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren congratulate all involved with the Hackettstown community Hospital for their Quarter Century of Caring, wish continued success and community pride for the hospital and

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proclaim the week of February 22 - 28, 1998 as Hackettstown Community Hospital week in the County of Warren.

Susan A. Dickey
Freeholder Director

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes
Gene Milton, CEO and President of Hackettstown Hospital, accepted the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION 107-98

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 25, 1998.

**PROCLAMATION
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BLAIR ACADEMY'S SESQUICENTENNIAL YEAR.

WHEREAS, Blair academy was founded in April of 1847, with its first class graduating in June of 1848; and

WHEREAS, Blair Academy established itself and has remained among the nation's leading college preparatory schools; and

WHEREAS, Blair Academy continues to espouse the human values set forth in it's original mission statement and embodied in the School's Motto "Come, Study, Learn"; and

WHEREAS, Blair Academy has prospered and grown at its present location in the town of Blairstown in the State of New Jersey for one hundred and fifty years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, does hereby recognize and congratulate Blair Academy on its 150th Anniversary and joins in proclaiming June of 1998 to be a time in which all students, faculty, alumni and friends will be invited to join in the official commemoration and celebration of the first one hundred and fifty years of education at Blair Academy.

Susan A. Dickey
Freeholder Director

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

PROCLAMATION 108-98

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following proclamation was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 25, 1998.

**PROCLAMATION
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
MARCH 1998.**

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background helped found the Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways as servants, slaves, nurses, nuns, homemakers, industrial workers, teachers, reformers, soldiers and pioneers; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of our Nation's life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working in and outside of the home; and

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WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout our history by providing the majority of the Nation's volunteer labor force and have been particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in the country; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor union movement and the modern civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the body of American history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the month of March is designated as "Women's History Month", and the Women's Commission is calling upon the people of Warren County and the Board of Chosen Freeholders to observe the month of March 1998 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Susan A. Dickey, Director
Board of Chosen Freeholders

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes
Caroline Willner accepted this proclamation.

Director Dickey reopened the budget hearing for further public comments at 7:15 p.m.

Orrie Terpstra, member of the Farmland Preservation Board, asked for something in writing from the freeholder board to assure them that the \$35,000 for administrative services is available to them. Pete Houck said that he spoke to Phyllis Semanchik earlier and told her to continue charging this to last years' line item. This is o.k. as long as the costs incurred are strictly for farmland preservation. Orrie again asked for something in writing and Mrs. Stone said it would be appropriate for county counsel to respond to this request as long as it is a legal expense. The Treasurer of the Ag Board said that in four months they will be out of money.

A member of the audience asked why everything isn't itemized for each department. She was told that these figures are available for the public to inspect.

Gladys Blemmer said that she noticed that the county is spending \$1 million for new computer equipment and software and she feels that is a lot of money.

Mr. Houck explained that she is probably referring to the capital project program. In the past everybody ordered individually but this year the individual line items were combined. This is grouped into a master plan, it will be done in one year but is a multi-year project which will run over the next five to six years.

There being no further comments or questions on the 1998 budget, Director Dickey closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

3. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:		
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent		\$55,013,737.43
(c) Capital Improvements		\$ 4,150,932.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service		\$ 4,173,093.95
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures-County		\$ 2,581,271.00
(f) Judgements		\$ -0-
(g) Cash Deficit		\$ -0-
Total General Appropriations		\$65,919,034.38

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders on the 25th day of February, 1998. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 1998 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have previously been approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
Certified by me

This 25th day of February, 1998

Mrs. Dickey asked if there are any lay-offs involved in this budget. Mr. Dinger said it is not the intention of the county to lay-off, it does not involve lay-offs this year. However, vacancies will not always be filled.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stone: no Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

There were no public comments on agenda items.

ORDINANCE 110-98

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following ordinance was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 25, 1998.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,205,082.00 AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,950,082.00 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND APPROPRIATING \$255,000.00 FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there is currently within the 1998 general capital Fund budget of the County of Warren, items entitled Capital Improvement Fund And Capital Surplus; and **WHEREAS**, there is in these items at least \$2,205,082.00: and

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WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate to make use of \$2,205,082.00 for certain Capital improvements described herein:

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

Section 1 (A). The improvements described in Section 1(A) and of this Ordinance are hereby authorized as General Improvements to be made by the County of Warren, New Jersey. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$255,000.00 from the Capital Surplus of the County of Warren for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 1(B).

Section 1(B). The improvements hereby authorized and the proposed appropriations are for the following purposes:

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| (1) Road and Drainage Improvements | \$255,000.00 |
| Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county roads. | |

Section 2 (A). The improvements described in Section 2(B) and of this Ordinance are hereby authorized as General improvements to be made by the County of Warren, New Jersey. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,950,082.00 from the Capital Improvements Fund of the County of Warren for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2(B).

Section 2(B). The improvements hereby authorized and the proposed appropriations are for the following purposes:

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| (1) Bridge and Culvert Improvements | \$960,000.00 |
| Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county bridges, culverts. | |
| (2) Buildings & Grounds Improvements | \$390,082.00 |
| Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county facilities. | |
| (3) Equipment and Furnishings | \$600,000.00 |
| Acquire and install Integrated Financial Information and Human Resources systems including computer hardware, software and local area communications network in the county administration complex. | |
| Total Capital Improvement Fund Appropriations | <u>\$1,950,082.00</u> |

Section 2 (C). The maximum amount of money to be appropriated for said purposes is \$2,205,082.00, no part of which is to be borrowed.

Section 3. The said purposes described in Section 1 (B) and 2(B) of this Ordinance are not a Current Expense and are for the improvements and purposes as stated above which the County of Warren may lawfully make as general improvements, no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on the property benefitted thereby.

Section 4. The capital budget of the County of Warren is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital programs approved by the director of the division of Local Government with the clerk of the Board of chosen Freeholders and is available for public inspection.

Section 5. These appropriations are made as a result of the need to improve existing county infrastructure and facilities.

Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms

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of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be published together with a notice of introduction thereof and of the date of final passage in the star/gazette Forum at least one(1) week prior to the date set for final passage thereof. The date for final passage shall be at 9:30 a.m. on the 11th day of March, 1998, at the Freeholders Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, Route 519, Belvidere, New Jersey, or such other item as to which it may be adjourned.

At least one (1) week prior to the above date or meeting, for the consideration of this Ordinance, there shall be published on the bulletin board of the Board of Chosen Freeholders a copy of this Ordinance and a notice that copies of this Ordinance will be made available during the ensuing week up to and including the date of the meeting for further consideration of the Ordinance by the members of the general public of the County who shall request copies and the notice shall set forth the place at which such copies may be made available.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a ordinance 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: no Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 111-98

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 February 25, 1998.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 1998 CAPITAL BUDGET
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN BY REVISING THE SOURCE
OF FUNDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
AND EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHING ACQUISITIONS.**

WHEREAS, the County of Warren, New Jersey desires to amend the 1998 capital Budget of said county by inserting thereon the items therein as shown in such budget for the following reason(s):

1. Utilize capital Surplus to fund Road and Drainage improvements in lieu of Capital Improvement Fund Appropriation.

2. Additional funding provided in the current year for the acquisition of computer hardware and software in the County administration Complex.

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

Section 7. the Capital Budget of the County of warren is hereby amended by adding thereto a schedule as follows:

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AMENDMENT NO.98-1
1998 CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE
COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY
(C-3, CURRENT YEAR ACTION)

PROJECT TITLE	EST. TOTAL COST	1998 BUDGET APPROP- RIATION	CAPITAL IMPROVE- MENT FUND	CAPITAL SURPLUS	FUNDED IN FUTURE YEARS
ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$7,540,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$255,000	\$6,250,000
EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS	\$3,062,466	\$362,466	\$600,000	\$ 0	\$2,100,000

AND FURNISHINGS

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: no Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 112-98

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 25, 1998.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Master Voucher certificate for Certification for Payment No. 98-6 dated February 25, 1998 on the amount of \$1,532,433.25 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

98-6	1,532,295.75
Uniform allow	137.50

Total	1,532,433.25
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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 113-98

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 25, 1998.

**INSERTION INTO THE 1998 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$164,486.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPT. OF HEALTH & SENIOR
SERVICES, COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR PLANNING & PROVISION OF
ALCOHOLISM & ABUSE SERVICES #98-573-ADA-00.**

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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 \$164,486.00, which item is now available from the state of new Jersey, Dept. of Health and Senior Services, Co. Comprehensive Prog. for Planning & Provision of Alcoholism & Abuse Services #98-573-ADA-00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$164,486.00 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, County Comprehensive Program for Planning & Provision for Alcoholism & Abuse Services #98-573-ADA-00

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 114-98

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 25, 1998.

**INSERTION INTO THE 1998 BUDGET OF THE
COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$50,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
DEPT. OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, G.A.A.P.
IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT GRANT #98-2265-00.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the 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 \$50,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Community Affairs, G.A.A.P. Implementation Project Grant #98-2265-00.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$50,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Dept. of Community Affairs, G.A.A.P. Implementation Project Grant #98-2265-00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Community Affairs and that two (2) copied 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 115-98

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 25, 1998.

RESOLUTION TO RESTRICT CERTAIN TURNING MOVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #627 AND MUSCONETCONG STREET, POHATCONG TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, there is a need for a turn movement restriction at the intersection of County route #627 and Musconetcong Street in Pohatcong Township due to the acute angle of the intersection; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has recommended this change based upon a traffic investigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the following as stated herein:

- Section 1. Prohibit right turn movements from northbound County Route #627 to southbound Musconetcong Street.
- Section 2. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained as designated in the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- Section 3. This resolution shall take effect upon approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 116-98

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 25, 1998.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS ALONG COUNTY ROUTE #519 SPUR, POHATCONG TOWNSHIP, 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 #519 Spur, Pohatcong Township, warren County, New Jersey, be established as follows:

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- Zone 1. 25 MPH from the southern intersection with County Route #519 (mile post 25.47) to the northern intersection with County Route #519 intersection (mile post 25.67)
- 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: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

RESOLUTION 117-98

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 25, 1998.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AS DEVELOPED BY THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, SMALL CITIES CDBG PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the County of warren has entered into Grant Agreement #98-0474-00 with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, that Grant Agreement requires the County of Warren to comply with all federal regulations with respect to citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has reviewed the Citizen Participation Plan prepared for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant grantees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Freeholder Director and Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Citizen Participation Plan developed by the New Jersey Department of Community affairs, Small Cities CDBG Program, is adopted by the County of Warren

2. The County of warren will follow all regulations set forth in that document throughout the term of the Grant Agreement cited above.

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 118-98

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 25, 1998.

RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING HENRY D. DINGER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF WARREN COUNTY AS THE CDBG FAIR HOUSING OFFICER FOR WARREN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has received a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Small Cities Program within the County of Warren; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren must make efforts to affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has reviewed various actions that would be acceptable to the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

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WHEREAS, the County of Warren has made assurances in the grant agreement that:
 (1)It will comply with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and regulations issued thereto; and
 (2)It will comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations issued thereto; and
 (3)It will comply with the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and will affirmatively further fair housing; and
 (4)It will comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Henry D. Dinger, county Administrator, shall be designated as the Fair Housing Officer for the County of Warren; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fair Housing Officer shall provide fair housing advisory services and assistance from the County of Warren; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Warren will conduct a public information and outreach campaign to publicize the County of warren's fair housing 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 119-98

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 25, 1998.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE INSPECTION OF VARIOUS WARREN COUNTY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR 1998.

BE IT RESOLVED that the request for proposals for Engineering Services for Inspection of various warren County Construction Projects for 1998 are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer is hereby directed to solicit proposals from qualified firms for the above project.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

PROPOSALS TO BE RECEIVED - MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1998
 AWARD DATE - TO BE DETERMINED BY PROJECT NEEDS

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 120-98

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 25, 1998.

RESOLUTION REGARDING CHANGE IN COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40:12-1.1 allows the Board of Chosen Freeholders the discretion of appointing not more than two alternate members to the Board of Recreation Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders desires to change the composition of the

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Board of Recreation Commissioners from seven members, two of which will be alternate members,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby modifies the composition of the Board of Recreation Commissioners seven to nine members, two of which will be alternate members, effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the present members of the Board of Recreation commissioners shall continue to serve their appointed terms, and future appointees shall have five year terms of appointment in accordance with N.J.S.A.40:12-1.1.

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 121-98

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 25, 1998.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE III FUNDED PROJECTS UNDER THE OFFICE ON AGING 1998 WARREN COUNTY AREA PLAN FOR PROGRAMS ON AGING WITH: NORWESCAP SAFE HOUSING FOR \$14,921, MOBILE DENTAL SUITE FOR \$5,000, AND KRESFIELD ADULT DAY CARE FOR \$4,000.

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has entered into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services to carry out a program to develop a comprehensive and coordinated system of services for the elderly under the Older Americans Act, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren is authorized to execute the following agreements in accordance with the Office on Aging 1998 area Plan for Programs on Aging:

Agreement 98-21031 with NORWESCAP to provide a minimum of 200 hours of residential maintenance to 30 different individuals, Total of \$14,921 for 1998.

Agreement 98-21033 with the Mobile Dental Suite to provide a minimum of 50 dental screening to a minimum of 50 different individuals. Total of \$5,000 for 1998

Agreement 98-21034 with Kresfield adult Day Care center to provide extended hours of daycare for a minimum of 245 days during 1998, Total of \$4,000 for 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 122-98

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 25, 1998.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF C.L. ORBAKER AND ASSOCIATES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,200, TO PREPARE AN APPRAISAL OF PROPERTIES IN HARMONY AND LOPATCONG TOWNSHIPS THAT ARE TO BE ACQUIRED AS PART OF THE MORRIS CANAL ACQUISITION.

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

WHEREAS, two land appraisals for properties over \$250,000 are required by the Green Acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisition; and

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

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

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

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

1. The proposal of C.L. Orbaker and Associates, Inc., of Flemington, N.J. in the amount of \$2,200, to prepare an appraisal of Block 46, Lot 11, and Block 33, Lot 1, in Harmony Township, and Block 1, Lot 2, and Block 2, Lots 2 and 28, in Lopatcong Township, be accepted.

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

3. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Gazette, as required by law, within 10 days of its adoption.

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

1. The proposal of C.L. Orbaker and Associates, Inc., of Flemington, NJ, in the amount of \$2,200, to prepare an appraisal of Block 46, Lot 11, and Block 33, Lot 1, in Harmony Township, and Block 1, Lot 2, and Block 2, Lots 2 and 28, in Lopatcong Township, be accepted.

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

3. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star Gazette, as required by law, within 10 days of its adoption.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 123-98

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 25, 1998.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE
1998 CAPITAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
FOR THE NEW JERSEY
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Transportation Trust fund included the County Aid Program which designates \$1,035,000.00 per year in State Aid Funding to Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the 1998 capital Transportation Program was approved on October 22, 1997; and

WHEREAS, there exists a balance of \$147,078.13 from the 1997 Capital Transportation Program.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the amended 1998 Capital Transportation Program for the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Program, on file in the Office of the County Engineer, is hereby approved.

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 124-98

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 25, 1998.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1
FOR CONTRACT #WC9748 WITH
A-TECH CONCRETE COMPANY FOR THE
REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGES #22036 & #22037
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FOR A NET
INCREASE OF \$8,720.03 AND A FINAL
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$418,362.13.**

WHEREAS, Contract #WC9748 was awarded to A-tech Concrete Company for the Replacement of Bridges #22036 and #22037, Washington in the contract amount of \$409,642.10; and

WHEREAS, final as-built quantities resulted in a net increase of \$8,720.03; and

WHEREAS, said changes were ordered by the County Engineer.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve Change Order #1 for the above project for a net increase of \$8,720.03 and a final contract amount of \$418,362.13.

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 125-98

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 February 25, 1998.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION
OF GAS LINES IN COUNTY ROUTE #519,
WHITE TOWNSHIP, BY ELIZABETH TOWN GAS COMPANY.**

WHEREAS, there is a need to construct new gas lined to Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc. and the County Administration Complex; and

WHEREAS, easements across private property could not be obtained; and

WHEREAS, County Route #519 between County Route #620 and County Route #623 was resurfaced in 1996; and

WHEREAS, there exists a five year restriction on road openings in new pavements; and

WHEREAS, due to the unusual circumstances and unforeseen problems, it is in the best

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interests of the citizens of Warren County to waive the five (5) year restriction for this installation.

Steve Lance asked if this only affects Roche and was told yes.

Mrs. Dickey asked if this will create a situation which would affect the citizens in a negative manner. She is concerned about this being a matter of safety. Dave Hicks said that they wanted to run this down the power lines but they couldn't get the easements. They have researched this and it is as safe as they can attest to.

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 126-98

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 25, 1998.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND
AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 1998
MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR ROAD,
BRIDGE AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENTS, WARREN COUNTY - CONTRACT
#WC9809.**

BE IT RESOLVED. that the plans and specifications for the following Maintenance, Repair and Construction Materials:

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| 1. 3/8" & 1/4" Broken Stone | 7. Bituminous Surface Course, Mix 1-5 |
| 2. Abrasive Grits | 8. Bituminous Binder, Mix 1-3 |
| 3. Transit Mix Concrete | 9. Bituminous Stabilized Base, Mix 1-2 |
| 4. Dense graded Aggregate | 10. UPM High Performance Bit. Cold Patch |
| 5. Curb Mix | 11. Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe |
| 6. Emulsified Asphalt | 12. Traffic Paint Waterborne |

for the Warren County Road, Bridge and Maintenance Departments for the 1998-1999 construction year are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the above project at least ten (10) days prior to the receipt of bids in

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papers printed in the County.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

ADVERTISING DATE - Thursday, March 5, 1998

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED - Tuesday, March 31, 1998

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

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RESOLUTION 127-98

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 25, 1998.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1
FOR ENGINEERING/SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE REPAIR AND
REHABILITATION OF BRIDGES #03001 & #03002, TOWN OF BELVIDERE,
TO AMERCOM CORPORATION OF PARSIPPANY, N.J.
FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$17,195.00 AND A
REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$56,145.00 - CONTRACT #WC9721P.**

WHEREAS, AmerCom, Corp., of Parsippany, New Jersey, was awarded a contract for Professional Engineering/surveying services for the Repair and Rehabilitation of Bridges #03001 & #03002, Town of Belvidere, for the contract amount of \$38,950.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to develop substructure plans based on borings and a geotechnical analysis, as well as the possibility of acquiring a major stream encroachment permit due to the placement of additional fill adjacent to the stream; and

WHEREAS, this work will result in a net increase of \$17,195.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account #008-02500.1997.012 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer; 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.

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

1. Hereby approve Contract Modification #1 for the above project for a net increase of \$17,195.00 and a revised contract amount of \$56,145.00.
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 128-98

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 25, 1998.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A 12" WATER MAIN WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY
OF COUNTY ROUTE #519, WHITE TOWNSHIP,
WITH MASER SOSINSKI & ASSOCIATES (TOWNSHIP ENGINEER),**

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OF LONG VALLEY, N.J., FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,320.00.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services of an Engineer for the Inspection of the Construction of a 12" Water Main within the Right-of-Way of County Route #519, White 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 advertised; and

WHEREAS, approval of agreement is contingent upon receiving monies from New Jersey American Water Company for said work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 in and Master Sosinski 7 associates, (Township Engineer) of Long Valley, New Jersey, for professional services for the inspection of the above project for an amount not to exceed \$1,300.00, 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 on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star Gazette, as required by law, within 10 days of its adoption.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 129-98

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 25, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC9707 FOR RADIO MAINTENANCE FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 1998 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1999 TO TUWAY WIRELESS IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$15,500.00.

WHEREAS, Warren County specification WC9707 for radio maintenance included the right to extend the contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15.(7) up to a maximum of a total of three years, and;

WHEREAS, the unit prices submitted in the bid February 18, 1997 are fixed for the second year of this contract and the total contract is based on the number of units to be covered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the contract for radio maintenance is extended for the second year with Tuway Wireless of Allentown, Pennsylvania for the period of March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999.

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts A01-04-01021.00.516 - Roads Radio Maintenance, A01-04-01051.00.514 - Bridge Radio Maintenance, A01-03-00701.00.016 - Sheriff's Radio Maintenance, A01-03-00741.00.008 - Weights & Measures Maints/Repair, A01-05-01101.00.514 - Jail Radio Maintenance, A01-06-01501.12.081 -

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

A recommendation was received from the Commission for Women for the appointment of Betty Merring and the reappointment of Elizabeth LaGrua to the Commission for women. A resolution is to be prepared for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION 130-98

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 25, 1998.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following member to the Warren County Economic Development Advisory Council for a two year term effective February 26, 1998:

Richard Travilla
4 Sam Bonnell Drive
Clinton, NJ 08809

Term to expire: 2/25/00

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 131-98

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 25, 1998.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following members to the WC LACA/DA effective February 26, 1998:

James McDonald - 1 yr term
Washington Township Police
33 Little Philadelphia Rd.
Washington, NJ 07882

Term to expire: 12/31/98

Theresa Neiderhaus - 1 yr, term
402 3rd Street
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Term to expire: 12/31/98

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Julie Steckel - 2 yr. term
 WC Correctional Facility
 175 County Rd. 519 South
 Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire: 12/31/99

Jane Santini - 2 yr. term
 7 Wishing Well Rd.
 Columbia, NJ 07832

Term to expire: 12/31/99

Frank Delmore - 2 yr. term
 WC Housing Program
 415B Front Street
 Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire: 12/31/99

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 132-98

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 25, 1998.

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME
 SENIOR CLERK TYPIST, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING
 THE PART-TIME POSITION OF SENIOR CLERK TYPIST,
 CLASSIFIED, IN THE 9-1-1 DIVISION WITHIN THE
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the full-time position of *senior clerk typist*, classified is created in the 9-1-1 Division within the Department of Public Safety to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the part-time position of *senior clerk typist*, classified, be abolished; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the full time position of *senior clerk typist* be established on AFSCME Range 5 at forty (40) hours per week and take effect on February 26, 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

County Counsel David Wallace reviewed the Manhattan Bagel agreement and no revisions are needed. He has one item for executive session.

County Engineer David Hicks had no report.

County Planner David Dech reported that the Open Space time schedule has been pushed back on the recommendations for the properties to be reviewed. Interviews were not done on February 16th but will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. on March 2nd and the freeholders

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are invited to attend. They will then have the recommendations for the board by the third or fourth meeting in March.

County CFO Pete Houck had nothing to report.

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

The request from Rutger's to hold their annual WC 4-H Youth Government Career Day on May 13, 1998 was approved.

The request from the Library Commission to hold their public hearing on the 1998 WC Library Budget on March 25, 1998 was approved and the time slot for this hearing will be 8:30 p.m.

The schedule for the regional meetings was approved by the board.

Len Frank, representing the Warren County Historical Society, gave a brief presentation on the possibility of printing a book to commemorate Warren County's 175th Anniversary.

Approximately \$40,000 to 50,000 would be needed in contributions to get started, then get a contract in place, approximate cost of printing would be \$12.00 to \$14.00 each with a projected sale price of \$20.00 to \$25.00 each. It would take eighteen months to two years to complete the project.

If the board approves of this book being produced, he would ask for a contact in the county for him to work with to provide him with information. Perhaps some computer help also.

The book could contain scenes in Warren County, with captions, notes, early historical vs. today, a Warren County governmental overview, today and the future, Warren County non-profit activities with historical societies and an overview of Warren County Municipalities and Townships.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, it was decided to adopt a resolution supporting this project.

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

Mr. Lance asked what would happen if the contributions don't come in and Mr. Frank said that the book wouldn't be produced.

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Stone said she has received a copy of a letter from the Town of Phillipsburg, addressed to Mrs. Dickey, regarding having a meeting on the Phillipsburg Library expansion. They want to meet with the freeholders and asked if the board will go there for the meeting. We should look at our April schedule.

Ann also asked if a meeting has been set for the ECPC and Henry said no and Ann

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asked that Henry set one up.

Mr. Lance had no comments.

Susan had a letter from NJAC regarding the legislative agenda. There is a meeting scheduled on March 16th and Susan is waiting for a list from the board members of important issues that should be discussed.

Susan also received a letter from Bill Spencer asking for a letter of support from the freeholder board.

Bob Canace will be on the March 18th agenda discussing the Tranquility Farms issue, also, Duane Copley.

Susan has had some calls from Trenton regarding the Blazing Star issue. We should let the state know we are committed to this project, send a letter to the state.

Steve Lance said he is in favor of doing both properties; Blazing Star and Tranquility.

Susan asked if we should also send a letter to the state that we are still committed to the Pohatcong project.

There were no closing comments.

There were no press comments or questions.

It was decided to set up an ECPC meeting for March 10th at 2:30 p.m. and letters are to be sent.

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON FEBRUARY 25, 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:

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1. Various personnel matters.
2. Contracts.
3. Litigation.
4. Land acquisition.
5. Attorney/client privileged communications.

3. It is anticipated that the above stated subject matter will be made public at such time as the public interest permits disclosure and/or when a request for disclosure is made consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act and with statutory and common law "right to know" provisions.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

Mrs. Dickey called for a five minute recess at 8:45 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 9:38 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

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 9:39 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk