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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met with the Region #1 Municipalities (Alpha, Phillipsburg and Pohatcong) in the Borough of Alpha Municipal Building, 1001 East Blvd., Alpha, NJ on Wednesday, April 1, 1998 at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Freeholder 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".

RESOLUTION 244-98

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 March 25 1998.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES STANDARD LANGUAGE DOCUMENT FOR SOCIAL SERVICE AND TRAINING CONTRACTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,607 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998 FOR THE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (FDP) WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) FOR JOB SEARCH AND RELATED EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, has offered a contract with the County of Warren to provide funds for segments of the FDP/WFNJ; and

WHEREAS, this funding is allocated for services for WFNJ clients in relation to Job Search and Employment Related Activities; and

WHEREAS, this contract has been developed in accordance with the duly approved WFNJ Plan for Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is defined as January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the services covered by this contract shall be provided solely on the

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contingency of receipt of State funding and services with direct provider agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute the Standard Language Document for Social Service and Training Contract in the amount of \$130,607 for the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 for the WFNJ program for Job Search and Employment related activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders authorizes the Director of the Board to sign the appropriate subcontracts between the County of Warren and the direct service providers of these 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

Under the open discussion portion of the agenda, Mayor Fey asked about the progress on getting a stop light at the intersection of Route #519 and High Street. Alpha has been waiting for four years. At peak times, you can wait ten minutes to get out onto the county road. Alpha doesn't ask for much, but they need a light.

County Engineer David Hicks said that they did a study and felt a light was not warranted based on the delays and volume. They will update and review the area this summer. They do look at the area during peak times.

Mayor Fey said they have another fifty homes going in and there is the project in Delaware Knolls. High Street will become a major highway.

Mrs. Dickey said as the county grows, we will study it again. We do not want it to result in a serious accident.

Klara Tarsi spoke about the traffic problems on Routes 22 and 519. Two lanes go straight through and only one turns left. It should be two turning left and one going straight through.

Mr. Hicks said the state controls that, and we can check to see if the timing of the lights is correct. There is not much the state can do, as there is not enough room to make major improvements to get traffic around the area. They will have to re-look at the entire design. There was a larger discussion on all the traffic and the problems at Routes #519 and #22.

A Pohatcong representative asked the freeholders to endorse a banner across New Brunswick Avenue which will an ad to raise funds for the new school. This individual also stated that they were one of the eleven that submitted a proposal for open space funding and were rejected. The application was not complete, because it would have cost them money to do so, with no idea if they would get funds. He requested consideration for a change in the process to a pre-application so that if the concept is approved, they can invest the money to

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do a complete application. All freeholders agreed that this may be a good idea.

Mrs. Dickey said she has heard from many municipalities and we need to review the process and possibly make some changes.

Mrs. Stone said she heard about this the night before at the Six Area Meeting, and she thinks it's a good suggestion.

An individual raised some issues about the County Fire School. He said that his son, a junior fireman, could not take some of the classes. How can you go to school two nights a week and still work, etc., and only miss two or three classes before you have to retake the class. This is supposedly a school requirement, not a state rule.

Mr. Dinger said he would ask for information about the fire school.

Mayor Fey asked about progress on the tower. Mr. Hicks said the design is about complete, and the repairs will be put out to bid. The county has about \$30,000, which may not be enough, so we will do critical issues first. Mr. Fey said that local companies can provide the training but he felt the county school was much better at it.

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 8:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk