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September 2, 1998

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, Route 57, Broadway, New Jersey on Wednesday, September 2, 1998 at 7:12 p.m.

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

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 SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR/GAZETTE, BLAIRSTOWN PRESS, THE NEWS, STAR-LEDGER AND THE EXPRESS-TIMES AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE".

Mrs. Dickey thanked the Franklin Township officials for hosting the floating meeting.

PROCLAMATION 586-98

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 2, 1998.

**PROCLAMATION
HONORING
RIDESHARING MONTH in
WARREN COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 1-30, 1998**

WHEREAS, September has been declared ridesharing Month by Governor Whitman, and

WHEREAS, ridesharing is an efficient and cost effective method for reducing traffic congestion during peak commuter hours, and

WHEREAS, ridesharing also saves energy, time, and money, and improves the quality of our air and our lives, and

WHEREAS, ridesharing consists of carpooling, vanpooling, mass transit, bicycling, walking, the use of staggered work hours or telecommuting, and

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reducing the number of pollution-causing single occupant vehicles on the highways, and

WHEREAS, Warren County commends ridesharing options and urges further adoptions of ridesharing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders proclaims the Month of September as Ridesharing Month in the County of Warren and urges all residents to utilize ridesharing when possible and be aware of its benefits to improve the quality of life in Warren County.

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

Road exchange - Mayor Valerie Riggs requested the county look into a road exchange with Franklin Township - Edison Road for Millbrook Road. Edison Road is a county road and is between a township road and a state road. The township would give Millbrook Road to the county in exchange. Mrs. Stone stated that she would bring the suggestion up at the next Public Works meeting.

Mrs. Dickey stated that the Planning Board is also looking at a circulation element to the County Master Plan on roads. It is something that can be looked at.

There were further questions and discussion on various topics.

Regarding the referendums on the ballot, the township people are delighted to see the referendums on the ballot.

It was pointed out that there is a very dangerous area on Bloomsbury Road. There is a passing zone and they want to change it to a "No Passing" zone.

A letter was sent to Mr. Dinger from the WC Communications Committee in April and there has been no response. The committee would like to know what its role is. They would like it defined.

Washington Borough would like to have the County Public Works Department paint a center line down Broad Street in the borough This is just a small sliver of road.

Someone asked what the status of the County Administrator's position is. It was stated that Mr. Dinger would hold the position until the end of the year. The county would be advertising the position and hopefully getting someone from within the county to fill the position.

It's been noted that the position of Jay Miers, Economic Development Director, is not being filled. It was stated that the position was being moved into the Planning Department.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, and there being no further official

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business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

NAOMI J. STOUT, DEPUTY CLERK