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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, September 9, 1998 at 9:39 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director 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".

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held August 12, 1998 were approved as presented.
ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held August 12, 1998 were approved as corrected.
ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

There were no public comments on agenda items.

RESOLUTION 587-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Master Voucher Certificate for Certification/Ratification for Payment No. 98-26 dated September 9, 1998 in the amount of \$2,577,557.35 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the

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vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders .

98-26	\$1,629,508.30
Payroll 8/27	<u>948,049.05</u>
Total	\$2,577,557.35

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 588-98

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 September 9, 1998.

INSERTION INTO THE 1998 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,254.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPT. OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, DIV. OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, FOR THE VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY PROGRAM.

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 \$10,254.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Law & Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, for the Victim Witness Advocacy Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$10,254.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

**State of N.J., Dept. of Law & Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice,
for the Victim Witness Advocacy Program.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of N.J., Dept. of Law & Public Safety 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 589-98

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was

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unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 9, 1998.

**INSERTION INTO THE 1998 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$199,504.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPT. OF LAW
& PUBLIC SAFETY, DIV. OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NARCOTICS
TASK FORCE #DE 2-22-98.**

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 \$199,504.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Law & Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$199,504.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of N.J., Dept. of Law & Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice,
Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force #DE 2-22-98.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of N.J., Dept. of Law & Public Safety 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 590-98

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 September 9, 1998.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN
INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH HUNTERDON COUNTY FOR THE
PROVISION OF HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING SERVICES IN WARREN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the need for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) counseling and testing services in Warren county has been identified by the Warren County Task Force on AIDS; and

WHEREAS, free HIV counseling and testing services have been provided in Warren County under an interlocal service agreement with Hunterdon county; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity exists to continue said agreement; and

WHEREAS, because the Hunterdon County HIV Counseling and Testing Service is

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state-funded there will be no cost to Warren County at either the government or the individual client levels for this service; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Health Department will provide for adequate space at the Division of Personal Health Services and/or at other locations in Warren County to accommodate this service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren authorizes the execution of the attached interlocal service agreement with Hunterdon County to provide HIV Counseling and Testing services in Warren County at times that are mutually agreeable to both parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution and agreement shall be forwarded to Hunterdon County and to the Warren County Health Department.

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 591-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AND THE WARREN COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON THE RISO FARM, BLOCK 34, LOT 19, BLOCK 46, LOT 5 AND BLOCK 33, LOT 5, HARMONY TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, by resolution enacted March 12, 1997 the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorized county acquisition of a development easement on property to be acquired by Louis Risko, Block 33, Lot 5, Block 34, Lot 19 and Block 46, Lot 5, Harmony Township; and

WHEREAS, a condition of the resolution required the Warren County Agriculture Development Board to submit an application to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture for state reimbursement of the county's purchase; and

WHEREAS, Louis Risko acquired the above properties and Warren County purchased the development easement on August 7, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Warren County Agriculture Development Board submitted an application to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, which application was recently approved; and

WHEREAS, the state requires that a contract be executed by the freeholder board, as seller of the development easement, and the agriculture development board, as purchaser, in order for the county to obtain reimbursement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the freeholder director be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute the attached contract for the purchase of a development easement between the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, as seller, and the Warren County Agriculture Development Board, as purchaser.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of

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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 592-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT #W005A AND ADDENDUM #1 BETWEEN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, JUDICIARY, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS AND THE COUNTY OF WARREN EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998 UNTIL JUNE 30, 1999.

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts ("AOC") has converted the costs of the court offices; and

WHEREAS, the county has agreed to the terms in Master Service Agreement No. W005A Computer Services; and

WHEREAS, both parties have agreed to the terms and conditions as outlined in the abovementioned Master Service Agreements and Addendum No. 1 attached to the agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren is hereby authorized to execute Master Agreement W005A.

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 593-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT #W004A BETWEEN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, JUDICIARY, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS AND THE COUNTY OF WARREN EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998 UNTIL JUNE 30, 2001 AND ADDENDUM #1 FROM JULY 1, 1998 UNTIL JUNE 30, 1999.

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts ("AOC") has converted the costs of the court offices; and

WHEREAS, the county has agreed to the terms in Master Service Agreement No. W004A Copy and Computer Paper Supplies; and

WHEREAS, both parties have agreed to the terms and conditions as outlined in the abovementioned Master Service Agreements and Addendum No. 1 attached to the agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren is hereby authorized to execute Master Agreement W004A.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of

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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 594-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON AUGUST 20, 1998 REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY CLERK PRINT UPON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT TO BE USED AT THE NEXT ENSUING GENERAL ELECTION A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING WARREN COUNTY TO EXPAND THE WARREN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

BE IT RESOLVED that the statement to be printed upon the official ballot to be used at the next ensuing general election shall read as follows to correct the square footage set forth in the resolution adopted August 20, 1998:

Shall the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren :

(a) build a 51,525 square foot addition at the Technical School to increase academic classroom space; provide an auditorium facility; relocate Licensed Practical Nurse, Performing Arts and Broadcast Media Arts Programs to main campus, and provide office and classroom space for Special Services School District; and

(b) issue bonds for such purposes in an amount not to exceed \$6,250,000. Pursuant to budget footnote language contained in the Property Tax Relief Fund provisions of the Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1999, it is anticipated that the State of New Jersey would repay to the County of Warren 30% of the bonded debt.

Answer { } Yes { } No

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 595-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF WC9864P AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR 1999 FUNDING FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS.

BE IT RESOLVED that the specification WC9864P for Requests for Proposals for 1999 funding for human service programs are hereby approved.

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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 and resulting contracts will be dependent upon funding and adoption of the 1999 county budget and anticipated 1999 Chapter 51 Alcohol funds through the NJ Department of Health and Senior 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 596-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF WC9865P AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING FOR MENTORING SERVICES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH.

BE IT RESOLVED that the specification WC9865P for Requests for Proposals for funding youth mentoring programs 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.

Funding for the resulting contracts will be dependent upon available funding and adoption of the county budget.

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 597-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC9869 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FOOD SERVICE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED FOR BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(10).

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC9869 for providing the food service for the Warren County Nutrition Program is hereby approved

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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 A01-06-01561.00.680 - County Nutrition Program Site Meals and account 0019280034.680 - Area Plan Grant Nutrition Site Meals

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 598-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC9870 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LIBRARY SHELVING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY.

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC9870 for library shelving for the Warren County Library 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 003-02150.009 - Warren County Library Equipment

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 599-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9857-1 WITH SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR A NUTRITION SITE ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1998 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$575.00 PER MONTH.

BE IT RESOLVED that this contract is awarded to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church to provide a nutrition site in Belvidere, New Jersey

The contract is to be on a month to month basis at a monthly rental of #575.00 per month October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999.

Funding for the 1998 portion of this contract is provided in account 0010280034.679 - Area Plan Grant - Nutrition Program

Funding for the 1999 portion of this contract is subject to the receipt of 1999 grants.

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

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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

RESOLUTION 600-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF C.L. ORBAKER AND ASSOCIATES, INC., FLEMINGTON, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500, TO PREPARE THREE SEPARATE APPRAISALS FOR PROPERTIES IN FRANKLIN, GREENWICH, LOPATCONG AND WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP THAT ARE TO BE ACQUIRED AS PART OF THE MORRIS CANAL ACQUISITION PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM.

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

WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the Green Acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, said appraisals will be in accordance with Appraisal Institute, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, and the Uniform Standards 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 to prepare an appraisal for (1) Block 99, Lot 6.01, in Lopatcong Township Block 24, Lot 1.01, in Greenwich Township, (2) Block 5, Lot 2, in Washington township, and (3) Block 39, Lots 1.01, 2.01 and 3.05, in Franklin Township, by C.L.Orbaker and Associates of Flemington, New Jersey, in the amount of \$3,500.00, be accepted.

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

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 601-98

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 September 9, 1998.

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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF MGM ASSOCIATES OF FLEMINGTON, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,400, TO PREPARE THREE SEPARATE APPRAISALS FOR PROPERTIES IN FRANKLIN, GREENWICH, LOPATCONG AND WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP THAT ARE TO BE ACQUIRED AS PART OF THE MORRIS CANAL ACQUISITION PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM.

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

WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the Green Acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Appraisal Institute, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, and the Uniform Standards 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 to prepare an appraisal for (1) Block 99, Lot 6.01, in Lopatcong Township Block 24, Lot 1.01, in Greenwich Township, (2) Block 5, Lot 2, in Washington Township, and (3) Block 39, Lots 1.01, 2.01 and 3.05, in Franklin Township, by MGM Associates of Flemington, New Jersey, in the amount of \$3,500.00, be accepted.

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

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

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, the resignation from Margaret Niece as a member to the WC Technical School Board of Education was accepted with regret and a letter of thanks is to be sent.

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

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, a resolution is to be prepared for the next meeting for the reappointment of Mary Trubek as an alternate member and Charles Maillet as a regular member to the WC Construction Board of Appeals.

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

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, a resolution is to be prepared for the next meeting for the appointment of Bill Duffy as a member to the WC Economic Development Advisory Council.

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

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RESOLUTION 602-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE SEARCH COMMITTEE.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoints the following members to the Warren County Community College Trustee Search Committee effective September 10, 1998:

Kenneth Kisselbach Term to expire: 12/28/98
195 Irwin Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Thomas Rogers Term to expire: 12/28/98
9 Hillcrest Drive
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Kathleen Thompson Term to expire: 12/28/98
308 Irwin Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Steven E. Marvin Term to expire: 12/28/98
12 Millbrook-Stillwater Rd.
Blairstown, NJ 07825

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following members to the Warren County Community College Trustee Search Committee effective September 10, 1998:

Paul Wallace Term to expire: 12/28/98
22 Mitchell Road
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

James Miller Term to expire: 12/28/98
580 Independence Street
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Bradley Bartow Term to expire: 12/28/98
P.O. Box #31
Hope, NJ 07844

Barbara Fleming Term to expire: 12/28/98
231 South Lincoln Avenue
Washington, NJ 07882

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Rev. Clarence Sickles Term to expire 12/28/98
57 Barn Owl Drive
Allamuchy, NJ 07820

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 603-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER 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 member to the WC LACA/DA for a one year term, effective September 10, 1998:

Charles Smith Term to expire: 12/31/98
530 Harmony-Brass Castle Rd.
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

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 604-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY MORRIS CANAL COMMITTEE.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following members to the WC Morris Canal Committee effective September 10, 1998:

James Lee III
476 Lock Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Myra Snook
19 Anderson Hill Road
Newton, NJ 07860

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 605-98

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 September 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RESOLUTION OF AUGUST 12, 1998, CREATING THE TITLE OF SENIOR CLERK, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING THE TITLE OF CLERK STENOGRAPHER, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the title of *senior clerk*, classified, is created within the Warren County Health Department, Division of Public Health Nursing Services to ensure efficiency and effectiveness of operations: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution of August 12, 1998, be amended to reflect that a position of *clerk stenographer* with the Warren County Health Department, Division of Public Health Nursing Services be abolished: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the created title of *senior clerk* be established on AFSCME Range Group 5 and take effect August 20, 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

A letter was received from Peter and Anna Mauro asking for freeholder support to Governor Whitman regarding the idea of an off-road vehicle park in Northern New Jersey.

County Counsel David Wallace had no report.

County Engineer David Hicks had no report.

County Planner David Dech reported that three meetings will be held in October and November regarding the State Plan and he asked for a freeholder representative to attend these negotiations.

Mr. Dech asked for Planning Board appointments and Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. Stone were in favor of Desiree Dunn and Mr. Lance mentioned Al Handy. A resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

The canal acquisition project is going very well and the grant period has been extended to September 1999.

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County CFO Pete Houck was represented by Dan Olshefski, Fiscal Analyst, who had nothing to report.

County Administrator Henry Dinger submitted five hiring requests and all were approved.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, the letter to Acting Commissioner Michele Guhl, NJ Dept. of Human Services, prepared by Mr. Dinger is to be done on freeholder letterhead and sent to Ms. Guhl.

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

Under Freeholder comments, Mrs. Stone said that she has a personnel item for executive session.

Mr. Lance had no comments.

Mrs. Dickey commented on the letter from Mayor DiMaio of Hackettstown regarding a procedure about announcements at the Senior Centers. She pointed out that it has been the policy of the Nutrition Program not to make these types of announcements. The effect of changing this policy could be far-reaching. Sue Budd should raise the issue at the next Advisory Council meeting, and then advise Mayor DiMaio of the findings.

Members of the Ag Development Board spoke to the Freeholder Board regarding the funding of the 1998 round of farmland preservation applications.

Orrie Terpstra advised the board that there are eight farms for 1998 and the funding is nowhere near what they need for this round. Warren County can't compete with the other counties and they are here to request additional funding.

Susan Dickey pointed out that both questions are on the ballot this year and if passed, should realize approximately \$1 million. Mr. Terpstra said that it won't be in time for this year's round of funding.

Dan Olshefski said there are discretionary funds available, however, Mr. Terpstra said that that doesn't solve the problem. Susan said that the ballot questions provide the necessary funds and if passed, \$900,000 would be dedicated to farmland. She mentioned that all the board members are committed to preserving farmland. If the questions don't pass, we would need 5% to go out for bonding.

Duane Copley said that historically they were limited to the seven farms in the program but they opted to go to nine farms and he asked if they should exercise the full nine farms or continue with the seven. They are appraised at \$6 million per farm.

Susan asked when they need an answer and Duane said that the applications must be in Trenton by November 15th, or January 15th at the latest.

Mrs. Dickey said that the possibility exists that perhaps some of the municipalities

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could assist in these purchase. It would be a combination of funds, local and county.

Ann Stone asked how many farms are left in Warren County and Duane asked by whose definition of farm? There are probably several hundred acres out there.

Mr. Lance asked if there was any success in the eight year program and Duane said that the history of that is generally that we enroll for the benefits and farmland zoning protection.

Duane said that the largest acreage is in the mucklands. Steve asked if there aren't additional points when they go into the eight year program and Duane said yes, but the points don't accrue on the state level.

Mrs. Stone said that she is totally supportive of what they are doing. Too many referendums on the ballot this year and she hopes that it doesn't hurt the farmland issue.

Duane gave a brief update on Tranquility Farms and asked the board to look at continuing to finally close on this. The state has approved 80% funding (80% of the assessment) and the cost to the county taxpayer will be \$200,000. The lawsuit by Prantz is still in place and the conservancy attorneys are working on this. The final approval should be some time this month.

Under further freeholder comments, Mrs. Dickey asked the board to consider sponsoring one public forum for people to ask questions about the referendum questions.

Mrs. Dickey also mentioned that Steve Marvin is the Acting Chairman of the Search Committee and he will be putting out a press release in the papers looking for applications.

Mrs. Stone responded to Susan's request for a public forum that they should be done as separate issues - don't mix the school issues with the farmland issues. Mr. Lance also suggested inviting the cable company in to film the meeting.

Under public comments, Dave Dech asked for an appointment to the negotiations committee and said that the dates for the meetings have been set; September 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the Freeholder Meeting Room, October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Freeholder Meeting Room and on November 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the fish hatchery.

Chris Pessolano, Purchasing Agent, reminded everyone that the annual county auction is this Saturday with a preview at 9:30 - 3:00 on Friday and a preview on Saturday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

There were no press comments or questions.

RESOLUTION 606-98

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 September 9, 1998.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 9, 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.

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 10:30 a.m.

The board went into executive session at 11:00 a.m.

The board returned to open session at 11:17 a.m.

It was noted that Pat Rivoli will be in to talk to the board at the September 23rd meeting.

Steve Marvin reported that they have taken measures for clean-up at the garage and have done air quality tests prior to the clean-up. To avoid liability regarding exposure to whatever, they have cleaned out the entire road department. The interior is cleaned-up and

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no further clean-up is needed. We are going to have to change our approach on how we do things over there, limit volume, etc. They have done soil borings out at the dry wall, three yesterday and three today.

Susan asked if we need a memo of agreement with DEP. Steve Marvin said that there is a \$500 review fee (or more) for obtaining a final review approval from DEP. Susan asked if we should enter into an agreement and get the process moving along. Steve Marvin said no, we really don't need an agreement.

Steve Marvin said we need to find funding. There is \$40,000 left unencumbered in the underground storage account. We owe \$32,000 to RK Environmental so we will be running out of money soon.

Mrs. Stone wanted it on the record that she thinks we should enter into an agreement.

Steve Marvin said we have to complete more of the soil borings first and he also said that the area around the dry wall is the greatest concern

Susan said she has no problem with entering into an agreement, there would be no harm in that. Steve Marvin asked if they want a resolution for the next meeting and the board said yes. He again asked about the funding and Susan said there is money in the capital account.

Susan said she received a letter offering property to the county and after discussion, it was decided to write a letter of thanks expressing no interest at this time and keep the letter on file.

Mrs. Stone brought up the letter from the WCCC which states we used incorrect information in the ballot question and Susan said the letter has no validity.

Michael Regrut requested permission to listen to tapes from November 1992 and February 1996. He said he has read the minutes of those meetings and now requests permission to hear the tapes as he feels the written minutes are incomplete. He feels there is a piece of information missing.

Dave Wallace instructed him to follow the procedure as in the past. A written request is required; address it to the Administrator and then it will be forwarded to County Counsel.

Mrs. Dickey said that this procedure is a policy of the board and according to a letter dated March 25th from Dave Wallace, tapes are not required by law.

Reggie Regrut said that he wants to speak about a criminal matter and a violation of the Sunshine Law that took place in 1994 when public records were destroyed and he again asked if the tape had been destroyed.

Dave Wallace said that these matters are now on appeal. Originally the decision was made in the county's favor and now the appeal is pending in the appellate courts.

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Mr. Dinger said that enough is enough, say no and get on with it.

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

NAOMI J. STOUT, DEPUTY CLERK