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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in their offices in the Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on Wednesday, December 9, 1998 at 9:50 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 November 10, 1998 were approved as presented. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held November 10, 1998 were approved as presented. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

Under public comments, Harry Pool spoke to the board again regarding the speed limit in Port Murray. He submitted a letter from Police Chief Esposito who is also recommending a uniform speed limit through the town. Alice Mayberry, business owner and Dick Applebee, President of the Fire Company also attended.

Mr. Pool reminded the board that there are two speed zones at present and they are requesting one speed limit throughout. Presently it is 30 MPH and 40 MPH and they are asking for 30 MPH throughout. They are requesting freeholder support of this issue.

Mr. Lance asked how much area this covers, is it about 1000 feet of road and Mr. Pool said yes, approximately 1000 feet.

Mrs. Stone said that Dave Hicks did a study on this once before and didn't feel this request was justified. Why is it different now?

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Mr. Pool responded that the letter from the police chief now recommends this action.

Mrs. Stone said she understands the problem but is not in favor of this. Mrs. Dickey and Mr. Lance agreed to honor their request to change the speed limit to 30 MPH throughout.

Mr. Hicks said he will draft a resolution after this has been submitted to DOT, however, he thinks that 30 MPH is too slow and doesn't think DOT will approve.

Dennis Donovan of Waddley-Donovan spoke to the board about a plan for Economic Development. Ken Nerbak of Prosperity New Jersey and Jack Rosenfeld of GPU also attended.

Waddley-Donovan is a corporate locating consulting firm that has been in business since 1975. They were asked to look at a more cohesive Economic Development plan for Warren County. This is a good time to be in Economic Development for light manufacturing and back-office operations. They are looking for 1999 to be less active than 1998 but it will pick-up in 2000.

The county needs a proactive education plan. Warren County is seldom considered for new business locations as it is not a metropolitan area but a rural area. Warren County never has had an active Economic Development agency. What kind of growth do you want? You have to define what you want first; where you are, where you want to go and how to get there. Mr. Donovan said he gets a sense that the vision doesn't exist, so then we need an objective assessment.

We have to identify our weaknesses and we have to realize that industry retention is the most important goal in Economic Development. Expansion of our existing businesses is important. We must ask ourselves what makes us unique as an area. You need information to make decisions. Wage levels are not documented. You need to be able to supply information within 24 hours. We are under funded and understaffed in New Jersey. In most cases, after your assets have been identified, you have to decide what industries you are interested in. Attractive marketing is next and very expensive.

Warren County will need a budget of \$500,000 to do this right. Keep in mind what the customer wants and how to get the message out. This will be a four to five month effort. You need to get the business leaders together (before you hire a consultant), hold a conference, find out if this is really what you want and then get the funding.

Mrs. Dickey said that we now have two volunteers in the office for twenty hours per week. What reference material should we have on hand to aid these people in the office? Mr. Rosenfeld from GPU said that they can supply some of the necessary information that they have available.

Mr. Rosenfeld said that GPU works with all the counties that they serve. Counties that have a focused plan can manage the growth. The object is not to spoil the nature of the area. Once you know what you want, there are people out there that can help you put together a plan. He can supply a list of consultants.

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Mrs. Stone asked about the cost.

Mr. Donovan said it would be in the \$60,000 to \$80,000 range, including a consultant. It is a four to five month program and the necessary budget depends on the type of plan that you choose; either a bare bones plan or a more comprehensive one.

Mrs. Stone said she is concerned that we are becoming a bedroom community. Lack of sewage is a problem.

Mrs. Stone said that Jay Miers was unique in what he did. We need an economic balance in this county.

Mr. Lance asked if anything would be done on a county level to reduce the cost.

Mr. Donovan said that the vision conference will weed out the municipalities who are not interested in growth. It is absolutely essential to have a broad scope of what needs to be done. You need business leaders, regular citizens, government, etc. to work together.

Mrs. Stone pointed out that the EDAC is always available.

Mrs. Dickey said that she does fully support that these people be involved but she is very disappointed that no one attended this meeting; the chambers, concerned citizens, etc.

Mrs. Stone said that those people liked what we had and wanted that to continue.

Mr. Nerbak said that we have strengths and weaknesses. It is absolutely essential that we have a consensus of opinion. Mr. Donovan is the best to put this together. Image marketing is what we need to sell an image of New Jersey. A more aggressive approach to bring business in is what is needed. 80% of expansion will come from existing businesses. We need to retain what we have. This is a good county for back-office operations.

It was asked why we don't have reference material and Mrs. Dickey said that it was disposed of by Jay Miers when he left as the materials were outdated and she has asked what we should have on hand.

Mr. Nerbak said a decision should be made immediately. You have to spend money to make money. A plan is on the table. He knows it is a hard decision to make. Professionals need to be on board, the void must be filled.

Mr. Donovan said that the office needs a director, two professional people and one support staff.

County Planner David Dech asked if they would have one big conference or several small ones. Mr. Donovan recommended one conference with a mediator to handle the meeting.

Mrs. Dickey said that we need to set up a conference, probably sometime in January.

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She thanked everyone for coming and the presentation ended at 11:00 a.m.

Director Dickey called for a five minute break at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:18 a.m.

RESOLUTION 753-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Master Voucher Certificate for Certification/Ratification for Payment No. 98-38 dated December 9, 1998 in the amount of \$2,184,257.74 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

98-38	1,252,557.97
Payroll 12/3	<u>931,699.77</u>
Total	2,184,257.74

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 754-98

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 November 24, 1998.

TRANSFER IN THE 1998 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS:

TO: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, S & W	\$113,550.00
PHNA, OE	\$ 50,000.00
REIMBURSEMENT OUT-OF-COUNTY COLLEGES	\$ 15,000.00
COUNTY CLERK, OE	\$ 7,000.00
CORRECTIONAL CENTER, OE	\$ 28,000.00
ELECTION BOARD, OE	\$ 3,000.00
JUV.RET. & REH. CTR., OE	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL:	\$218,550.00

FROM: CLERK OF THE BOARD, S & W	\$ 7,500.00
WEIGHTS & MEASURES, S & W	\$ 6,000.00
CORRECTIONAL CENTER, S & W	\$ 36,500.00
PHNA, S & W	\$ 50,000.00
PROV. FOR SAL. ADJ.	\$113,550.00
ELECTION BOARD, S & W,	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$218,550.00

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WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 states that transfers can be made after November 1, and WHEREAS, by unforeseen demand there has arisen the necessity for expenditures to fulfill the purposes of the appropriations as stated in the 1998 Budget and Tax Levy in the following account:

Various Departments, S & W	\$113,550.00
PHNA, OE	\$ 50,000.00
Reimburse. Out-of-Co. Colleges	\$ 15,000.00
County Clerk, OE	\$ 7,000.00
Correctional Ctr., OE	\$ 28,000.00
Election Bd., OE	\$ 3,000.00
Juv. Ret. & Reh. Ctr., OE	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
Total	\$218,550.00

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

Clerk of the Board, S & W	\$ 7,500.00
Weights & Measures, S & W	\$ 6,000.00
Correctional Ctr., S & W	\$ 36,500.00
PHNA, S & W	\$ 50,000.00
Prov. for Salary Adj.	\$113,550.00
Election Bd., S & W	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Total	\$218,550.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that by a majority Vote of this Board that the following transfer in the 1998 Budget Appropriations be made:

FROM

A01-01-00260.00.000 Clerk of the Bd., S & W	\$ 7,500.00
A01-03-00740.00.000 Wgts. & Meas., S & W	6,000.00
A01-05-01100.00.000 Corr. Ctr., S & W	36,500.00
A01-03-00860.00.000 Election Bd., S & W	5,000.00
A01-06-01220.00.000 PHNA, S & W	50,000.00
A01-09-01835.00.200 Prov. for Sal. Adj.	<u>113,550.00</u>
Total	\$218,550.00

TO:

A01-01-00140.00.000 Treas., S & W	\$ 7,000.00
A01-01-00150.00.000 Inform. Sys., S & W	8,800.00
A01-01-00180.00.000 Co. Counsel, S & W	4,200.00
A01-01-00220.00.000 Co. Adjuster, S & W	3,000.00
A01-01-00280.00.000 Personnel, S & W	1,200.00
A01-01-00300.00.000 Co. Clerk, S & W	3,200.00
A01-01-00360.00.000 Purchasing, S & W	3,600.00

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TO:(cont.)

A01-03-00861.00.009	Election Bd., OE	\$ 3,000.00
A01-03-00960.00.000	Comm. Ctr., S & W	17,500.00
A01-01-00390.00.000	Econ. Deve., S & W	17,500.00
A01-05-01140.00.000	Juv. Ret. & Reh. Ctr., S & W	19,600.00
A01-05-01141.00.143	Juv. Ret. & Reh. Ctr., OE	2,000.00
A01-06-01180.00.000	Health Dept., S & W	5,500.00
A10-04-01060.00.000	Engineers, S & W	3,600.00
A01-06001560.00.000	Nutrition, S & W	13,000.00
A01-06-01580.00.000	War Vet. Bur., S & W	450.00
A01-07-01700.00.000	Supt. of Sch., S & W	4,600.00
A01-07-01770.00.000	Cult. & Herit., S & W	800.00
A01-06-01221.00.368	PHNA, OE	46,200.00
A01-06-01221.00.370	PHNA, OE	3,800.00
A01-07-01745.00.210	Reimb. Out-of-Co. Colleges	15,000.00
A01-01-00301.00.066	Co. Clerk, OE	7,000.00
A01-05-01101.00.098	Corr.Ctr., OE	<u>28,000.00</u>
Total		\$218,550.00

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 755-98

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 December 9, 1998.

INSERTION INTO THE 1998 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,000.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC., ROUTE 31/46 CORRIDOR STUDY.

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 \$64,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Institute of Technology, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., Route 31/46 Corridor Study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$64,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

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New Jersey Institute of Technology, North Jersey Transportation Authority, Inc., Route 31/46 corridor Study

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of N.J., Dept. of Human Services and that two (2) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 756-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE AND TIME OF ANNUAL MEETING.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:20-75, the Stated Annual Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren shall be held in the Warren County Court House, Court Room #1, Belvidere, New Jersey, at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, January 1, 1999. The Board of Chosen Freeholders shall take action upon reorganized resolutions, appointments, and other matters normally acted upon at reorganizational meetings.

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

Mrs. Dickey said she had a call from the Sheriff's Office regarding a cost of \$1,000 in overtime to man the courthouse on January 1st. Can we hold the meeting somewhere else, perhaps here? County Counsel advised that by statute we have to hold it in the same location where we hold superior court. Mr. Marvin said he could secure the courthouse much cheaper than that.

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

RESOLUTION 757-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WARREN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOMERSET HOME FOR TEMPORARILY DISPLACED CHILDREN FOR THE PROVISION OF YOUTH SHELTER HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR WARREN COUNTY YOUTH FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999; RATE NOT TO EXCEED \$150 PER DAY.

WHEREAS, Warren County is desirous of housing appropriate youth on an as needed basis at the facility operated by the Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced children; and

WHEREAS, Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children has agreed to provide youth shelter services to Warren County youth at a rate not to exceed \$150 per day.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Freeholder Director and the Deputy clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, attached hereto and made a part hereof with the Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children for the provision of youth shelter services to Warren County youth as outlined in said agreement for the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

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 E3 entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AND SOMERSET COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT FOR SOMERSET COUNTY JUVENILES HOUSED AT WARREN ACRES" will be held for further discussion before action is taken.

RESOLUTION 758-98

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 December 9, 1998.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NO PARKING AT ANY TIME
ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF COUNTY ROUTE #519,
WHITE TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.**

WHEREAS, in the interest of the public safety, the County Engineer has recommended that the parking of vehicles be regulated along certain portions of County Route #519, which is controlled by Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.2 are not applicable since the Municipality does not maintain a paid police force.

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

Section 1: Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-201, the parking of vehicles shall, at all times, be prohibited upon parts of the street hereinafter described in Section 2 hereof.

Section 2: No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon those parts of the following described street:

NAME OF STREET **BOTH**
County Route #519 Both

LOCATION
From the intersection of County Route #519 and Foul Rift Road continuing in a northerly direction to the intersection of County Route #519 and County Route #620

Section 3: Regulatory signs shall take be erected and maintained by Warren County in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control devices.

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Section 4: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and placement of necessary signs, according to law

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall remain in effect until modified by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren.

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 759-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT FOR PASSAGE OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2292 PROVIDING FOR THE STATE TO ASSUME THE COSTS OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTORS' OFFICES.

WHEREAS, each county in the State operates an office of the County Prosecutor which is presently funded from the individual county tax base; and

WHEREAS, this structure has created inequities among the counties wherein there are varying levels of resources available to perform the functions of the offices; and

WHEREAS, the county prosecutors are constitutional officers who function independently of the control of the county governing body; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 2292 would establish a method whereby the State would assume the costs of the county prosecutors' offices, freeing the counties from responsibility for these expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby support passage of Assembly Bill No. 2292 or any comparable legislation that will require the State to assume the costs for the operation of the county prosecutors' offices, with a recommendation that this legislation be modified to expressly include all operational costs including facilities expenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Assembly and State representatives of Warren County and the other county Boards of Chosen Freeholders in New Jersey.

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 760-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL NO. 574 PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO BE PAID BY THE STATE.

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WHEREAS, the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools is a function of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the County Superintendent of Schools is an appointee of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the counties are presently responsible for selected costs involved in the operations of the County Superintendent of Schools, including the provision of office space, clerical support and travel and other expenses all funded by the county tax base; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 574 would require the State to pay all the costs for operation of the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools in the same manner that all other State Offices and employees are funded; and

WHEREAS, this assumption of expense by the State would reduce the need for the county to provide for these costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby support passage of Senate Bill No. 574 or any comparable legislation that will require the State to assume all costs for the operation of the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Assembly and Senate representatives of Warren County and the other county Board of Chosen Freeholders in New Jersey.

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 761-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND WARREN COUNTY SUPERVISORS' LOCAL 0671 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders and representatives of the Warren County Supervisors' Local 0671 have completed contract negotiations and have agreed to terms and conditions of employment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the Director of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Warren County Supervisors Local 0671 for the period of January 1, 1999.

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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Mrs. Dickey had questions about E3 and the cost of the trailer, Mr. Dinger explained that we will have the trailer appraised.

RESOLUTION 762-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AND SOMERSET COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT FOR SOMERSET COUNTY JUVENILES HOUSED AT WARREN ACRES.

BE IT RESOLVED that the agreement between the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Somerset County for the provision of education reimbursement for Somerset County juveniles housed at Warren Acres in accordance with the State Facilities Education Act governed by the New Jersey Department of Education is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Somerset County agrees to accept 50% of the educational reimbursement reserved for Somerset County based on their juvenile population housed at Warren Acres on October 15, 1998; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount mutually agreed upon be payable to Somerset County after July 1, 1999, for the 1999/2000 school year, and further, that Somerset County agrees to sell a modular trailer, currently used for educational classrooms, located on the property of Warren Acres at 50% of its fair market value pending assessment of same by Warren County, all of which is defined in a written agreement annexed hereto; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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

s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 763-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC9880P AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR ROUTE 31/46 CORRIDOR NEED STUDY WARREN AND HUNTERDON COUNTIES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC9880P for Route 31/46 Corridor Need Study Warren and Hunterdon Counties is hereby approved

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the above in the Star Gazette

Funds for this contract will be provided in a grant received for 1998

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

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 764-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR WC9859P ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE OXFORD FURNACE COMPLEX FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, bids were received on Monday, September 28, 1998 for Architectural/Engineering Services for the Oxford Furnace Complex for the Warren County Cultural & Heritage Department.

WHEREAS, the proposals received did not meet the scope of the project as outlined by the Cultural & Heritage Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that the Proposals for Architectural/Engineering Services for the Oxford Furnace complex for the Warren County Cultural & Heritage Department, Contract WC9850P, be rejected

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized to rebid the above project at a later date.

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 765-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR WC9864P COVERING A PORTION OF THE 1999 CHAPTER 51 ALCOHOL FUNDING AND AUTHORIZATION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR THIS PORTION OF THE PROJECT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, bids were received on Friday, October 16, 1998 for Requests for proposals for 1999 Funding for Human Services Programs for the Warren County Human Services Department; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Department has determined that some of the bids received for Chapter 51 Finding did not meet the scope of the specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that the proposals received for that portion of the 1999 Chapter 51 Alcohol Funding for the Warren County Human Services Department, Contract WC9864P, be rejected

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized to rebid the above project.

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 766-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT #WC9834 WITH UNDERGROUND UTILITIES CORP. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE #05082, COUNTY ROUTE #632 OVER MUSCONETCONG RIVER FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FOR A NET DECREASE OF \$11,046.98 AND A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$167,284.82.

WHEREAS, Contract #WC9834 was awarded to Underground Utilities Corp. for the Replacement of Bridge #05082, County Route #632 over the Musconetong River, Franklin Township in the amount of \$178,331.80; and

WHEREAS, changes in construction staging and final as-built quantities resulted in a net decrease of \$11,046.98; and

WHEREAS, said changes were ordered by the County Engineer; and

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 with Underground Utilities Corp. for a net decrease of \$11,046.98 and a final contract amount of \$167,284.82.

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 767-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 WITH FRENCH & PARRELLO ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE INSPECTION OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROUTE #638, GREENWICH TOWNSHIP FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$2,500.00 AND A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$13,000.00.

WHEREAS, French & Parrello Associates of Hackettstown, New Jersey, was awarded a contract for Professional Engineering Services for the Inspection of Roadway Improvements within the right-of-way of County Route #638, Greenwich Township in the amount of \$10,500.00; and

WHEREAS, additional work is required due to the reconstruction of the Wyndham Farm

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Boulevard South/County Route #638 area; and

WHEREAS, the additional work will result in a net increase of \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 801-02850.142 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; and

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

1. Hereby approve Contract Modification #1 for the above project for a net increase of \$2,500.00 and a revised contract amount of \$13,000.00.
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 768-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9857-4 WITH THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN FOR A NUTRITION SITE ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 PER MONTH.

BE IT RESOLVED that this contract is awarded to the Town of Hackettstown to provide a nutrition site in Hackettstown, New Jersey

The contract is to be in a month to month basis at a monthly rental of \$500.00

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

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

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RESOLUTION 769-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9876 FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO MANPOWER INTERNATIONAL INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999 AT THE RATES AS PER THEIR ATTACHED PROPOSAL.

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC9876 for temporary employment services and training is hereby awarded

to Manpower International Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin

at the rates stated in their proposal for the period of January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999

as per their bid submitted November 24, 1998

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract has been provided from individual department salary accounts if and when temporary employees are required or from the county training account if training is implemented.

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

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, a resolution is to be prepared for the next meeting to reappoint Mrs. Grace Cratch to the Cultural & Heritage Commission.

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

RESOLUTION 770-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITION OF SENIOR CLERK STENOGRAPHER, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING THE POSITION OF SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the position of *senior clerk stenographer*, classified, is created within the Warren County Health Department, Division of Public Health Nursing Services, in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Personnel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the position of *secretarial assistant*, classified, be abolished; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the position of *senior clerk stenographer* be established on AFSCME Range Group 5 and be made effective December 10, 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 771-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITION OF TECHNICIAN, MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING THE POSITION OF OFFICE SUPERVISOR, 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 position of *technician, management information systems*, classified, is created within the Warren County Health Department, Division of Public Health Nursing Services, to enhance and maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of technological operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the position of *office supervisor*, classified, be abolished; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the position of *technician, management information systems*, be established on AFSCME Range Group 17 and take effect December 10, 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 had no report.

County Engineer David Hicks reported that he will be holding a public hearing on the county traffic survey for the December 23rd meeting. Also at that meeting, the criteria for county road acceptance will be submitted for approval.

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Mr. Hicks has submitted the annual report on bridges and roads to the freeholders and they should review the report and if they have any questions, they should call him.

He also submitted a draft outline of the organizational staffing report for the road department for next year.

He also submitted a report on the impact of taking over High Street and Grand Avenue in Hackettstown. Regarding snow maintenance, the cost of salting and plowing, one entity should do it all. Mrs. Stone met with Hackettstown yesterday and she will report on this.

County Planner David Dech asked the board to send a letter to the governor asking her to veto A-2123/S-936 which requires that a municipal zoning permit officer approve or deny a permit within five working days. The planning board has written to the governor and is asking for freeholder support. The board agreed and Mr. Dech will prepare a resolution for the December 16th meeting.

Mr. Dech will also have grant agreements for the next meeting; a modification for the Bear Creek property, just a small change.

County CFO Pete Houck had no report.

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

Regarding the request for provision of a social worker at the Juvenile Detention Center, Jerry Coyle said that a social worker is required by law for every fifteen juveniles. Karen Kubert is working with Dennis Fare, Director of Warren Acres, and is suggesting bringing in a qualified social worker on a professional contract basis, possibly part-time with no benefits, perhaps four days a week, flex time noon to 8:00? Karen knows someone to fill the bill. She has some grant money she can use. This person is a licensed social worker in New Jersey. This would enable us to get interns for free. The person would work four days at the Acres and the grant money would pay for one day.

Susan asked if we could do this at the December 16th meeting and Karen said yes.

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Stone said that she met with Hackettstown yesterday regarding the county takeover of High Street and Grand Avenue. The agreement has to be approved by both the town and the county. They also met with the road supervisor and the target date for the takeover is January 1, 1999.

Mrs. Stone reported that she attended the recognition dinner held last night for the volunteers who help to prevent substance abuse. They all work together very well and Mrs. Stone thanked Karen Kubert and Shawn Buskirk for their efforts.

Mrs. Stone also requested that the board consider appointing Frank VanHorn as a member to the Technical School Board of Education. Susan had a question about this and asked Dave Wallace to research it.

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Mr. Lance asked when the work at County Road and Rt.#611 will be completed and Mr. Hicks said it depends on the contractor and the weather. It could be awhile.

Mr. Lance also asked how things are going in Economic Development and Mrs. Dickey said that the volunteers are doing a basic clean-up in the office. They have received about ten to twelve calls in the past week. People looking for directories and maps. There have been some general requests for information and on the whole, things are going well in this interim period.

Mr. Lance said that he is in favor of revisiting the residency requirement which he feels would limit the number of applicants and would offer jobs to Warren County residents first. Mrs. Dickey agreed with him and we should look at this again but only if we can grandfather our current employees.

Mrs. Dickey asked that support paperwork be included with the resolutions in the packets for the meetings.

Under closing public comments, Jim Cooper asked if meetings of all boards and commissions are open to the public. Susan said if they are created by the freeholder board, they are open to the public. She thinks this was done some time ago but wants to check if it was done by resolution or by motion. Mr. Dinger said that the board may be subjecting themselves to the open public meetings act.

There were no press comments or questions.

RESOLUTION 772-98

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 December 9, 1998.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON DECEMBER 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:

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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

Director Dickey called for a five minute break at 12:25 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 12:35 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 12:55 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, authorization was given to ask the Welfare Board for an extension of Mr. Dinger's services as Administrator and also to post and/or advertise the position.

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

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 12:56 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

NAOMI J. STOUT, DEPUTY CLERK