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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, January 20, 1999 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, 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, STARLEDGES 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".

Representatives from the Kresfield Adult Day Care Center spoke to the board regarding their 1999 funding appeal. \$9,180.00 was cut from their program which will substantially reduce the number of clients they will be able to serve because of the number of staff that will have to be cut. Their original funding request was for \$26,322.

Mrs. Dickey asked what program the cut will affect and they said it covers the whole program. Mrs. Kresfield explained that the \$9,180 came out of the line item in the budget under transportation. This was an error, it should have been in the general account under staffing. They contract with the county for transportation and they pay 1/3. They charge the clients a \$5.00 fee to those who can afford to pay.

Mr. Lance asked how much of the \$9,180 is reimbursed and they replied that last year it was less than \$1,000. They can only serve Belvidere, Washington and Phillipsburg and they are down to 11 to 15 clients per day. At one time, they could do 24.

Mrs. Dickey asked if there is any alternative for the transportation. Karen Kubert said that their recommendations have been forwarded to the board and she really can't add anything to this issue.

Mrs. Stone said that the Adult Day Care program takes the place of placing people in rest home facilities which is more expensive for the county. In her opinion, we can find the money somewhere.

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Mrs. Dickey asked if there is other funding available. Mr. Kresfield mentioned CCPED, NJ State Respite, DDD funding, county Peer Grouping, Office on Aging and some private money but they have to accept clients at the medicare rate. The state is talking about Adult Day Care as a state agency. They have also applied to United Way but they cannot help.

Mr. Dinger mentioned that all the other agencies show reductions in funding. HSAC gives advice and has put a lot of time in on these evaluations. The appeal committee denied these requests and Kresfield should be aware that all the groups who had funding reduced could come in and ask for more money.

Mr. Lance said that some of the agencies have reserve funds. Could we come back in November and revisit this issue? Henry said that perhaps some of them are going to draw down money in the fourth quarter. He said the board has several options; deny the appeal and consider later, approve and find the money somewhere or accept the appeal and turn it back to HSAC.

Mrs. Stone made a motion to approve the appeal and try to find the \$9,180 somewhere but the motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Lance said that in his opinion, we can't afford to do this. He wants to wait until November and see how it plays out. Karen Kubert said that there is usually rollover money that comes from NJ Transit, we could look into that idea. November is a good time to do it.

Mrs. Dickey said that she considers this a valuable program and the board will make every effort to transfer funds in November.

This presentation was over at 7:50 p.m.

Several representatives from the Family Guidance Center appealed to the board about the projected \$70,000 reduction in their budget. This reduction would eliminate their Sexual Abuse Program and approximately 16-1/2% of their outpatient program. The cuts would affect their staff patterns. This will be very devastating to their program, a program that the county has funded for nine years. The clients cannot afford treatment from private care and it has been proven that this service helps. Over 90% of families also receive this service. They continue to serve 11 families but the average is 18 families. This is the only program like this in the county. The outpatient program gets \$40,000. Ms. Stover mentioned that 75% of the clients pay \$10.00 per visit.

It was pointed out that there is some stigma attached to sexual abuse cases. People want to be able to get the specialized treatment that they need. Some suffer from abuse for years. This can become very public and without county funding, they have no chance of treatment. The highest plurality of clients have no insurance at all, some do have medicare but they need these programs to improve their life but from a professional staff. This reduction would create 40+ hours of program time per week. They are asking the board to restore the funding to the previous level.

Karen Kubert said that the Mental Health Board supports the Guidance Center and they

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do a great job. The issue is that they believe another agency can do these two programs better.

Caroline Willner said there is no way that there will be damage done to the people. The same services will be available elsewhere. The new program would be beneficial and will save money. It will be the same service but less cost.

Mr. Lance asked if there would be any loss of service when we switch to Hunterdon Medical Center and Karen said no, it is just another choice for the clients. There will be no lapse in service.

Mrs. Stone said she has a problem with going out to new places that we don't know anything about; a place that is not established.

Someone in the audience mentioned that without a car it will be hard to get around outside the county. Ms. Willner said that there will be an office set-up in Washington when the contract is signed.

Ms. Stover said that if they lose staff, some of the people will have a problem with any abrupt change. Karen said that we should try to work together; there will be no lapse in service, it is just another choice for the clients. Henry mentioned several options.

Mrs. Stone made a motion to fund the program in Warren County and any funds left over be given to the Hunterdon program but the motion died for lack of a second.

Someone else from the audience asked why this was done and Mrs. Dickey said the Mental Health Board deliberated very carefully before they made their recommendations.

Mrs. Stone said she did her homework and you don't bring in a new program that is not established.

Mr. Lance said he will go along with the Mental Health Board recommendations but he wants a guarantee that there will be no lapse in service; a proper transition period is needed.

Mrs. Dickey is also supporting the recommendation of the Mental Health Board and trusts that they have made the right decision.

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the board has decided to follow the recommendations made by the Mental Health Board regarding certain funding appeals.
ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stone: no Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

This presentation was over at 8:50 p.m.

John Carlton, Executive Director, PCFA, Harry Pool, Chairman, PCFA and Bob Zelle, Chairman of Recycling, spoke to the board regarding the continuation of the Recycling Program in Warren County.

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The board was given an update on the recycling achievements in 1998 and the current status of the program. They started with a budget of \$138,000, applied for a \$50,000 grant which they received and increased their budget to \$188,000. They have enough funds to continue the program through July and in the meantime, Dinah has applied for additional grant money. If the grant money is not received, they will need \$60,000 from the county to keep the program going. It is their recommendation to continue the program as it stands.

Henry said that the original agreement ran from February 1998 to January 1999 with an extension for six months until the grant money runs out. It takes \$120,000 to \$130,000 per year to run.

Mrs. Stone said they have her total support with the exact same level of service, including the Recycling Coordinator. It is also the decision of SWAC to keep this going.

Mr. Carlton said they are looking for direction but they are still looking at other sources of funding.

Mr. Zelle discussed the merits of the program; 1998's program was very much improved. They have had a lot of positive feedback.

Mrs. Dickey asked if we fund this program with county money, what will happen in 2000? Her concern is not the money, it is the amount of recycling that goes through the center.

Mr. Lance said it is very important to continue recycling the batteries and the computers. Bob Zelle said that the hazardous waste clean-up day will continue through PCFA.

Mrs. Dickey said that recycling is a municipal requirement set by the state. Henry said they should not let this be a county project. If the funding is stable through July, the alternative is to ask PCFA to fund the \$20,000 to continue the program. The compromise would be for Warren County to fund the \$40,000 and PCFA could put up the \$20,000. The bottom line is whether to fund this or not. Harry Pool said they can probably find the \$20,000.

Mrs. Stone made a motion that Warren County fund the Recycling Program in the amount of \$60,000 but the motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Dickey said that there is \$40,000 in the budget for the program but the balance of the money can not be allocated. Mr. Lance is still not in favor of funding this program.

Ben Ritter, Belvidere Councilman, said that there is no way that 22 municipalities can do the same job of the county. Belvidere relies heavily on the county center. The municipalities can't recreate the program.

Nancy Mason said that she encourages the freeholders to support the recycling center. We need to continue to educate people and do outreach.

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Mr. Dinger suggested that the county put in the \$40,000 and ask PCFA to come up with the \$20,000. Mr. Lance said that his concern is that this program is not being utilized properly. He does think we should continue with the battery and computer recycling.

Mr. Lance said that when the grant money runs out, the program is over as far as he is concerned. Mrs. Dickey agreed. July is the termination date and we will need to change the Solid Waste Management Plan.

The presentation was over at 9:50 p.m.

Mrs. Dickey called for a break at 9:50 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:06 p.m.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

RESOLUTION 39-99

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 January 20, 1999.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Master Voucher Certificate for Certification/Ratification for Payment No. 99-2 dated January 20, 1999 in the amount of \$2,241,881.17 including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

99-2	\$	1,225,648.73
Payroll 1/14/99		<u>1,016,232.44</u>
Total		2,241,881.17

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 40-99

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 January 20, 1999.

INSERTION INTO THE 1999 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$243,583.00 FROM THE STATE OF N.J., DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES, TITLE XX COALITION #ALWF9N.

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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-26 provides that "No Miscellaneous Revenue from any source shall be included as Anticipated Revenue in the Budget in an amount in excess of the amount actually realized in cash from the same source during the next preceding year, unless the Director shall determine upon application by the governing body that the facts clearly warrant the expectation that such excess amount will actually be realized in cash during the fiscal year and shall certify such determination, in writing, to the Local Unit, " and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has been allocated in the amount of \$243,583.00 as Title XX Coalition #ALWF9N.

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren desires to anticipate that amount in the 1999 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of Revenue in the budget of the year 1999 in the sum of \$243,583.00 which item is now available as a Revenue from the Dept. of Human Services, Title XX Coalition #ALWF9N.

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 41-99

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 January 20, 1999.

INSERTION INTO THE 1999 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,084.00 FROM THE STATE OF N.J., DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FY 99 CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-26 provides that "No Miscellaneous Revenue from any source shall be included as Anticipated Revenue in the Budget in an amount in excess of the amount actually realized in cash from the same source during the next preceding year, unless the Director shall determine upon application by the governing body that the facts clearly warrant the expectation that such excess amount will actually be realized in cash during the fiscal year and shall certify such determination, in writing, to the Local Unit, " and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has been allocated in the amount of \$62,084.00 as FY 99 Clean Communities Program.

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren desires to anticipate that amount in the 1999 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of Revenue in the budget of the year 1999 in the sum of \$62,084.00 which item is now available as a Revenue from the Dept. of Environmental Protection, FY 99 Clean Communities Program.

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

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

RESOLUTION 42-99

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 January 20, 1999.

INSERTION INTO THE 1999 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,872.00 FROM THE STATE OF N.J., DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES, SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-26 provides that "No Miscellaneous Revenue from any source shall be included as Anticipated Revenue in the Budget in an amount in excess of the amount actually realized in cash from the same source during the next preceding year, unless the Director shall determine upon application by the governing body that the facts clearly warrant the expectation that such excess amount will actually be realized in cash during the fiscal year and shall certify such determination, in writing, to the Local Unit, " and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has been allocated in the amount of \$52,872.00 as Social services for the Homeless.

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren desires to anticipate that amount in the 1999 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of Revenue in the budget of the year 1999 in the sum of \$52,872.00 which item is now available as a Revenue from the Dept. of Human Services, Social Services for the Homeless.

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 43-99

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 January 20, 1999.

INSERTION INTO THE 1999 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,035,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF N.J., DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND ACT, COUNTY AID ALLOTMENT.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-26 provides that "No Miscellaneous Revenue from any source shall be included as Anticipated Revenue in the Budget in an amount in excess of the amount actually realized in cash from the same source during the next preceding year, unless the Director shall determine upon application by the governing body that the facts clearly warrant the expectation that such excess amount will actually be realized in cash during the fiscal year and shall certify such determination, in writing, to the Local Unit, " and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has been allocated in the amount of \$1,035,000.00 as County Aid Allotment.

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WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren desires to anticipate that amount in the 1999 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of Revenue in the budget of the year 1999 in the sum of \$1,035,000.00 which item is now available as a Revenue from the Dept. of Transportation, County Aid Allotment.

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 44-99

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 January 20, 1999.

INSERTION INTO THE 1999 BUDGET OF \$240,072.00 FROM THE STATE OF N.J., DEPT. OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES, AREA PLAN GRANT.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-26 provides that "No Miscellaneous Revenue from any source shall be included as Anticipated Revenue in the Budget in an amount in excess of the amount actually realized in cash from the same source during the next preceding year, unless the Director shall determine upon application by the governing body that the facts clearly warrant the expectation that such excess amount will actually be realized in cash during the fiscal year and shall certify such determination, in writing, to the Local Unit, " and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has been allocated in the amount of \$240,072.00 as Area Plan Grant.

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren desires to anticipate that amount in the 1999 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of Revenue in the budget of the year 1999 in the sum of \$240,072.00 which item is now available as a Revenue from the Dept. of Health & Senior Services, Area Plan Grant.

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 45-99

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 20, 1999.

RESOLUTION RE: THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1999.

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

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

WHEREAS, Block 5, Lots 2 & 5, in Washington Township, is considered as a high priority site for acquisition in the adopted 1994 Warren County Open Space Plan; 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 advertized; 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 of the County of Warren as follows:

1. The proposed boundary survey of Block 5, Lots 2 & 5, in Washington Township, by Mace Consulting Engineers, of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, in the amount of \$11,400.00, be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. The Proposed boundary survey be completed and submitted to the Warren County Planning Department for their review within 60 days of authorization of the agreement.
4. 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

Mr. Lance asked about the amount of the survey. Dave Dech said that it covers 170 acres.

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

RESOLUTION 47-99

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 20, 1999.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL BY TOM RODRIGUEZ ASSOCIATES OF STOCKTON, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1040, TO PREPARE AN APPRAISAL ON BLOCK 701, LOT 2, IN MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren authorized an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, for matching funds for the acquisition of the Morris Canal; and

WHEREAS, appraisal expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the Green Acres Program; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in Account #0010280016.200 (Morris Canal

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Acquisition Other Expenses) and certified by the Chief Financial Officer;

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

1. The proposal to prepare an appraisal of Block 701, Lot 2, in Mansfield Township, by Tom Rodriguez Associates, of Stockton, New Jersey, in the amount of \$1040.00, be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. The appraisal report be completed and submitted to the Warren County Planning Department by January 29, 1999.
4. 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 48-99

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 20, 1999.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO THE SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999 SUBREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY AND THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,706.

WHEREAS, in order to improve subregional or county transportation planning, The New Jersey Department of Transportation has initiated a program to bypass Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funds through to individual counties rather than use these funds to supplement existing state and regional planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, this subregional transportation planning effort is aimed at developing staff capability and improving institutional systems in the Warren County Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, Warren County's proposed Subregional Transportation Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 1999 has been approved by the NJIT/NJTPA; and

WHEREAS, the NJIT/NJTPA allocated \$47,000 for the Subregional Transportation Planning Program as outlined in Volume II of the FY 1999 Unified Work Program, and

WHEREAS, the NJIT/NJTPA did not receive the funding allocation as outlined in Volume II of the Unified Work Program from the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, Task Order No. 1, Modification No. 1, reflects the remaining FHWA FY 1999 funding allocated to Warren County; and

WHEREAS, under Task Order No. 1, Modification No. 1, Warren County is hereby authorized to incur costs, starting July 1, 1998, and ending June 30, 1999, to a maximum of \$47,000; and

WHEREAS, the funding level and the contract agreement are subject to adjustment

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based on review and audit of our FY 98 program performance and the availability of federal funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The modification to the agreements for subregional transportation planning for FY 99 between the County of Warren and the NJIT/NJTPA is approved.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby directed to execute said agreements.
3. Costs incurred under contract shall not exceed \$47,000.

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 49-99

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 20, 1999.

RESOLUTION REVISING THROUGH STREET DESIGNATION FOR COUNTY ROUTE #637 AND COUNTY ROUTE #638 IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, based on an investigation by the Warren County Engineer's Office, the following through streets are recommended for approval by the Commissioner of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following described streets or parts of streets are hereby designated as through streets. Stop signs shall be installed on the near side of each street intersecting the through street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution has become effective upon the approval of the Commissioner.

Amendment to the above resolution approved on June 5, 1985, and revised on August 28, 1985; January 25, 1989; June 14, 1989; August 22, 1990; April 25, 1992; May 27, 1992; July 9, 1997; December 23, 1997; and May 27, 1998.

WARREN COUNTY THROUGH STREETS**COUNTY ROUTE #637**

- (a). Between County Route #639 and N.J. Route #173.
- (b). Between N.J. Route #173 and County Route #638.
- (c). The intersection of County Route #637 and County Route #638 is hereby designated as a multi-way Stop intersection. Stop Signs shall be erected on all approaches of the intersection.
- (d). Between County Route #638 and N.J. Route #57 (traffic signal).
- (e). Between N.J. Route #57 and County Route #519.

COUNTY ROUTE #638

- (a). Between U.S. Route 22 and County Route #637.
- (b). The intersection of County Route #637 and County Route #638 is hereby designated as a multi-way Stop intersection. Stop signs shall be erected on all approaches of the intersection.

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s/Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 50-99

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 20, 1999.

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 AFSCME LOCAL 3287 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999.

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and representatives of the Warren County AFSCME Local 3287 have completed contract negotiations and have agreed to terms and conditions of employment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren 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 AFSCME Local 3287 for the period of January 1, 1998, 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 51-99

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 20, 1999.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ISIDORE MIHALAKIS, M.D., AS WARREN COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER AND DEFINING THE OPERATIONS OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren appointed Isidore Mihalakis, M.D., as the Warren county Medical Examiner by Resolution #39-91 dated January 9, 1991 and reappointed him on December 13, 1995; and

WHEREAS, it is the public interest and in the interest of both parties to more clearly describe the duties, functions and compensation of the Medical Examiner, the Medical Examiner's Office and the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that a professional services agreement be entered into with Isidore Mihalakis, M.D.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of said Agreement shall be incorporated herein by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agreement is entered into without competitive bidding as the medical examiner's services are performed by a person authorized by law to

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practice a recognized profession, as more fully described in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a)(i); and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the county shall comply with the notice provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law in respect to the professional services agreement approved and entered into by this Resolution; and

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

1. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement by signing same.
2. 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.
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: no Mrs. Dickey: yes

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the resignation received from Gil Ackerman as a member to the WC Cultural and Heritage Commission effective immediately was accepted with regret and a letter of appreciation is to be sent.

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

RESOLUTION 52-99

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 January 20, 1999.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY WELFARE BOARD.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following member to a five year term to the WC Welfare Board:

George E. Ulmer
 Water Street, Box 21
 Vienna, NJ 07880

Term to expire: December 31, 2003

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 nothing to report.

County Engineer David Hicks was not present.

County Planner David Dech had nothing to report.

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County Administrator Henry Dinger submitted a hiring request which was approved.

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Stone had no comments.

Mr. Lance said he received a letter from the Ag Development Board recommending the appointment of Jake Matthenius to the board. Mrs. Dickey asked Dave Wallace to research the establishment of terms of this board.

Mrs. Dickey said that she attended the Farmer's Fair dinner Saturday night and the Board of Chosen Freeholders was given a plaque for their support and dedication of the Warren County Fair.

Mrs. Dickey also thanked the members of the budget committee who worked very hard on the budget. She also thanked the department heads and the employees for their cooperation during the budget process.

There were no public comments at this time.

There were no press comments or questions.

RESOLUTION 53-99

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 20, 1999.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON JANUARY 20, 1999. 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.

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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 break at 10:17 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 10:30 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 10:51 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, authorization was given to sign the NJPDES (NJ Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit application for the Warren County District Landfill.

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

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:**NAOMI J. STOUT, DEPUTY CLERK**