

**MINUTES**

June 16, 1999

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in its offices in the Administration Building, New Jersey on Wednesday, June 16, 1999 at 8:05 p.m.

The freeholder meeting followed the Warren County Community College Board of School Estimate Public Hearing which met at 7:00 p.m. and ended at 7:45 p.m. A recess followed from 7:45 p.m. to 8:05 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, 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".

At 8:05 p.m., Bob Shoremount, Chairman of EDAC, spoke to the board regarding where the county is on Economic Development. Prior to this, he recognized Buzz Ratzman for all his hard work on the Shad Tournament.

Currently we have unchecked residential growth. The townships have planning activities and EDAC can help the communities and the residents understand the impact of residential development on our taxes and our quality of life. Taxes are high and rising due to the unchecked residential growth. The county needs to take the lead in economic development. Every municipality has asked Warren County to take the lead.

Warren County has a business unfriendly image and we are lacking in infrastructure. We need a sense of cooperation. There is a lack of an economic development plan. If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail. We need to get on track with a vision. Our quality of life is slipping. He asked the board if there are other things that the board would like to see happen in the county.

Mrs. Dickey said that these are all things she agrees with; home rule. Each municipality has the right to decide what they want in their own municipality. Mr. Shoremount said that he thinks EDAC is up to the task.

Mrs. Dickey said that missing from the list is that there is no one to answer the needs of the community, no contact point in Warren County. She suggested that we fill a position with someone who can do this, in the Planning Department where it belongs. This is a step in the right direction. We can do both at the same time. We can work to establish a vision. We already have the surveys that we need. She is making this commitment.

Mr. Lance asked if the point person will be an economic development person and if so, we need to move on this now.

Mr. Shoremount said this is contrary to what they heard before.

Mr. Lance said that this will be a collaborative effort between planning and economic development.

Mrs. Dickey said this is a good place to start; surveys, etc. Mr. Shoremount said we need to focus on the quality of life, business retention, getting new businesses, work opportunities, farmland preservation, maintaining open space, stabilizing the tax base, etc. We have a loan program which is designated to help businesses to stay in the area and to get new ones to come into the area. The agreement says "use it or lose it". The money is available to help businesses to expand, etc. We need to encourage infrastructure in the individual areas.

Mr. Shoremount said we need to work closely with the WC Community College, the chambers and other business groups. They provide a community link. We also need to promote tourism. The volunteers worked very hard on that but there is more to be done. We need to be inviting people to the table. We need to learn how to attract people to the county. This should be worthy of separate department status. It would be more cost effective. The other alternative is to put it under the Planning Department.

Mrs. Stone asked Mr. Dech for his thoughts. Mr. Dech said that last year he said that he would need a person to take on this responsibility, if we can do this under civil service law, he has no objection. But he needs a person to do the job and he will have to discuss clerical staffing with the board.

Mr. Shoremount asked why it can't be a separate department. Mrs. Dickey said because it is planning related. Everything discussed tonight has to involve planning. Mr. Shoremount asked how soon this would be happening. Mrs. Dickey said we have to get names off a civil service list.

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, an Office of Economic Development is to be placed within the Warren County Planning Department, advertise for the position and fill the position immediately.

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

Director Dickey called for a break at 8:47 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:05 p.m.

David Dech, Planning Director, presented the Open Space Task Force Report. He reported that on February 10th, the board created a task force to look at a funding mechanism to handle money from the state. The task force was made up of two representatives from the Board of Recreation Commissioners, the Ag Development Board and the Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee. They contacted other counties to see what

they do and evaluated them. (Mr. Dech handed out replacement pages to correct some errors on the original packet that the board received)

Four of the recommendations made are as follows: 1. to have one land acquisition routing form 2. to share agenda packets, meeting minutes and attend each others meetings 3. joint marketing of programs 4. pursue GIS mapping. Mr. Dech thinks it would be a good idea to continue having task force meetings, possibly on a quarterly basis; formal or informal, this would be up to the board.

Some of the findings of the task force are as follows: The current county dedicated open space tax is insufficient to meet Warren County's needs over the next ten years. The funding needed for the year 2000 to 2010 is about \$43 million (or \$4.4 million per year). Warren County needs a flexible financial plan as the county must be able to respond quickly and should have cash on hand for this purpose. The county needs the ability to structure payments long-term. It will take more than 20 years to preserve the estimated 35,000 acres of viable farmland in the county. To preserve half of the remaining viable farmland, will require a commitment to acquire easements of at least 1500 acres of farmland per year over the next ten years.

Twelve municipalities have approved and are collecting dedicated taxes for open space and farmland preservation. This will amount to approximately \$530,000 annually. Non-profits are involved also; The Nature Conservancy, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, the Ridge and Valley Conservancy and the Phillipsburg Riverview Organization. Both Warren County Farmland Preservation Program and the Open Space Program should take full advantage of the State's Planning incentive grants.

Having additional staff is critical. There will be \$98 million worth of state acquisition money to compete for and a lack of appropriate staffing will put Warren County far behind other counties in securing its rightful share of state acquisition money.

Recommendations made are that a referendum be put on the ballot in November 1999 to increase the current county dedicated tax for the Open Space Farmland Preservation Trust Fund for an additional \$.02 per \$100 of assessed value.

The board should leverage the dedicated tax through borrowing to meet projected program needs. The board should consider appropriating funding from the general purpose tax for farmland preservation.

The current formula for allocating the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund should be modified to offset an imbalance that places the program at a disadvantage. Up to 10% of the annual revenue for 50% of the discretionary allocation could be allocated to maintenance.

Municipal participation should be encouraged but not required at this time. A staffing plan was submitted for Open Space acquisition and maintenance. Management/maintenance activities are needed on existing properties.

The board thanked the task force for all their hard work on this report. Mr. Dech asked if there is any further direction for them and Mrs. Dickey said they will have to digest what they have heard tonight. As far as the ballot question, the deadline to put the question on the

ballot is in August, 60 days before the election.

Under public comments, Gladys Blemmer asked what Reso.E1 is about and Susan said she will read it by title later.

Bob Shandor asked about Reso.E2 and will bring it up later.

Jim Cooper, in reference to EDAC, asked why they don't merge the chambers. We need a county-wide chamber.

Reggie Regrut again questioned the board about Reso.P1 and County Counsel Dave Wallace advised the board not to respond as this matter is in litigation.

**RESOLUTION 419-99**

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held June 16, 1999.

**RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.**

**BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that Master Voucher Certificate For Certification/Ratification for Payment No. 99-18 dated JUNE 16, 1999 in the amount of \$1,055,180.00 including bills and Investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers By the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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\$1,055,180.00

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 420-99**

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held June 16, 1999.

**INSERTION INTO THE 1999 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$54,784 FROM THE STATE OF N.J. DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR AFFAIRS, OFFICE ON AGING AREA PLAN GRANT PROGRAM, FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$506,267.**

**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 1999 in the sum of \$54,784.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Health And Senior Services, Div. of Senior Affairs, Office on Aging Area Plan Grant Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$54,784.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Dept. of Health And Senior Services,  
Div. of Senior Affairs, Area Plan Grant Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey Dept. of Health And Senior Services, Div. of Senior Affairs, 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 421-99**

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held June 16, 1999.

**INSERTION INTO THE 1999 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$23,985.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPT. OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITY FUNDING, FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$50,368.00.**

**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 1999 in the sum of \$23,985.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Health And Senior Services, Public Health Priority Funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$23,985.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Dept. of Health And Senior Services,  
Public Health Priority Funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Health And Senior 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 422-99**

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held June 16, 1999.

**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING ACTION TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1999.**

**WHEREAS**, the duties of transportation of inmates in the Warren County correctional center and juveniles housed at Warren County Sheriff's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been conveyed to Board of Chosen Freeholders by Sheriff Don Kelley by memo and at the freeholder meeting of June 9, 1999, that his office will no longer be responsible for these duties;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that at the freeholder meeting of June 9, 1999, action was taken to transfer the responsibility for the transportation of prisoners, both adult and juveniles, with the exception of the statutory requirements for the transportation of county held prisoners to state facilities which will continue to be performed by the Sheriff; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that effective immediately, the transport will be performed by the Warren County Correctional Center accordingly, and the Correctional Center will perform this transport utilizing correction officers on an overtime basis for an indefinite period of time; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an amendment to the adopted county budget will be made at a later date and five (5) additional fulltime correction officers will be authorized in the Table of Organization for the Correctional Center and the Acting Warden will strive to hire the fulltime correction officers at the soonest possible time; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that four (4) vehicles currently assigned to the Sheriff's Office; one (1) 1997 Crown Victoria sedan, one (1) 1998 Crown Victoria sedan, a 1990 Dodge Van and a 1997 Ford Van are to be reassigned from the Sheriff's Office to the Correctional Center effective immediately; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that it is foreseen that in November 1999, reductions in the Sheriff's Salary and Wage appropriation line will be taken in order to accommodate the

increase in the Salary and wage line at the Correctional Center and the Sheriff shall be put on notice to plan accordingly for the layoffs which will continue into the out year budgets; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that effective immediately, with the exception of necessary labor negotiation matters, David A. Wallace's provision of legal services to the Sheriff's Office are withdrawn so that he can represent the Board of Chosen Freeholders solely and without potential for conflict and a line item of \$5,000.00 is to be established in the Sheriff's Operating Budget for legal services other than labor negotiations which the Sheriff may require from time to time.

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 read the motion made at the June 9th meeting and memorialized in the above Reso.#E1.

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

### **RESOLUTION 423-99**

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held June 16, 1999.

#### **RESOLUTION GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS ON SIX (6) WARREN COUNTY FARMS AND PROVIDING COUNTY FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE STATE'S SHARE OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PURCHASE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that the property known as the Csiszlak farm located in the Borough of Alpha, Block 97, Lot 6.2 and Block 97.01, Lot 6 and in Pohatcong Township, Block 98, Lots 11 and 21.01; the property known as the Frey's Living Trust located in Pohatcong Township, Block 96, Lot 8; the property known as the Teel farm located in Blairstown Township, Block 803, Lots 5 and 5Q, Block 902, Lot 1, and Block 802, Lot 10; the property known as the Vegh t/a Vegh Bros. Farm located in Harmony Township, Block 37, Lot 14; the property known as the Yentema farm located in Mansfield Township, Block 1403, Lots 2 and 22; and the property known as the Young farm located in Frelinghuysen Township, Block 1101, Lot 12, all have been granted preliminary approval for the purchase of development rights by the State Agriculture Development Committee based on its formula index established at the April 23, 1999 meeting, as revised; and

**WHEREAS**, all six (6) farms have ranked well enough to be considered for the purchase of development easements through the state's program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Agricultural Development Board has reviewed and approved the six (6) farms for the purpose of development easements; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of the development easements on the six (6) farms will encourage the survivability of productive agriculture in Warren County;

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

1. The Board hereby grants preliminary permission for the purchase of the

development easements on the above-described farms, subject to the provision that funds in an amount equal to the state's share of the cost associated with these purchases are available and shall be presented at the closing of the purchase of said easements.

2. The County's share in regard to the purchase of said easements shall be no greater than the following percentages, not including ancillary expenses associated with the purchases:

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| Csiszlak            | - | 32.69% |
| Frey's Living Trust | - | 32%    |
| Teel                | - | 26.67% |
| Vegh t/a Vegh Bros. | - | 27.5%  |
| Yentema             | - | 27.88% |
| Young               | - | 28.57% |

3. This resolution is contingent upon the availability of county funds.

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 asked if we have funding for E2 and Mr. Houck said yes and no. We have \$1.2 million and how it is spent is up to the board.

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

**RESOLUTION 424-99**

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held June 16, 1999.

**RESOLUTION CREATING FIVE (5) FULLTIME POSITIONS OF CORRECTION OFFICER, CLASSIFIED, IN THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that five (5) positions of full-time Correction Officer, Classified, be created within the Warren County Correctional Center for purposes of efficiency and effectiveness of operations and for staffing of the prisoner transportation responsibility as outlined at the freeholder meeting of June 9, 1999; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the five (5) newly created positions of full-time correction officer shall take effect June 17, 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

County Counsel David Wallace gave a status report on prisoner transport and custody matters. Assignment Judge Stanton of Morris County, Dave Wallace, and Atty. Montefusco, representing Sheriff Kelley, spoke by telephone and a court order was issued for Sheriff Kelley, until further notice, to provide custody of the prisoners while they are in the court house.

County Administrator Steve Marvin received a request from the Shade Tree Commission to speak to the board regarding developing a pruning schedule and policy similar to the one used by Morris County. Mr. Marvin will advise the commission to draft up a policy

for Warren County and submit it to the board for their consideration.

The hiring request was approved.

A letter was received from Assignment Judge Guterl in which he asks the county to consider moving on matters to accommodate the fourth judge.

A request was made by Terry Lee and Al Ruh for use of the four newly vacated parking spaces at the court house. The request was approved.

Lt. Benson sent an update on transportation issues and hospital duty.

Mr. Marvin would like to write to the Sheriff and advise him of the reduction in his budget in November so that he has ample time to go through the civil service process for lay-offs.

Mr. Marvin suggested that for planning purposes, when we set the schedule of meetings at the reorganizational meeting, we consider not having a workshop meeting in June in order that county personnel can attend the NJAC conference.

Mr. Marvin advised the board that he will be taking a vacation day on Monday, June 21st and August 14th - 22nd.

**RESOLUTION 425-99**

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held June 16, 1999.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING BYRON M. FOSTER TO THE POSITION OF WARDEN, UNCLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:8-20, Byron M. Foster is hereby appointed to the position of Warden, unclassified, within the Warren County Correctional Center; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the term of appointment shall be for five years effective July 15, 1999 through July 14, 2004, and established on Grade 18 at an annual salary of \$72,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in recognition of his 22 years of employment with Warren County prior to transfer to the State or New Jersey Superior Court on January 1, 1995 under the Judicial Unification Act, Mr. Foster' accrued sick and vacation leave days, as certified to Warren County by the Superior Court at the conclusion of his employment with them, will transfer into his appointment as Warden and that future benefit schedules shall denote 26 years of employment service time for calculation purposes.

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 426-99**

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

16, 1999.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES F. DURBOROW, P.E., TO THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, UNCLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-32, James F. Durborow, P.E. is hereby appointed to the position of Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, unclassified, within the Warren County Buildings and Grounds Department;

and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the term of appointment shall be for five years effective July 6, 1999, through July 5, 2004, and established on Grade 17 at an annual salary of \$64,935.00.

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: no Mrs. Dickey: yes

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Stone had nothing to report.

Mr. Lance asked Mr. Wallace when he expects to have a report on the residency requirement matter and Mr. Wallace said probably towards the end of the month.

Mrs. Dickey had no comments.

Under public comments, Bob Shandor clarified his position on farmland preservation as stated in the paper. His priority has always been for farmland preservation.

Reggie Regrut spoke again about Reso. P1 and said the reason he asks for information is that he thinks a law has been broken.

There were no press comments or questions.

**RESOLUTION 427-99**

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held June 16, 1999.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON JUNE 16, 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, R.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

Director Dickey called for a fifteen minute break at 11:05 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 11:15 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 11:45 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

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 11:45 p.m.

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

**ATTESTED TO:**

**NAOMI J. STOUT, DEPUTY CLERK**