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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in its offices in the Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on Wednesday, September 8, 1999 at 9:44 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 Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held August 25, 1999 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held Wednesday, August 25, 1999 were approved as presented.

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

At 9:45 a.m., Bob Girard and Tim McDonough, representatives of the PMK Group gave a brief presentation on Electric Deregulation/Aggregation.

PMK has a home base in New Jersey and employs 135 people. They provide services to Monmouth, Ocean, Middlesex, Union and Hunterdon Counties and a number of municipalities also. They are also working with some health care groups. New Jersey is now paying 10.6 cents per kilowatt hour while in the south, they are paying half of that rate. We are paying twice as much as everyone else.

The rate reduction as of August 1st is 5% and up to 10% over the next three

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years. To get additional savings, with aggregated services, we can realize 3 - 8% in additional savings. Government aggregation is required to use an RFP. The services which could be provided by PMK are: analysis of energy data, production of facility reports and they would conduct an assessment. Then they would identify the pool of users, issue an RFP, review, and education of aggregate members, coordinate with NJ BPU and provide ongoing assistance. The group should consist of all county facilities, Warren County Community College, Warren County Technical School and could also consist of county municipalities, utility authorities and county businesses.

Mr. Lance asked what would be the length of the contract term with the third party supplier and Mr. Girard said it is usually a one year contract. Mr. Lance asked if it is a fixed price per kilowatt hour and Mr. Girard said yes.

Mrs. Dickey asked if we include residents and businesses, how do they get the analysis. Mr. Girard said they would petition businesses through the educational forums. Their fee comes from the third party supplier. It is not based on a percentage of savings basis but a percentage of the total kilowatt hours.

The PMK Group left at 10:20 a.m.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

RESOLUTION

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 September 8, 1999.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate
For Certification/Ratification for Payment No. 99-27 a dated SEPTEMBER 8, 1999
In the amount of \$714,623.39 including bills and
Investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers
By the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

99-27a	685,344.39
RETRO CO'S 9/2	29,279.00
TOTAL	714,623.39

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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 573-99

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 September 8, 1999.

**INSERTION INTO THE 1999 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,272.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, DEPT. OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE, FOR THE VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the Adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 1999 in the sum of \$10,272.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Law & Public Safety, Div. Of Criminal Justice, for the Victim Witness Advocacy Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$10,272.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

**State of New Jersey, Dept. of Law & Public Safety, Div. Of Criminal Justice, for the
Victim Witness Advocacy Program.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Dept. Law & Public Safety, and that two (2) certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services.

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

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 574-99

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 September 8, 1999.

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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR
TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF
BLOCK 46, LOT 11; BLOCK 33, LOT 1, HARMONY TOWNSHIP
AND BLOCK 2, LOTS 2 & 28; BLOCK 1, LOT 2, LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP.**

WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in purchasing property along the Morris Canal; and

WHEREAS, a contract has been executed by Lawyer Title Insurance Company for Merrill Creek Owners Group, as owners of Block 46, Lot 11; Block 33, Lot 1, Harmony Township and Block 2, Lots 2 & 28; Block 1, Lot 2, Lopatcong Township; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account #00102080016.200 and 0010280064.200 (Morris Canal Acquisition OE) and #013-02150.004 (Open Space Tax Discretionary Applic.) and certified by the Chief Financial Officer;

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

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 575-99

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 September 8, 1999.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR RECORDS SEARCH SERVICES
PROVIDED BY THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Health Department provides environmental and public health services to the public at substantial cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, the services include responding to requests by various parties for Warren County Health Department file information concerning activities at sites in Warren County ; and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the cost of conducting such records search services should be borne by the users of the services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that the following fees shall be charged for records search services provided by the Warren County Health Department:

RECORDS SEARCH FEE

First Half Hour

No Charge

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Each Succeeding Hour or Part Thereof \$25.00

COPING FEE

1st to 10th page
11th to 20th page
Over 20 pages

Included in Records Search Fee
\$.50 per page
\$.25 per page; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 576-99

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 September 8, 1999.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC99105P TO
HOUGHTON-QUARTY-WARR, ARCHITECTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
FOR THE WARREN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,500.00.**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Architectural Services for the Fire Academy Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, Houghton-Quarty-Warr, Architects of Newton, New Jersey submitted a responsible and responsive proposal in the amount of \$10,500.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in Account 008.002500.090 and certified by the County Chief financial Officer;

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Houghton-Quarty-Warr Architects for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$10,500.00, currently on file in the Office of the County Engineer, be made a part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren .

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- 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 (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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 577-99

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 September 8, 1999.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC9967A FOR TWO 2000 INTERNATIONAL MODEL 4900 4X2 DIESEL ENGINE DUMP TRUCKS WITH GLEDHILL SNOWPLOWS AND SWENSEN SPREADERS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO OPDYKE'S SALES & SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,578.00 EACH AND A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$149,156.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC9967A for two 2000 International model 4900 4x2 diesel engine dump trucks with two Gledhill #11MR-RH Jetstream snow plows and two Swendsen SA tailgate spreaders for the Warren County Road Department is hereby awarded

To..... Opdyke's Sales & Service, Washington, New Jersey

In the total amount of \$149,156.00

As per their bid submitted.....August 30, 1999

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

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 008-

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02500.1999.067 – 99 Capital – Roads Dump Trucks (2) w/Plow Sanders

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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 578-99

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 September 8, 1999.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO PENN JERSEY PAPER COMPANY, UNDER THE HEALTH CARE GROUP PURCHASING, INC. CONTRACT #129C AS ALLOWED BY N.J.S.A.30:9-87 FOR LINENS FOR WARREN HAVEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,303.50.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for linens for Warren Haven

To.....Penn Jersey Paper company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In the total amount of \$29,303.50

At the prices established under the Health Care Group Purchasing, Inc., contract #129C

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account A01-06-01501.06.139 – Warren Haven Laundry-Linens

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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 579-99

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 September 8, 1999.

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RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC9853P FOR INMATE TELEPHONE SERVICES AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER TO INMATE TELEPHONE INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2000 FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF FIVE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(8) AT A COMMISSION RATE OF 31%.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County contract WC9853P for inmate telephone services for the Warren County Correctional Center is hereby extended for the second year of a five year contract, for the period of September 1, 1999 through August 31, 2000

To.....Inmate Telephone Inc., Altoona, Pennsylvania

Who will pay a commission to Warren County at the rate of 31%

As per their bid submitted.....August 3, 1998

No county funds are required for this 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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 580-99

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 September 8, 1999.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC9861R WITH DENTRUST DENTAL FOR DENTAL SERVICES AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2000 FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(29) IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$25,500.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County contract WC9861R for dental services for the Warren County Correctional Center is hereby extended for the second year of a three year contract, for the period of September 1, 1999 through August 31, 2000

To..... Dentrust Dental, Richboro, Pennsylvania

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In the total amount of \$25,500.00

As per their agreement submitted August 12, 1998

Funding is provided in budget account A01-05-01101.00.141 - Jail - Dental 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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 581-99

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 September 8, 1999.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL AND CHARITABLE CONSERVANCY TRUST FUND COMMITTEE.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following member be appointed to the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee:

REGION 3: Town of Belvidere (to fill unexpired term of John Leonardis)

Elizabeth Merring
833 Lopatcong Street
Belvidere, New Jersey 07823

Term: 9/9/99 - 3/25/01

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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 582-99

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 8, 1999.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEARCH COMMITTEE.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following member is hereby appointed as a member to the Warren County Community College Board of Trustees Search Committee effective August 25, 1999:

Philip H. Morse
P.O. Box #148
3 Walter Terrace
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Term to expire: 12/31/99

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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, a resolution is to be prepared for the next freeholder meeting for the appointment of Christine Parauda, Blairstown, NJ as a Consumer/Advocate Representative on HSAC.

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

County Counsel David Wallace asked for the board's permission to send Asst. County Counsel Ted DelGuercio to the October 22nd freeholder meeting in order that Dave can attend the School Board of Education convention in Atlantic City. The freeholders will think about this and advise him at the next meeting.

Mr. Wallace had some items for executive session.

County Engineer David Hicks had nothing to report.

County Planner David Dech said there is a bill pending in the House designating portions of the Delaware River as a Wild, Scenic or Recreational River. The planning board recommends that the freeholders support this bill. The portion of the river to be designated is from the southern border of Belvidere to the northern border of Easton. Some of the benefits are that designation provides additional avenues for grant funding when they become available. It can also prevent damming of the river in the future. If the board agrees, he will prepare a resolution for the next meeting. The board authorized him to do this.

Mr. Dech also provided the board with drafts of the Solid Waste Management Plan and asked the board to set a public hearing, at the earliest October 15th. Mrs. Dickey said we can not set a public hearing date until the plan is reviewed by the board. Mrs. Stone

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said that this needs to be done. She said that Mr. Dech's request is reasonable, we should put this on the agenda.

Mr. Lance said that he would like to review this before setting a date. It seems that sometime in October or November would be reasonable. Mrs. Stone said that this needs to be done at a work session to allow people to attend and comment. Mrs. Dickey said she will give Mr. Dech an answer next week.

CFO Pete Houck had no report.

At 10:30 a.m., Mr. Marvin introduced the new Assignment Judge, Judge Guterl to the board. He was accompanied by Gene Farkas and Sue Regan.

Judge Guterl said he has just completed a tour of the court house and his first recommendation is for the board to tour the court house and he is sure they will agree that the situation is critical. The conditions there are not suitable working conditions; the space is being overutilized. There are 75 people in their portion of the court house and they are stacked three in a room, a very small room.

At any given time, you can go through the halls and see many juveniles, many of whom are in distress, lining the halls and crowded into small offices for interviews. People are working in high tension conditions for which there is no immediate solution. The most important thing is to work towards a new court house; new location, cost, design, etc. Location is the beginning. He suggests we get a group together to make some decisions for a site. We can use existing land or look for new land. Since the state took over the courts, there have been problems. The public does not see the court house as a state facility. The court house is the building that is the most reflective of the county and is the most important building that we have. The state is out of the picture now so the county must make a move.

Mrs. Dickey said that the freeholder board recognizes the problem and would like to get a grip on how do we make the change in an economically viable way for the county.

Mr. Lance asked what offices have to remain in the court house. Mr. Marvin said County Clerk, Surrogate and probably Prosecutor have to stay in the county seat. Mr. Lance asked if we could move people out to make more room and Mr. Marvin said no. There is no way we can renovate the building for further court use. There is no place to move anybody. Mrs. Stone asked if we have to be in Belvidere and Susan said that we have to be in the county seat which is Belvidere.

Judge Guterl said that the first phase is where can we put the courts? We need to get a committee together to research this situation. Mrs. Stone said that we recently

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purchased 20 acres right next door.

Mr. Marvin said we need to look for legislative action for a justice complex in White Township.

Judge Guterl said that there is a degree of separation in Warren County even though we are all in the same business. We need to try to change that situation as we are all here to serve the taxpayers. We now have four judges but we will probably need five very soon.

Mrs. Dickey said that we will work on getting a group together to study this; Steve Marvin, Dave Hicks, Pete Houck and Sue Regan would be logical to work on this committee. Mr. Marvin will put a meeting together and the Judge mentioned that he would like to participate. This situation is the #1 priority in this county.

Mr. Marvin asked if the Judge foresees any financial assistance from the state and Judge Guterl said that the courts' position is that they didn't bargain for this. Mr. Marvin asked about the furnishings and Gene Farkas said that counsel would have to research that.

The Judge said that there are problems that can be addressed now and we should try to address some of them now. One problem is that in the big courtroom, you have to turn off the air conditioning during a trial in order to hear the participants. He will make a list of problems that perhaps we can address now. Once a site is selected, he knows the financial issues will have to be dealt with. Mrs. Stone thanked the Judge, Gene and Sue for coming and opening the door for us to work together.

The regular agenda resumed at 10:55 a.m.

County Administrator Steve Marvin submitted one hiring request and it was approved.

Regarding the budget planning for the year 2000, Mr. Marvin needs to discuss the board's marching orders. They should be thinking about what direction they want to go. He anticipates that the package will be going out at the end of this month.

Terry Lee has submitted a request for a Clerk/Typist position in his office and based on his support papers, it is justified and we will prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

The report on the adjustment of AFSCME salary ranges for two positions at Warren Haven were just for the board's information and no action is required.

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A letter has been received from Connie Myers announcing a public hearing in Washington Borough on September 16th at 1:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building regarding Assy. Bill #3293. Mrs. Dickey asked Mr. Marvin to put some testimony together stating our position.

A letter has been received from PRMUA stating that Jim Hausmann has resigned and the board will need to come up with a replacement from White Township. The term ends February 1, 2001.

Regarding installment purchasing of farmland, Susan will try to get someone to come in for a presentation on September 15th.

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Stone received information on A2849 regarding a public library construction grant. She asked if the county would be applying for this grant, she hopes we do. Mr. Marvin said that Tom Carney should file for this application, it is a three to one match.

Mrs. Stone said that the veteran's are giving a four volume set of books to the library regarding submarine history. They are requesting that the freeholders attend the presentation.

Mrs. Stone spoke about the policy of putting resolutions on the agenda. She would like everyone to stick to the policy. A resolution that was done on August 25th did not adhere to our policy.

Mr. Lance hopes that more municipalities want to get involved in cooperative purchasing. Chris Pessolano, Purchasing Director, said he has heard from one municipality, PRMUA, WC Community College and Votech so far on participating in energy aggregation.

Mrs. Dickey asked about the computers in the auction and whether or not they work. Chris said he doesn't know which ones work. Susan said she doesn't want the seniors to get shorted.

Mrs. Dickey also said that Cultural and Heritage has announced that there is a genealogical collection housed in Shippen Manor and it is one of the few in the state.

Susan asked Dave Wallace if he has received a response from Sheriff Kelley regarding the residency requirement. Dave said he wrote to the Sheriff on July 14th but has received no response to date.

Susan asked where we should go on this and Steve Lance said we can't do anything without the Sheriff's input.

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Under closing public comments, Chris Pessolano reminded everyone about the county auction this Saturday, September 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the Road Department garage. There will be a preview on Friday, September 10th from 9:00 - 3:00 and from 9:00 - 10:00 on Saturday. The terms are cash only.

Under press comments and questions, Art Charlton asked if there has been a change in putting resolutions on the agenda and was told no. Susan said she hand-carried a resolution in to a meeting and introduced it under freeholder comments. She was not sure until then whether the people involved were willing to accept the positions. Art asked why she didn't follow the regular procedure and Susan said that she felt it was important to introduce it at that time.

Bob Ford said that Russ Miles put together a facilities study years ago and asked if anything is going to change. Susan said that it has become clear that renovation is not an option. Renovation would not be cost effective. We have to look at construction, the land is available. He asked if we will be putting money in the year 2000 budget and Susan said no, not yet.

Art asked about furnishings for the new courthouse and Susan said that when the state took over, they appropriated everything that was there. Mr. Marvin said that this issue is subject of further negotiations.

Mrs. Dickey said she thinks the courthouse is not the type of facility that can be renovated for present and future needs.

Mr. Lance said that we will have to probably build a new facility, however, \$21 million is way too much to spend.

Art asked if we have looked at possibilities in Belvidere and Mr. Lance said yes. Mrs. Stone said we have been talking about this for a very long time. We need to take action. We have to look at all the options. This has to be addressed. Art asked what the old courthouse could be used for and Mr. Marvin said that we would probably move other county offices back to Belvidere.

RESOLUTION 583-99

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 September 8, 1999.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1999. THE GENERAL NATURE OF

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THE SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDES VARIOUS PERSONNEL MATTERS; CONTRACTS; LITIGATION; LAND ACQUISITION; ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS; PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROPERTY; AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ABOVE STATED SUBJECT MATTER WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AT SUCH TIME AS THE PUBLIC INTEREST PERMITS DISCLOSURE AND/OR WHEN A REQUEST IS MADE CONSISTENT WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND WITH STATUTORY AND COMMON LAW "RIGHT TO KNOW" PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances: and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey, pursuant to Section 8 of said act, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is:
 1. Various personnel matters.
 2. Contracts.
 3. Litigation.
 4. Land acquisition.
 5. Attorney/client privileged communications.
 6. Public safety and property.
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 11:25 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 12:01 p.m.

The board came back into open session at 1:05 p.m.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, and there being no further

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official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

NAOMI J. STOUT, DEPUTY CLERK