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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 15, 1999 at 7:06 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".

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held September 1, 1999 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the executive session minutes of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held September 1, 1999 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT-EAGLE COURT OF HONOR - PETER SNEDEKER.**

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

At 7:10 p.m., Ann Thomas, Director of the WC Fair Association spoke to the board requesting any help the county can give them to erect a bridge in the horse program area. Ann Stone suggested that Dave Hicks look into this and Mr. Hicks said it would have to be approved by DEP and would be very expensive. Mrs. Dickey and Mr. Lance asked Mr. Hicks to get an estimate.

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At 7:15 p.m., Randy Solomon of New Jersey Future spoke to the board about goals and indicators for New Jersey's quality of life.

New Jersey Future is a non-profit, non-partisan agency based in Trenton that promotes sustainable development. This is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Their background started with the Netherlands Cabinet Trip in 1994 which was a study of the Netherlands Green Plan. Following that were State Conferences in 1995 and 1997, an Executive Order in 1997, an Open Space Referendum in 1998 and the release of goals and indicators on May 20th of this year.

The executive order stated that all state departments and agencies pursue policies which comport with the 11 Sustainable State Goals, collaborate in the exchange of information among agencies and establish mechanisms to facilitate achievement of these goals. Then a report is to be made to the Governor on June 1, 2000 and every year after, on their progress.

The next steps are to create targets or "benchmarks", continue State Agency implementation, update and improve indicators, nest with local partners and hold an education and marketing campaign.

The local partner's initiative is to nest the state goals and indicators with those of local government and communities. Mrs. Dickey asked which counties are involved with this and Mr. Solomon said that Passaic, Somerset and Hunterdon so far.

He pointed out that the county would have to focus on all aspects of life in the county to come up with a viable plan and to achieve their goals. Mrs. Dickey asked about the time frame and Mr. Solomon said it takes about 1 - 1-1/2 years. Mrs. Dickey also asked if there would be any state money for this and Mr. Solomon said he doesn't know about later but there is none right now. Mrs. Dickey asked what we would need if we decided to do this and Mr. Solomon said a room and some staff time.

Mr. Lance said he is in favor as it is very impressive, but on a smaller scale. Mrs. Dickey asked if we are interested, what should we do to get started. Mr. Solomon said we need to assign a point person and just do it. We would hold a meeting, develop a project plan and they would answer questions and give advice. Mrs. Stone asked about the cost and he said it is free, it would be paid for by someone else.

The presentation ended at 8:00 p.m.

Under public comments on agenda items, Tim Dillingham asked that a copy of

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Reso.#E1 be mailed to him.

RESOLUTION 584-99

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 15, 1999.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate For Certification/Ratification for Payment No. 99-28 dated SEPTEMBER 15, 1999 in the amount of \$1,458,398.37 including bills and Investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers By the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

99-28	434,774.68
PAYROLL 9/9	1,023,623.69
TOTAL	1,458,398.37

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 585-99

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 15, 1999.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HIGHLANDS AS AN AREA OF CRITICAL CONCERN AND AN AREA OF REGIONAL IMPORTANCE.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Highlands is a region of forested ridges, sparkling lakes, rivers and streams and home to black bear, otter, bobcat, and native trout encompassing more than 1,000 square miles which provide a critical flyway and nesting ground of hemispheric significance to nearly 100 species of neotropical migrant songbirds; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Highlands has a population of some 700,000 inhabitants and consists of 87 municipalities and 7 counties with Warren County having the second largest land area at 143,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of 5 Highlands counties and 35 Highlands municipalities have expressed support for natural resource preservation in the Highlands through the establishment of open space taxes; and

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WHEREAS, the 60,000 Warren County acres of the 136,700 acres of farmland in the Highlands provide economic as well as scenic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the aquifer systems in the Highlands designated as "Sole Source Aquifers" under the federal Safe Drinking Act, are defined as "those that constitute the sole or principle source of drinking water for the residents of that area" which represents 92% of the 665,000 (1985 figure) Highlands residents, and the surface water of Highlands streams and reservoirs supplies drinking water to 3.7 million residents of 11 counties of northern and central New Jersey, most of whom live outside the region; and

WHEREAS, the quality of both surface and groundwater is threatened by pollution that will increase as the region experiences rising urban/suburban development and the New Jersey 1998 State Water Quality Inventory Report notes the availability of supplies of groundwater in many portions of the Highlands are viewed as very limited, and recognizes this potential for contamination and shortage in light of increased development pressures; and

WHEREAS, the region has an extensive inventory of historic buildings, sites and districts from the 18th and 19th centuries which historical and cultural resources offer significant tourism opportunities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren recognizes the New Jersey Highlands as an environmentally unique and economically important region that provides clean drinking water to more than 3.8 million New Jersey and New York residents; includes more than 500,000 acres of critical wildlife habitats and as a vital recreation resource of almost 148,000 acres of public open space hosting over 8 million visits a year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Warren supports and urges the protection of the critical resources of the Highlands region by citizens, non-profit organizations and government at every level through the proactive acquisition of farmland and open spaces, the implementation of appropriate local planning measures that preserve landowner equity and maintain local land use control and through the use of public education programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Governor Christine Todd Whitman, Congresswoman Marge Roukema, Senator William Schluter, Assemblyman Leonard Lance, Assemblywoman Connie Myers, Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, Assembly Speaker Jack Collins, NJDEP Commissioner Robert Shinn, Warren County Environmental Commission, the 86 Highland municipalities, and 6 Highland Counties, Sally Dudley, Executive Director ANJEC, THE Conservation Foundation, the Sierra Club and the New Jersey Environmental Foundation.

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

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RESOLUTION 586-99

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 15, 1999.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR
CONTRACT #WC99104P FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR
THE RESURFACING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #604,
WATERLOO ROAD ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract documents for Contract #WC9910P for Engineering Services for the Resurfacing and Reconstruction of County Route #604, Waterloo Road, Allamuchy Township are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Engineer is hereby directed to solicit a proposal from a qualified firm for the above project.

TENATIVE SCHEDULE**PROPOSAL DATE - October 19, 1999****AWARD DATE - October 27, 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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 587-99

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 15, 1999.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO COMPAQ COMPUTER CORPORATION, FOR COMPUTER HARDWARE, INCLUDING SERVER AND DATA EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS, UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A81249 COVERING COMPUTERS AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES NETWORKING IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$38,849.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for computer hardware and associated products for the Warren County Administrative Offices

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To..... Compaq Computer Corp., Houston, Texas

In the amount of \$38,849.00

At the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A81249

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 008-02500.1998.008 – 98 Capital Automated Software

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 588-99

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 15, 1999.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC99107P TO CSR ASSOCIATES, PA
FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE CONCEPTUAL STUDIES
FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE OLD WELFARE HOUSE,
MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00.**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Architectural Services for the Conceptual Studies for the Renovation of the old Welfare House, Mansfield Township; 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 inn 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 589-99

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 15, 1999.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following to the WC HSAC effective September 16, 1999 with no membership term:

Christine Parauda
Blair Academy
Box #600
Blairstown, NJ 07825
(Consumer/Advocate Representative)

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 590-99

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 15, 1999.

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**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL TIME POSITION OF CLERK TYPIST,
CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK.**

WHEREAS, a request is submitted by the County Clerk for a full time position of Clerk Typist, Classified, to handle technical filing of documents and recorded deeds within the county clerks office to insure the accuracy and effectiveness of operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the full time position of Clerk Typist, Classified, be created and be established on AFSCME grade 02 and be made effective September 16, 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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 591-99

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 15, 1999.

**A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR DENNIS FARE,
DIRECTOR OF JUVENILE DETENTION AND PAT RIVOLI,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that salary adjustments be made in the interest of Dennis Fare, Director of Juvenile Detention and Pat Rivoli, Director of Public Safety for the purpose of maintaining consistent application of the salary structured employed for all appointed, elected, and confidential employees: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these salary adjustments listed below be made effective September 16, 1999

Dennis Fare, Director of Juvenile Detention Current Salary \$44,622.00 to \$59,673.00

Pat Rivoli, Director of Public Safety..... Current Salary \$54,031.00 to \$61,460.00

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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

County Counsel David Wallace had items for executive session only.

County Engineer David Hicks had no report.

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County Planner David Dech advised the board that there will be a dedication ceremony on September 29th at 2:00 p.m. in Lopatcong at the Consumer's Water property. He invited the board to attend and perhaps say a few words.

He also reminded the board about the Ag Development Board meeting at the Pequest Fish Hatchery on September 28th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the topic being a new planning incentive for a grant program.

Mr. Dech also asked the board if they had decided on a date and time for the public hearing on the Solid Waste Management Plan and Mrs. Dickey told him Wednesday, October 27th at 7:15 p.m.

County Administrator Steve Marvin asked the board if they have any corrections to the draft letter he prepared as testimony for tomorrow's meeting of the Assembly Solid and Hazardous Waste Committee in Washington Borough. Mrs. Stone asked that we include SWAC's recommendations along with ours. Mr. Marvin will incorporate this in our letter and deliver the testimony tomorrow.

As Hurricane Floyd continues to develop, Pat Rivoli and Gary Wassel will continue to send us updates and will be staying at the center tonight, all day tomorrow and tomorrow night.

A reminder to the board about the open seat on PRMUA and two seats up for reappointment on the VoTech Board as of October 31st. Mr. Mancuso will probably send a letter and we need to find out if the two individuals wish to be reappointed. (Mr. Hammell and Mr. Shotwell)

We received a letter from PCFA, Dinah Rush is requesting assistance from the Road Department next Tuesday for the annual river clean-up. She is requesting a truck, a driver and a laborer. We have done this in the past and Mrs. Stone and Mr. Lance agreed to this.

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Stone had nothing other than the public hearing.

Mr. Lance had no comments.

Mrs. Dickey spoke about the Musconetcong Advisory Committee and their report on the Wild and Scenic River Study. The second phase is coming up next and the report is available at the libraries. This is a very important issue and requires our support and recognition of one of the finest trout rivers in New Jersey.

There were no public comments.

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Under press comments and questions, Tom Zanki of the Express Times asked if the board supports A3293 and Susan said that the board supports the bill but we have asked that they add Warren County to the bill.

RESOLUTION 592-99

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 15, 1999.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1999. THE GENERAL NATURE OF 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.

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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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

Director Dickey called for a break at 8:20 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 8:35 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 9:12 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, authorization was given to County Counsel David Wallace to follow the voluntary recognition procedures under the PERC rules regarding the Correction Superiors designated to be represented by the FOP.

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

It was decided that if we get no feedback on items for the next travelling meeting in Mansfield, we cancel that meeting.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

NAOMI J. STOUT, DEPUTY CLERK