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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 22, 1999 at 7:04 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 Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held September 8, 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 September 8, 1999 were approved as presented.  
ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes

**PROCLAMATION 593-99**

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 22, 1999.

**PROCLAMATION  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH  
OCTOBER 1999.**

**WHEREAS**, in Warren County , over 542 women were victims of domestic violence in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, we in Warren County are committed to restoring our first civil right - - - the right to freedom from fear in our own homes; and

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**WHEREAS**, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial and social barriers; and

**WHEREAS**, in our quest to impose sanctions on those who break the law by perpetrating violence, we must also meet the needs of battered women and their children who often suffer grave financial, physical and psychological losses; and

**WHEREAS**, impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, affecting society as a whole; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby proclaim the month of October 1999 as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and urges all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by the Domestic Abuse and Rape Crisis Center (D.A.R.C.C.) to work toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women.

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Susan A. Dickey, Director  
Board of Chosen Freeholders

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

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

There were no public comments on agenda items.

**RESOLUTION 594-99**

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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.**

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate  
For Certification/Ratification for Payment No. 99-29 dated SEPTEMBER 22, 1999  
In the amount of \$1,486,011.45 including bills and  
Investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers  
By the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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\$1,486,011.45

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.

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

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**RESOLUTION 595-99**

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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD  
TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE  
OF HIGHWAY SAFETY FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
IN COOPERATION WITH THE SUSSEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,898 FEDERAL MONEY.  
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE GRANT IS \$99,898 FOR THE PERIOD OF  
OCTOBER 1, 1999 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2000.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Office of Highway Safety for the Warren County Prosecutor's Office in cooperation with the Sussex County Prosecutor's Office in the amount of \$99,898.00 in federal money for the period of October 1, 1999 through October 31, 2000.

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 596-99**

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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET MODIFICATION (#2)  
TO THE CY'1999 CASINO REVENUE GRANT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN NJ TRANSIT CORPORATION AND THE  
COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE INCLUSION OF \$12,596.20  
IN PRIOR YEAR CARRYOVER FUNDS;  
CONTRACT CEILING TO INCREASE TO \$448,950.15.**

**WHEREAS**, on August 25, 1999, the Board of Chosen Freeholders approved a budget modification (#1) to the CY'1999 Casino Revenue grant agreement with NJ Transit Corporation for an additional \$49,342.95; and

**WHEREAS**, NJ Transit Corporation has subsequently made available to Warren County an additional \$12,596.20 from 1998 Casino Revenue Grant carryover funding to be used for both operating and administrative costs; and

**WHEREAS**, a budget Modification (#2) for the Calendar Year 1999 Casino Revenue Grant Agreement has been developed between the county and NJ Transit for these carryover funds; increasing the current grant to \$448,950.15.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Director of the Warren County Board of

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Chosen Freeholders is authorized to execute the budget modification (#2) to the 1999 Casino Revenue Grant between the county and NJ Transit for inclusion of an additional \$12,596.20; contract ceiling to increase \$448,950.15.

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 597-99**

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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO ESTABLISH A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM AND TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS. RESOLUTION #WC99112R.**

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish and enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Warren, in the State of New Jersey, is desirous of establishing and entering into said agreement; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Warren has agreed to serve as the Lead Agency for a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with local government units within the County of Warren and adjoining counties who may desire to become "Participating Contracting Units".**

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

1. The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren authorizes the creation of a Cooperative Pricing System to be known as the WARREN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM with the County of Warren serving as the Lead Agency.
2. The Freeholder Director and the Clerk of the Board shall be authorized to enter into separate Cooperative Pricing Agreements with the participating governmental units and said agreements shall be deemed a single agreement.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

By: Susan A. Dickey ATTEST Naomi J. Stout

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 598-99**

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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HR 2317 AND S 1296  
DESIGNATING SEGMENTS OF THE LOWER DELAWARE RIVER  
INTO THE NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Delaware River Study Task Force, assisted by the National Park Service, has developed the Lower Delaware River Management Plan dated August 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan contains goals directed at water quality, natural resources, recreation, economic development and open space preservation for the Delaware River main stem from Delaware Water Gap to Philadelphia; and

**WHEREAS**, all but two municipalities within the study area adopted resolutions supporting the management plan and designation; and

**WHEREAS**, sections of the river receiving endorsements from bordering municipalities are being proposed for inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System as "recreational" as stated in HR2317 and S1296; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Planning Board has reviewed the Management Plan and the proposed bills and recommends that the Board of Chosen Freeholders support HR 2317 and S1296; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders endorses HR2317 and S1296 designating portions of the Delaware River into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to Knowlton, White, Harmony, and Pohatcong Townships, New Jersey's Congressional delegation, Warren County's Legislative delegation, and the National Park Service.

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

David Dech, Planning Director, spoke to the board briefly regarding his concerns about this issue and how it will effect the river environmentally.

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

**RESOLUTION 599-99**

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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL AID  
LOCAL SCOPING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000  
FOR BRIDGE #2100539/#B-26W, WARREN AND HUNTERDON COUNTIES,**

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**WHEREAS**, there is a need to make improvements to Warren County Bridge #2100539/Hunterdon County Bridge #B-26W, Shurts Road over the Musconetcong River in Franklin Township and Bethlehem Township respectively, due to its structural condition; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) has invited counties to submit applications for funding under the Local Scoping Program for fiscal year 2000.

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

1. The above application is hereby approved and that the County Engineer is authorized to submit said application with all necessary supporting documentation to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.
2. Warren and Hunterdon Counties intend to seek federal funds for the improvements to Intercounty Bridge #2100539/#B-26W through inclusion in the Transportation Improvement 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.

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 600-99**

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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC99111 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FRESH BAKED GOODS FOR WARREN HAVEN.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that specification WC99111 for fresh baked goods for Warren Haven is hereby approved

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for bids for the above in the STAR GAZETTE.

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget account A01-06-01501.06.029 - Warren Haven Dietary Baked Goods

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 601-99**

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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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC99103-1 WITH SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR A NUTRITION SITE ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$575.00 PER MONTH.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that this contract is awarded to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church to provide a nutrition site in Belvidere, New Jersey

The contract is to be on a month to month basis at a monthly rental of \$575.00 per Month October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000

Funding for the 1999 portion of this contract is provided in account 0019280034.679

- Area Plan Grant - Nutrition Program

Funding for the 2000 portion of this contract is subject to the receipt of 2000 grants

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 602-99**

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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC99103-2 WITH AMERICAN LEGION BERNARDINE - MAY POST FOR A NUTRITION SITE ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550.00 PER MONTH.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that this contract is awarded to American Legion Bernardine-May Post 457 to provide a nutrition site in Belvidere, New Jersey

The contract is to be on a month to month basis at a monthly rental of \$550.00 per Month October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000

Funding for the 1999 portion of this contract is provided in account 0019280034.679

- Area Plan Grant - Nutrition Program

Funding for the 2000 portion of this contract is subject to the receipt of 2000 grants

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 603-99**

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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL BY GOULD ENVIRONMENTAL INC.,  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200.00 TO PERFORM  
A PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ON  
BLOCK 39, LOT 3.01, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.**

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

**WHEREAS**, Phase I Environmental Assessment expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the Green Acres Program; 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**, said Phase I Environmental Assessment will be in accordance with the guidelines as set forth by the American Society of Testing and Materials, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, and the Uniform Standards of Professional Site Assessments Practice; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in Account 001Q280064.200 (Morris Canal Other Expenses) 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 proposed Phase I Environmental Assessment of Block 39, Lot 3.01, in Franklin Township, by Gould Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$1,200.00, be accepted.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. 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

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**RESOLUTION 604-99**

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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL BY PEQUEST ENGINEERING CO.,  
OF GREAT MEADOWS, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,700.00,  
TO PREPARE A BOUNDARY SURVEY, INCLUDING MAP AND DESCRIPTION,  
FOR BLOCK 39, LOT 3.01, IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.**

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders 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 39, Lot 3.01, in Franklin Township, is considered as a priority site for acquisition in the adopted 1999 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 advertised; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in Account 0010280064.200 (Morris Canal Other Expenses) 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 proposed boundary survey of Block 39, Lot 3.01, in Franklin Township, by Pequest Engineering Co., of Great Meadows, New Jersey in the amount of \$2,700.00, 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,

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

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the board accepted the resignation of Fonda Fonte as a member of the WC Mental Health Board and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to her.

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

**RESOLUTION 605-99**

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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS  
TO THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following members are reappointed to the Warren County Planning Board for a term of three years, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:27-1.

**Regular Member**

Robert I. Frey  
100 Snyders Road  
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term: 9/20/99 – 9/19/02

William E. Hann, Jr.  
183 Hagerty Avenue  
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term: 9/20/99 – 9/19/02

**Alternate Member**

David A. Smith  
154 Knowlton Road  
Colombia, NJ 07832

Term: 9/20/99 – 9/19/02

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 606-99**

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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KAREN R. KUBERT  
AS DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES AND  
MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR FOR WARREN COUNTY  
FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS WHICH SHALL EXPIRE AUGUST 14, 2002.**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, BY THE Board of Chosen Freeholders OF THE County of Warren , that pursuant to NJSA 11a:3-5(1), Karen Kubert, is reappointed to the positions of Director of Human Services and Mental Health Administrator for a term of three years which shall expire August 14, 2002.

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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.

Assistant County Engineer James Bernaski submitted a preliminary draft assessment report on the last part of the culvert on Shades of Death Road.

County Planner David Dech submitted a letter from Rich Miller and the Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee asking if they can deliver their funding recommendations to the board in January instead of November. The board agreed.

At the EDAC meeting last night, they asked for an update on the hiring process for his department. Also, he was asked to ask the board about the awards dinner and to get the board's approval for hiring an individual to assist EDAC in setting up the dinner with the funds left in the Economic Development budget. It will cost at the most \$10,000, which includes the hiring of a person to plan the dinner.

Susan asked Dave if he could come up with a more realistic figure for next week's Municipal and Elected Officials meeting.

CFO Pete Houck said that some time ago, the state decided to implement a uniform Chart of Accounts and Warren County was a part of the pilot program. Now, eight months later, they have made some relatively minor changes, however, in our case, the changes were monumental. The budget call letter will be going out with the old account numbers.

At 7:30 p.m., members of the Pohatcong Township Historic Preservation Commission spoke to the board regarding the status of the Stone Arch Tunnel over Still Valley Road. John Moore, one of the members, was their spokesperson.

The commission's purpose is to preserve the Still Valley Road Stone Arch but NJ Transit wants to demolish it. The main thing is to get the road open.

NJT did some repairs but they don't want to do anymore work on it and do not want to accept responsibility for the arch.

Jim Bernaski said this will be very expensive to repair to make it safe. The arch is limestone and is splitting and breaking away. There are only 13 men in the Bridge Department and there is only so much repair work that they can do. The main concern is at the other end where there is a four-ton pony truss and four houses with no access to get deliveries, emergency vehicles, etc. Mr. Bernaski said the county has done considerable work trying to preserve historical sites in the county but there is only so much we can do.

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Dick Dunlap said that two masons said that NJT ruined the arch when they made their repairs. It can be restored for approximately \$15,000, which would shore up the arch and make it safe.

Mayor Dave Ostile of Pohatcong asked if the freeholders would contact NJT and ask them for a commitment.

They asked if the county would take responsibility for the arch. NJT would lease it to the county but they will not sell it.

Mrs. Stone said that NJT has to be responsible for this. If they want to be the owners, they need to be held responsible.

Mr. Lance said he would like the arch to be repaired.

Mrs. Dickey asked if the board should arrange a meeting with the historical commission, the engineer, the freeholders and NJT.

The presentation ended at 8:15 p.m.

After the presentation, John Slack spoke to the board and said that he almost lost his farm again with all the flooding and once again, the county didn't help him.

County Administrator Steve Marvin submitted a request to the board from DARCC asking for permission to use the Courthouse steps on October 6th at 7:00 p.m. for their candlelight vigil. The board gave their approval.

Mr. Marvin submitted two hiring requests and both were approved.

The board approved the budget call letter and Mr. Marvin said the budget packets will go out next week.

Mr. Marvin reminded that he needs recommendations for appointments for PRMUA and the Technical School Board of Education.

He also reminded the board that the public hearing for the Solid Waste Management Plan will be Wednesday, October 27th at 7:15 p.m.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lance, a resolution reappointing David Shotwell and Robert Hammell to the Technical School Board of Education is to be prepared for the October 13th meeting.

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

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A report from Pat Rivoli regarding Hurricane Floyd was submitted to the board for their review.

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Stone said she received a copy of a letter from John Carlton regarding the recycling committee report. Everything is in the Solid Waste Management Plan. They are asking for assistance to continue the program and also keep the Education Coordinator position.

She also received a call from Connie Myer's office that the hearing was postponed and has been rescheduled to Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:p.m.

Mr. Lance complimented all the county employees on the work they did last week during the Hurricane Floyd storm.

Mrs. Dickey said that there was a Library Expansion Committee meeting the other night with Phillipsburg and the WC Library Commission. We will be applying for state money and we also need to talk to the former architect.

Mrs. Dickey also said that everyone did a wonderful job during the storm.

She also mentioned that Pat Rivoli received a regional award.

She also has comments to forward to SWAC before the public hearing is held.

Under closing comments, Chris Pessolano, Purchasing Director, said that the auction was a big success. They sold everything and made approximately \$54,000.

Chris said he will prepare a resolution to form the cooperative program.

Mr. Dunlap made a comment regarding the Phillipsburg Library and what a good facility it is but how much it needs to be expanded.

Ron Farber of Knowlton Township asked if the county can help them out with GPU. There were live wires down from Thursday to Saturday and GPU did nothing. Mr. Marvin suggested that they file a formal complaint with BPU or at least threaten to file a complaint.

There were no press comments or questions.

**RESOLUTION 607-99**

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 22, 1999.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF**

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**CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 22, 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.

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

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

Director Dickey called for a break at 8:50 p.m.

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The board went into executive session at 9:10 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 9:21 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

On a 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 Officers designated to be represented by the FOP.

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

On motion by Mr. Lance, seconded by Mrs. Stone, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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

**ATTESTED TO:**

**NAOMI J. STOUT, DEPUTY CLERK**