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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in the Mansfield Municipal Building, Port Murray, NJ on Wednesday, October 6, 1999 at 7:09 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Dickey and upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder Susan Dickey and Freeholder Ann Stone. Freeholder Stephen Lance was absent.

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".

Mrs. Dickey opened the meeting by thanking the Mansfield Township Mayor and Committee for hosting. She then provided a brief description of actions taken to date by the 911 Communications Committee to improve services including committee composition, reports, standard operating procedures, etc. Mrs. Dickey introduced Public Safety Director Pat Rivoli.

Mr. Rivoli distributed copies of the Overview of 911 Services for presentation and described how this was the same presentation provided at the September 29, 1999 Board of Chosen Freeholder meeting with elected and municipal officials.

Mr. Rivoli, over approximately 45 minutes of presentation described issues, actions and planning in the following areas; Recent Investments; Maintenance and Repair Contracts; Communications Committee organization and it's subcommittees; the Armitage Report regarding staffing issues; upcoming Communications Center staffing plans as unanimously endorsed by the Committee; Radio Network Study highlights; Staff turnover rate and methods for reduction; municipal mapping update concerns. (For full text of briefing on Overview. see Board of Chosen Freeholder meeting minutes of September 29, 1999).

Ed Bruder, 911 Coordinator, provided a briefing on the status and critical nature of municipal mapping updates including discussion with attending Fire Company members regarding how maps and street locator databases must be reviewed regularly. Townships must update especially when new homes, subdivisions, etc. are approved.

Mr. Rivoli discussed recent misleading press reports on 911 issues including the

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Mansfield Radio Tower outage during Hurricane Floyd.

Suggestion was provided that the County consider setting up mutual service agreements for back up with Washington Township, Morris County.

Discussions were held regarding Y2K compliance at the Communications Center, distribution of information to keep public better informed.

**On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stone: yes Mr. Lance: absent Mrs. Dickey: yes**

ATTESTED TO:

NAOMI J. STOUT, DEPUTY CLERK