

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 23, 2000

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, February 23, 2000 at 7:07 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Director Stone.

Director Stone 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. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held January 19, 2000 were approved with a correction on page 2.

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

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held January 19, 2000 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held January 24, 2000 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held January 26, 2000 were approved with a correction on page 6.

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

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held January 26, 2000 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held February 9, 2000 were approved as presented.

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

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Director Stone presented a special plaque to former Freeholder Steve Lance for his service to the county during his term of office. Mr. Lance thanked the board for the recognition and said he has been in public service for approximately 18 years and he found the county employees to be the best group of people he had ever worked with. He said he enjoyed working with Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Dickey and wished Mr. DeBosh well.

Under public comments on agenda items, Reggie Regrut again brought up the content of Resolution P1 and asked Mrs. Stone what the county policy is for the release of executive session minutes to the public. He also asked if there would be an executive session tonight and was told yes. He mentioned this because last week the resolution was listed on the agenda, but no executive session was held.

County Counsel David Wallace advised Mrs. Stone and the board members not to comment as this matter is in litigation.

Mr. Regrut said his only purpose in this is to try and establish what is being done in executive session. The law says the public has a right to know when matters are resolved.

Mrs. Stone advised Mr. Regrut that the board will not respond to his question.

Mr. Regrut then asked if he will be allowed to see the minutes of the meetings that were approved earlier and Mr. Wallace said that Mr. Regrut knows that he can see the regular minutes.

Mr. Regrut attempted to question Mr. DeBosh on the executive session minutes matter and Mr. DeBosh told him no more comments will be made regarding this matter until the litigation is resolved.

RESOLUTION 150-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate
For Certification/Ratification for Payment No. 2000-7 dated February 23, 2000
In the amount of **\$ 573,522.11** including bills and
Investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers
By the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2000-7**\$573,522.11**

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 151-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

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RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE PHILLIPSBURG RIVERVIEW ORGANIZATION AND THE WARREN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FROM FEBRUARY 23, 2000, TO AUGUST 23, 2000.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee has recommended to the Freeholders to grant funds from the Warren County Open Space Trust fund Tax to the Phillipsburg Riverview Organization (the applicant) in the amount of \$52,990.83 to acquire the Hoffman Property in the Township of Pohatcong; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders approved that recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders may give a standard three month extension according to the Open Space rules and procedures and due to delays by proceedings beyond the applicants control the applicant has requested a six month extension to extend the grant period to August 23, 2000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders grants a time extension of six months to the Hoffman Property project in the Township of Pohatcong.

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 152-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR A GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT FOR A 14 MONTH PERIOD (MAY 11, 2000 - JUNE 30, 2001) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000 TO THE NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33A-1, THE Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted a Resolution creating the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission on October 11, 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission approved the submission of a grant application, in the amount of \$45,000, to the New Jersey Historical Commission;

WHEREAS, no county funds are required to apply for this grant;

WHEREAS, these funds will allow the Commission to contract the services of Susan P. Morgan to perform the duties of History Coordinator/Director, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Morgan will resign her position on the Commission if awarded the grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby authorize the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission to apply for a General Operating Support Grant application in the amount of \$45,000 for a 14 month period (May 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001) to the New Jersey Historical Commission.

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

Mrs. Dickey asked about the position mentioned in this resolution and Mr. Marvin said it is a contracted position, not a county position. When the grant money is gone, the position is gone.

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

RESOLUTION 153-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG COUNTY ROUTE #629, ROCKPORT ROAD, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, road work along County Route #629 in Mansfield Township will require additional right-of-way for roadway improvements; and

WHEREAS, an equitable cost for acquiring the parcels was negotiated by the Office of the County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the property owners are agreeable to the purchase price through discussions with the County Engineer's Office; and

WHEREAS, the right-of-way areas, owners and negotiated prices are as follows:

1. Right-of-way of 0.11 acres being part of Block 1101, Lot 11.01, owned by Gary Philhower, for the negotiated price of \$4,000.00.
2. Right-of-way of 0.1 acres being part of Block 1001.01, Lot 8, owned by Jeanne Edwards, for the negotiated price of \$4,000.00.
3. Right-of-way of 0.05 acres being part of Block 1201, Lot 11, owned by James Ramirez and Esther Farese, for the negotiated price of \$2,900.00.
4. Right-of-way of 0.07 acres being part of Block 1201, Lot 9, owned by Sint Sr. and Nancy Van Solkema, for the negotiated price of \$2,800.00.
5. Right-of-way of 0.07 acres being part of Block 1201, Lot 8.02, owned by Sint Jr. and Jennifer Van Solkema, for the negotiated price of \$2,800.00.
6. Right-of-way of 0.08 acres being part of Block 1001.01, Lot 9.01, owned by Ottavio and Assunta Toruccio, for the negotiated price of \$3,600.00.
7. Right-of-way of 0.06 acres being part of Block 1001.01, Lot 9.02, owned by Glen and Kathleen Kastenhuber, for the negotiated price of \$2,800.00.
8. Right-of-way of 0.08 acres being part of Block 1001.01, Lot 13.02, owned by Kenneth and Ellen Nerbak, for the negotiated price of \$2,800.00.

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 40165 5100 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the purchase of the needed right-of-way for the negotiated prices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Engineer is authorized to have the deeds executed for the purchase of the properties.

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 154-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

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RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND CATHERINE NORRIS BREWSTER TO WORK AS A CONSULTANT TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CASE ASSESSMENT RESOURCE TEAM; AGREEMENT IN EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2000 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000; (FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH NJDHS CONTRACT #ALWF9N); AGREEMENT CEILING NOT TO EXCEED \$36,186.

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human services (NJDHS) has funding available for the administration of the Warren County Case Assessment Resource Team; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of Human Services has developed an agreement with Catherine Norris Brewster to provide these administrative services on behalf of the department at a rate not to exceed \$21.10 per hour; and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be in effect for the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 and shall not exceed \$36,186 (funds available through NJDHS Contract #ALWF9N, Account S0355 5308 005308 5029).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Chosen Freeholders approves the consultant agreement for the period 1/1/00 – 12/31/00 between the Warren County Department of Human Services and Catherine Norris Brewster for the administration of the Case Assessment Resource Team; agreement ceiling not to exceed \$36,186.

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 155-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND BRUCE SHAPIRO TO WORK AS A CONSULTANT TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CASE ASSESSMENT RESOURCE TEAM AS THE CHILD/FAMILY TEAM FACILITATOR; AGREEMENT IN EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2000 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000; (FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH NJDHS CONTRACT #ALWF9N); AGREEMENT CEILING NOT TO EXCEED \$9,250.

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human services (NJDHS) has funding available for the Child/Family Team Facilitator of the Warren County Case Assessment Resource Team; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of Human Services has developed an agreement with Bruce Shapiro to provide these services on behalf of the department at a rate not to exceed \$18.50 per hour; and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be in effect for the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 and shall not exceed \$9,250 (funds available through NJDHS Contract #ALWF9N, Account S0355 5308 005308 5029).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Chosen Freeholders approves the consultant agreement for the period 1/1/00 – 12/31/00 between the Warren County Department of Human Services and Bruce Shapiro to serve as Facilitator of the Case Assessment Resource Team; agreement ceiling not to exceed \$9,250.

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 156-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO SIGN THE SERVICE PROVIDER APPLICATION TO AUTHORIZE THE WARREN COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING TO ENROLL IN THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES JERSEY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY CAREGIVING (JACC) PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Office on Aging currently provides care management services,

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Health & Senior Services has encouraged the Office on aging to enroll in the Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC) Program and become eligible for reimbursement from the State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren is authorized to sign a provider application so the Office on Aging can apply to become a Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC) provider.

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 157-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A NJ COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION BY THE WARREN COUNTY SHADE TREE COMMISSION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF PARKS AND FORESTRY, NJ FOREST SERVICE AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Shade Tree Commission is desirous of applying for the NJ Community Stewardship Incentive Program Grant for the amount of \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, an in-kind contribution of \$2,500.00 will be required from the Warren County Shade Tree Commission; and

WHEREAS, the county will not be responsible for any matching funds for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the NJ community Stewardship Incentive Program Grant.

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 158-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE SUPPLY OF A PRECAST CONCRETE BOX
CULVERT FOR COUNTY BRIDGE #12036, TANNERY ROAD, INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP -
CONTRACT #WC2013.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the plans and specifications for Contract #WC2013 for the Supply of a precast Concrete Box culvert for County Bridge #12036, Tannery Road, Independence Township are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Engineer is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the above project at least 10 days prior to the receipt of bids in

THE STAR GAZETTE

Papers printed in the County.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

ADVERTISING DATE –Thursday, March 2, 2000

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED –Tuesday, April 18, 2000 at 1:30 P.M.

AWARD DATE – Wednesday, April 26, 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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 159-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC2016 AND AUTHORIZATION TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LAB WORK AND TESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC
HEALTH NURSING AGENCY.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC2016 for lab work and tests for the Warren County Public Health Nursing Agency 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.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget accounts 013302/5030 – Public Health Nursing Community Health Services Operating Supplies and 013302/5046 - Public Health Nursing Community Health Service T.B. 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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 160-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2000 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR ROAD, BRIDGE AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENTS,
WARREN COUNTY - CONTRACT #WC2015.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the plans and specifications for the following Maintenance, Repair and Construction Materials:

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| 1. ⅝" & ¼" Broken Stone | 7. Bituminous Surface Course, Mix I-5 |
| 2. Abrasive Grits | 8. Bituminous Stabilized Base, Mix I-2 |
| 3. Transit Mix Concrete | 9. UPM High Performance Bit. Cold Patch |
| 4. Dense Graded Aggregate | 10. Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe |
| 5. Curb Mix | 11. Traffic Paint Waterborne Pipe |
| 6. Emulsified Asphalt | 12. Soil Aggregate, I-5 |

For the Warren County Road, bridge and Maintenance Departments for the 2000-2001-construction year are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the above project at least ten (10) days prior to the receipt of bids in

THE STAR GAZETTE

Papers printed in the County.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

ADVERTISING DATE – Thursday, March 2, 2000

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED – Tuesday, April 4, 2000

AWARD DATE – Wednesday, April 12, 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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 161-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey,, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF BRIDGE #03001
GREENWICH STREET (COUNTY ROUTE 620) OVER THE PEQUEST RIVER TOWN OF
BELVIDERE, CONTRACT #WC2012.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the plans and specification foe #WC2012for the Repair and Rehabilitation of Bridge #03001, Greenwich Street (County Route 620) over the Pequest River, Town of Belvidere are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Engineer is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the above project at least 10 days prior to the receipt of bids in

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 162-00

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT #WC9991 WITH MT. HOPE ROCK PRODUCTS, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING & REHABILITATION OF COUNTY ROUTES #604, #630 SPUR, #633, #643 & #649, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN & WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$20,923.11 AND A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$650,873.61.

WHEREAS, Contract #WC9991 was awarded to Mt. Hope Rock Projects, Inc. for the resurfacing & Rehabilitation of County Routes #604, #630 Spur, #633, #643 & 649, Franklin Township, Town of Hackettstown & Washington Township in the amount of \$629,950.50; and

WHEREAS, extending County Route #604 paving past Hackettstown Hospital, asphalt price adjustments and final as-built quantities resulted in a net increase of \$20,923.11, and

WHEREAS, said changes were recommended by the County Engineer

WHEREAS, adequate funds have been established in accounts S9165 5302 995302 5100 & 0499A101/5063/99A101/5063 and certified by the county Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve Change Order #1 for the above project for a net increase of \$20,923.11 and a final contract amount of \$650,873.61.

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 163-00

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR CONTRACT #WC9939 WITH TRAFFIC LINES, INC. FOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS FOR A NET DECREASE OF \$2,119.04 AND A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$83,278.88.

WHEREAS, Contract #WC9939 was awarded to Traffic Lines, Inc. for Pavement Markings on Various Warren County Roads in the Contract amount of \$85,397.92; and

WHEREAS, final as-built quantities resulted in a net decrease of \$2,119.04; and

WHEREAS, said changes were ordered by the County Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve Change Order #2 for the above project with Traffic Lines, Inc. for a net decrease of \$2,119.04 and a final contract amount of \$83,278.88.

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 164-00

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2004 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2000 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2001 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS TO DONALD W. SMITH FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,205.84.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC2004 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in White Township, Landfill property identified as Block 32, Lot 18 – 43.14 acres and Block 32, Lot 22 – 41.70 acres is hereby awarded

To.....Donald W. Smith, Belvidere, New Jersey

Annual rent of\$1,121.64 for lot 18 and
\$1,084.20 for Lot 22

As per their bid submitted.....February 14, 2000

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there were no bids received for county property in Mansfield Township, Warren County identified as Parcel A – 1, and A – 2.

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 165-00

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2003 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (HAMLEN FARM) FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2000 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2001 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS TO BAUKE TJALMA FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,945.75

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC2003 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in Greenwich and Lopatcong townships identified as Block 23, Lot 7 and Block 98, Lot 2 approximately 43 acres is hereby awarded

To.....Bauke Tjalma, Phillipsburg, New Jersey

Annual rent of \$45.25 per acre for a total amount of \$1,945.75

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As per their bid submitted February 14, 2000

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

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 166-00

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC9903 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (GOODWIN PROPERTY) FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2000 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2001 WITH BAUKE TJALMA FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,600.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC9903 for lease of county property for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in White Township identified as Block 21, Lot 14 approximately 20 acres is hereby awarded for the second year of a three year contract

To.....Bauke Tjalma, Phillipsburg, New Jersey

Annual rent of \$80.00 per acre for a total amount of \$1,600.00

As per his bid submitted February 16, 1999

And reviewed and recommended by the Director of the Board of Purchasing as the highest responsible and responsive bid received,

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 167-00

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2002 RADIO MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2000 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2001 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS AS PER THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT YEARS AS PER THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A: 11-15(7) TO PROCOMM SYSTEMS, INC., IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$12,096.00.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2002 for radio maintenance is hereby awarded

To.....Procomm Systems Inc., Hope, New Jersey

In the approximate amount of.....\$12,096.00

As per their bid submitted.....February 14, 2000

And reviewed and recommended by the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget accounts 012900/5026 Roads Contracted Eq. Maint., 012750/5026 Prosecutors Contracted Eq. Maint., 0129750/5026 bridge Contracted Eq. Main., 012700/5026 Sheriff Contracted Eq. Main., 012000 Wts. & Measures Contracted Eq. Maint., 012800/5026 Jail Contracted Eq. Maint., and 013504/5029 Haven Maint & Repair Contracts

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 168-00

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ONE REGULAR MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY MORRIS CANAL COMMITTEE.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following member is appointed to the Warren County Morris Canal Committee.

Regular Member

Barbara S. Coulomb
140 Railroad Avenue
Washington, NJ 07882

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

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On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following member to the WCCC Board of Trustees effective November 1, 1999:

Jack Sweet
138 Cedar Lake Rd.
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Term to expire: 10/31/03

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. Dickey no Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 170-00

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following member to the WCCC Board of Trustees effective November 1, 1999:

Erwin Nauman
8 Tara court
Blairstown, New Jersey 07825

Term to expire: 10/31/03

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: no Mrs. Stone: yes

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, a resolution is to be prepared for the next meeting appointing Councilman John Lynn to represent the Town of Phillipsburg on SWAC for the year 2000.

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

RESOLUTION 171-00

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following member is hereby appointed to the Warren County environmental commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:20-1

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Sister Miriam Therese MacGillis
 Genesis Farm
 41A Silver Lake Road
 Blairstown, NJ 07825

Term to expire: July 26, 2002

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 172-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 10, 1999 RECONSTITUTION THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE, AND APPOINTING MEMBERS THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution dated March 10, 1999 which listed the composition of the Warren County Communications Committee be amended to appoint Freeholder Ann M. Stone as the Freeholder Board Representative in place of Susan Dickey.

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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the resignation of Kathleen Enz as a member of the WC Shade Tree Commission effective February 15, 2000 was accepted with regret and a letter of thanks is to be sent to her.

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

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the resignation of Gerald Kreger as a member to the Phillipsburg Library Board effective October 1, 1999 was accepted with regret and a letter of thanks is to be sent to him.

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

RESOLUTION 173-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE SEARCH COMMITTEE.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby re-appoints the following members to the Warren County Community college Trustee Search Committee:

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Bradley Bartow
 P.O. Box 31
 377 Johnsonburg Road
 Hope, NJ 07844

Term to expire: 1/01/01

James Miller
 580 Independence Street
 Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire: 1/01/01

Rev. Clarence Sickles
 57 Barn Owl Drive
 Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Term to expire: 1/01/01

Kay Thompson
 308 Irwin Street
 Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term to expire: 1/01/01

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following members to the Warren County Community College Trustee Search Committee:

Barbara Harding
 301 Meadow Run
 Stewartsville, NJ 08886

Term to expire: 1/01/01

Joseph Houston
 216 High Street
 Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Term to expire: 1/01/01

Dr. Edgar P. Lee
 423 Coventry Drive.
 Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term to expire: 1/01/01

Annette Munley
 124 Overlook Drive
 Hackettstown, NJ 07825

Term to expire: 1/01/01

Rosalie Murray
 P.O.BOX #524
 Blairstown, NJ

Term to expire: 1/01/01

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

Mrs. Dickey objected to the manner in which this was presented to the board in that we seem to have changed our policy on adding agenda items after the packet has gone out on Friday.
 ROLL CALL: Mrs. Dickey no Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 174-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following members to the Warren County Free Public Library Commission to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Corcoran:

Jay Yarnell
139 Lincoln Rd.
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term to expire: 12/31/00

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. Dickey no Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

Mrs. Dickey's vote reflects her concern about adding items to the agenda after the deadline.

RESOLUTION 175-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE PHILLIPSBURG LIBRARY BOARD.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following member to the Phillipsburg Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Gerald Kreger:

Kathleen Degan
9 Greystone Ave.
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term to expire: 12/31/01

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. Dickey no Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

Mrs. Dickey again mentioned that this was a late agenda item. Also, the board did not have Ms. Degan's application. Mrs. Stone said it was received last year.

RESOLUTION 176-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION CREATING A POSITION OF PART-TIME PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING DIVISION OF THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that a part-time position of Public Health Nurse, Classified, is created in the Warren County Public Health Nursing Division to strengthen the effectiveness and delivery of nursing services to Warren County residents: and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the newly created part-time position be made effective February 24, 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. Dickey: no Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

County Counsel Dave Wallace had no report for open session.

County Engineer David Hicks had no report.

County Planner David Dech spoke to the board about his memo of February 16th regarding bonding for Open Space Farmland Preservation. He would like to explain why we should bond for both; the \$5 million for farmland preservation and the \$2 million for open space for a total of \$7 million. If we bond, we'd have \$3.2 million now but if we pay as we go, we would only have \$1.8 million to work with. The debt service is over a 15-year period, we recognize that, but again, the critical part is to take advantage of the additional money available from the state.

Mrs. Stone said she is very supportive of this. Mr. DeBosh said it is a great idea. Mrs. Dickey was not supportive. She said she hasn't seen anything from the farmland side. The farmland side is not ready. She said she completely supports the program but we need a fulltime position to handle this.

Mrs. Stone doesn't agree with Mrs. Dickey's point of view. The board has the necessary information to move on this. Mr. DeBosh said this is a valuable program and we need money available when the farms come in. We have to go to bonding to be able to move on this.

Mr. Marvin asked about the time frame for this to happen. Mr. Dech said that there are a number of properties under contract now. We could close any time this year. We have enough money to pay for these projects.

Mr. Marvin asked if we should roll this \$7 million in with the other \$7 million that we are going to bond.

CFO Pete Houck said he has concerns. He advised the board not to let the money sit in the back. We can pass the ordinance at any time. We have \$5 million in the trust fund. We don't need to borrow this year. He suggested that the board ask bond counsel what the best plan is to spend the money.

Mr. DeBosh said we should wait for professional advice.

Dave Dech said that Pete is the financial expert.

CFO Pete Houck had no report.

Mr. Marvin mentioned he received a letter from SADC regarding meetings being sponsored regarding spending programs available. The board should try to attend at least one session.

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County Administrator Steve Marvin submitted four hiring requests and they were approved.

The date for the Board of School Estimate public hearings for the Technical School and Special Services School District is set for Wednesday, April 5, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The board approved the date of March 29, 2000 for the next Municipal Elected and Appointed Officials meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m.

The request from The Arc to plant a tree on the grounds of the Administration Buildings complex in memory of Tammy Cullen, an active member of the Advisory Council on Disabilities, who passed away last year, was approved. Arc should coordinate with the Shade Tree Commission.

Mr. Marvin submitted a memo from Jerry Coyle requesting additional part-time positions for Warren Acres. They have a problem there with high turnovers in JDO's. They are asking for authorization for additional part-timers who can be called in when the full-timers call in sick, take vacation or quit. This will have no budgetary effect. The board approved the additional nine positions and a resolution will be prepared for the next meeting. Mr. DeBosh asked if this is a good idea and Mr. Marvin said yes.

Regarding the meeting yesterday of the courthouse committee, the committee has finally endorsed that the board should employ a consultant to examine the options for a new courthouse or renovation of the existing courthouse. The consultant will have to look at the cost of the options, legislative actions that may be required, how to assemble an RFP, etc. We need a unanimous decision to seek assistance on this project. The prime contractor should be an architect/engineer with some consulting assistance. (Terry Lee was asked to join this committee but could not attend yesterday's meeting)

Dave Hicks said we need a report to get an idea of what we want and what the costs will be. A legislative opinion is also necessary. This will be a major scheduling effort.

Mrs. Dickey asked if the state would offer to share the cost of temporary relocation of employees while renovation is taking place if we go that route. Mr. Marvin said that the courts are not offering any costs. Mr. DeBosh said that if the board wants to make a formal request for funding, it is o.k. with him.

Mr. Marvin said that 2002 would be the soonest to break ground, etc. Mrs. Dickey asked what the total square footage needed is and Mr. Hicks said that is not known yet.

Mr. Marvin asked if the RFP should be prepared in-house to examine the cost of the options. Mr. DeBosh said that yes, we need to prepare something in-house.

Mr. Marvin also mentioned that we need to reformulate the personnel policies committee. The policy needs to be updated. The adopted personnel policies are the only document that provides benefits for the elected, appointed and confidential employees.

Additionally Mr. Marvin would like to offer the option to participate in the health plan to these employees. Mrs. Stone wants to discuss this in executive session.

Under freeholder comments, Susan said she received a notice from the clean air council regarding a test at DEP regarding air toxics.

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Mrs. Dickey expressed her concerns that last Wednesday, there was an article in the paper regarding the rail museum. It appears there may be some state money available. She would like to find out what is available. She thought the state would be paying for it all.

Mr. DeBosh said he was at that meeting, and Senate DeCroce was talking about operating subsidies dependent on future acts of the legislature.

Mrs. Stone said the meeting was very good with a very positive attitude. Art Charlton said it was a very interesting presentation and he has a copy of the executive summary which is available.

Mr. DeBosh said he is happy to note that the two projects are being funded by NJTPA; the shuttle bus service will be funded.

Mrs. Stone asked that we send a letter to the previous search committee membership thanking them for the work they have done, especially Ken Kisselbach who has been on since the inception. Also, send letters to the new members and ask them to convene as soon as possible to act on filling that one vacant position.

Under closing comments, Reggie Regrut said he applauds the environmental commission for their resolution on the moratorium on emissions. He also asked if anyone knows the exact number of cars there are in the county fleet. No one knew for sure. Pete Houck said probably between 80 and 100. Mr. Regrut said he read in the paper about a new Hybrid Honda. He thinks the county should set an example and seriously consider buying a couple of these cars.

Mrs. Dickey asked if there is a requirement on state contracts to buy American. Mr. Marvin said everyone has these cars coming out.

Mr. Regrut submitted some paperwork to Mr. DeBosh. He asked if the board would consider a policy to inform the public of availability of executive session minutes. Will the board consider a new procedure for the public?

Mr. DeBosh said he would make no comments on this issue.

Karen Kubert said that since 1981 we have had a transportation advisory council. We have a new provider in Intelitron, which is more expensive than TCT but much better. They are very happy about this. This has been the work of the members on that committee.

Dave Bruckman of Harmony spoke about Hydropress. DEP did more stack emission tests and he wonders if the board has received these test results. Hydropress is still operating and polluting and he wonders what is being done about it.

Mrs. Stone said she would talk to John Hawk about it.

Art Charlton said he attended an interesting program this morning with the executive director from Economic Development from the state. The meeting was held jointly with Hunterdon. There were 41 people attending, most from Warren County. Mr. Charlton also reminded the board about the Shad Fest, which will be held May 13th and 14th.

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Under press comments, Neal Johanson of the Star Ledger asked how all the candidates were chosen for the Trustee Search Committee.

Mr. DeBosh said he voted no on Mr. Naumann because he felt that Dr. Hyndman should not have been replaced as he was imminently qualified to serve on the board.

Tom Zanki of The Express-Times asked why the board replaced five out of nine members on the Trustee Search Committee. Ann said that Mr. Kisselbach did not want to be reappointed and on the others, she felt a change should be made and was pleased with the people who accepted. We need people from all walks of life, change is good.

Director Stone called for a recess at 8:45 p.m.

RESOLUTION 177-00

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON FEBRUARY 23, 2000. THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE VARIOUS PERSONNEL MATTERS, CONTRACTS, LITIGATION, LAND ACQUISITION, ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION, PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROPERTY; AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ABOVE STATED SUBJECT MATTERS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AT SUCH TIME AS THE PUBLIC INTEREST PERMITS DISCLOSURE AND/OR WHEN A REQUEST IS MADE CONSISTENT WITH THE OPEN 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.

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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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

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

The board returned to open session at 10:15 p.m.

Mr. Marvin asked if the board is willing to offer the option of health care to the elected, appointed and confidential employees and the board agreed.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

NAOMI J. STOUT, DEPUTY CLERK