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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, July 26, 2000 at 7:06 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 Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held June 14, 2000 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held June 28, 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 executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held June 28, 2000 were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held July 12, 2000 were approved as presented.

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

At 7:08 p.m., Tom Planer, Chairman, PRMUA, addressed the board regarding the reinstatement of stipends to the PRMUA members. Also attending were Chris Guida, Executive Director and Don Niece, Secretary.

Mr. Planer said that the freeholders have two obligations: #1 being the appointment of commissioners to the authority and #2 to approve a stipend. The stipends were removed in 1995 by freeholder resolution. They are here to request that this stipend be reinstated. They are having

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difficulty getting a quorum. This authority has over a \$1 million budget and meets several times a year. The attitude of the members is, if we are not worth anything, why should we come to the meetings. These are dedicated members who have a lot of responsibility. What they are asking for is a small amount of money compared to what they do. Also, they have other responsibilities and so they are respectfully requesting that the BCF reinstate the stipend.

Mr. DeBosh asked if the stipends come out of the rate payers budget not county money and was told yes. Mrs. Stone said that the members do a lot of their own work, they don't use consultants. Mr. Planer said they have engineers and an attorney, but they rely heavily on their executive director.

Mrs. Dickey pointed out that it is not the BCF's obligation to pay the members. Mr. Planer said he knows that, the statute says the BCF can approve the stipend. Probably some authorities have abused this and set very high stipends but he feels that \$2,000 to a commissioner is very reasonable amount.

Mrs. Dickey said that the holdovers should not have been paid after the 1995 resolution was adopted; they should only have been reappointed if they agreed to no stipend. Also, if members miss three to five meetings, that is cause for removal. Mrs. Dickey also said that she is not sure the authority was correctly formed. Also, all the county's boards and commissions are voluntary; Welfare, PCFA, etc. To reinstate this stipend would send the wrong message.

Mrs. Stone said she contacted other sewer authorities in the county, and they are being paid. After all what they do is a tremendous responsibility. She understands their concerns.

Mr. Niece said that the stipends they are requesting are minimal and he agrees with Mr. Planer's position and concerns. They are not asking for increases, just to revert back to what they were previously paid. Mr. DeBosh and Mrs. Stone had no problem with reinstating the stipend but Mrs. Dickey was not in favor.

Mrs. Stone requested that the appropriate resolution be prepared for the next freeholder meeting.

Director Stone presented a Certificate of Merit to Barbara Matrisciano for her dedication and contributions as a member to the Special Services School District Board of Education. Both Bill Spencer and John Pappas thanked Mrs. Matrisciano for her many years of service to the students of Warren County. She is very worthy of this honor. Mrs. Stone said that it shows what can be accomplished by working together.

RESOLUTION 560-00

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 July 26, 2000.

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT (ADA).**

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WHEREAS, the 1992 Rutgers Demographics of Disabilities Studies demonstrated that almost 10.7% of the county's total population suffers from disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was a great emancipation for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, July 26th, the date of today's meeting is the 10th anniversary of the signing of the ADA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that this board strongly supports the continued implementation of the ADA in Warren County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board shall forward copies of this resolution to all county agencies for posting in a public place.

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

Mrs. Stone presented this special resolution to Debbie Potocki, Staff Representative of the WC Office on Disabled Services. Ms. Potocki thanked the board for their support. The council has accomplished a lot in the last ten years but they have a long way to go.

Terry Calandra, Chaplain of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 700, spoke to the board regarding placement of a memorial stone near the War Memorial and Courthouse in Belvidere.

The state has given them permission to proceed with this endeavor and the War Memorial Committee has also approved of this. Mr. Calandra submitted drawings to the BCF. By way of explanation, Mr. Calandra said that the Purple Heart is the oldest badge of merit known and every name listed on the war memorial has received this honor. Originally it was a piece of purple cloth shaped like a heart and was first presented by George Washington in 1782. In 1932, Douglas MacArthur changed the award to the way it is now. (Mr. Calandra himself has five purple hearts)

He is requesting that this memorial stone be placed in front of the flagpole at the courthouse and the area would also have plants, a walkway and perhaps benches.

Mr. DeBosh said that they have his full support. He said this is the least we can do for the people who have fought for our freedom. Mrs. Stone said she is also in full support and she knows that the War Memorial Committee is also supporting this 100%. Mrs. Dickey also supports this 100%. Mrs. Stone said we will do a resolution for the piece of ground. Mrs. Dickey asked if they also need an easement and agreed that we should do this also.

Mr. Calandra said they are hoping for a date of November 5th for the dedication.

Under public comments of agenda items, Reggie Regrut of Phillipsburg, NJ handed out paperwork to the BCF. He also advised them that he is making a movie of his experiences in trying to acquire public records from Warren County.

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Mr. Regrut pointed out that he has copies of the June 8th Borough of Alpha meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes. He said he has asked in the past what Warren County's policy is for releasing executive session minutes of resolved items but has received no answer.

He said he is asking now as he asked in December 1994, what was the policy then and what is it now for releasing resolved executive session minutes.

County Counsel David Wallace cautioned the BCF not to respond to Mr. Regrut's questions as this issue is directly involved in pending litigation. It is inappropriate for Mr. Regrut to be here and to ask the board to answer these questions.

Mrs. Stone refused to answer his questions.

Mr. Regrut addressed Mrs. Dickey and said that when she won the primary, she said that she knew the laws and after 8 years on the board he would assume she knows the laws. Mrs. Dickey did not answer his questions.

Mrs. Stone made no comment and told Mr. Regrut that his time was up.

RESOLUTION 561-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher certificate **For Certification/Ratification for Payment No. 2000-24, 25 dated JULY 26, 2000** In the amount of **\$ 2,328,409.90** including bills and Investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers By the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2000-24	\$ 493,234.68
2000-25	<u>\$ 799,562.05</u>
Total	\$1,292,796.73
Payroll 7/13	<u>\$1,035,613.17</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,328,409.90

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 resolution entitled "**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO CARRY OUT A PROJECT TO REHABILITATE DWELLING UNITS IN WARREN COUNTY TARGET AREAS**" will be held for action until after the 8:00 p.m. public hearing.

RESOLUTION 562-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE LETTER OF AGREEMENT #00-123 WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES FOR THE JERSEY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY CAREGIVERS (JACC) PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2000 the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved a Request for a Letter of Agreement to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services; and

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services has funding available to support elderly transportation expenses through the Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers (JACC) Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute Letter of Agreement #00-123 with the NJ Department of Health & Senior Services for the Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers Program (JACC).

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 563-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY'S 9-1-1 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:17C-1, et seq. Warren County is required to establish a 9-1-1 telecommunications system with the voluntary participation of constituent municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the county has established the system and has provided, or will provide, the building, equipment and personnel necessary for the proper functioning of the county-wide system; and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary that the county and participating municipalities execute Interlocal Service Agreements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et seq., for the provision of 9-1-1 services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington will be participating in the system, has lawfully executed Interlocal Service Agreements, and has sent the agreements to the county for execution by the Freeholder Director;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Freeholder Director be and hereby is authorized to execute Interlocal Service Agreements with the Township of Washington for the

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provision of 9-1-1 telecommunications services by the county.

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 564-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION OF AGREEMENT TO PAY THE ELECTRICAL OPERATING COSTS FOR A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #517 AND THE ROUTE 80 EASTBOUND RAMP ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, a need exists to have a traffic light installed at the intersection of County Route #517 and the Route 80 Eastbound ramp; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has indicated its willingness to install and maintain a traffic signal at said intersection; and

WHEREAS, there is a financial obligation by the County of Warren to pay the monthly electrical operating costs for this signal at an estimated cost of \$60 to \$80 par month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby agrees to pay the monthly electrical operating costs for this traffic signal.

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 565-00

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 July 26, 2000.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF DANIEL E. SEACHORD, Ph.D., TO CONDUCT A STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM.

WHEREAS, there is a need for a strategic planning process to guide Warren County's economic development efforts, and to reach a consensus on the direction to be pursued by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and the Economic Development Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Daniel E Seachord, Ph.D. of Lawrenceville, NJ, wishes to use Warren County as a research site for a Master' project on utilizing the strategic planning process for economic development organizations; and

WHEREAS, his research will result in a document that will provide a framework for a county-wide economic development and tourism effort; and

WHEREAS, costs of this project would be limited to miscellaneous expenses already

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budgeted; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Council, in a unanimous vote of members present at the meeting of July 18, 2000, enthusiastically supported a proposal to participate in this process and recommended the Board of Chosen Freeholders authorize cooperation with and participation in this process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders approve the proposal of Daniel E. Seachord to conduct a strategic planning program for economic development, and endorse participation by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and the Economic development Advisory Council.

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 566-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN AND THE WARREN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FROM AUGUST 23, 2000 TO FEBRUARY 23, 2001.

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 Town of Hackettstown (the applicant) in the amount of \$203,925 to acquire the Riverfront Park Project; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders may extend the project period up to 12 months according to the Grant Agreement between the County of Warren and the Town of Hackettstown; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hackettstown has already received a six-month extension and due to delays by proceedings beyond the applicants control the applicant has requested a six-month extension to extend the grant period to February 23, 2001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders grants a time extension of six months to the Riverfront Park project in the Town of Hackettstown.

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 567-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC2083 AND AUTHORIZATION TO

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ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOF REPLACEMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC2083 for Warren County Courthouse Roof replacement 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 will be provided in capital account 0499B504/5060 – Capital Expansion Planning Design

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 568-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT #WC2017P-3 WITH BIGGS ENGINEERING ASSOC., P.A. FOR THE INSPECTION OF RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY BRIDGE #08015, FRANKLIN STREET, TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000.00.

WHEREAS, the County requested proposals for Engineering Services for the inspection of the Reconstruction of County Bridge #08015, Franklin Street, Town of Hackettstown; 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 0499A304 5064 99A304 5064 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The Agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Biggs Engineering Associates, P.A. of Washington, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the amount of \$9,000.00 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.
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 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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

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RESOLUTION 569-00

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 July 26, 2000.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RGP APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES, OF SPARTA, NEW JERSEY, FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has been provided a matching grant from the New Jersey Green Acres Program for the acquisition of the Morris Canal; and

WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the Green acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Appraisal Institute, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice;

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 #03894-5065 (Open Space Tax/Recreation & Conservation Land Acquisition) and certified by the Chief Financial Officer;

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and RGP Appraisal Associates, in the amount of \$1,800, to prepare an appraisal of Block 18, Lot 27, Block 11, Lot 1, and Block 19, Lot 2, in Franklin Township be accepted.
2. The Freeholder 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 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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 570-00

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 July 26, 2000.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MGM ASSOCIATES OF FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY, FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has been provided a matching grant from the New Jersey Green Acres Program for the acquisition of the Morris Canal; and

WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the Green acres Program prior to

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negotiations for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Appraisal Institute, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice;

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 #03894-5065 (Open Space Tax/Recreation & Conservation Land Acquisition) and certified by the Chief Financial Officer;

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and MGM Associates, in the amount of \$1,800, to prepare an appraisal of Block 18, Lot 27, Block 11, Lot 1, and Block 19, Lot 2, in Franklin Township be accepted.
2. The Freeholder 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 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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 571-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WC2086R FOR PROFESSIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES FOR CDL REQUIREMENTS TO NATIONAL DRUG SCREEN, INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 1, 2000 THROUGH JULY 31, 2001 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of a drug and alcohol test screening service for CDL requirements; 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, the Director of Purchasing has certified that this contract meets the statute and regulations governing the award of such contracts; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 012900/5093 – Roads, Medical Expenses and Physicals and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The Agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and National Drug Screen Inc., of Belvidere, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, 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 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. Dickey: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

RESOLUTION 572-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC9993 WITH AMERIGAS PROPANE, L.P., FOR COMMERCIAL PROPANE FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2000 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2001 FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL YEAR OF A TWO YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A: 11-15(1) IN THE APPROXIMATE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$42,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County Contract WC9993 for commercial propane is hereby extended for the period of September 1, 2000 through August 31, 2001 as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A: 11-15(l)

To.....Amerigas Propane L.P., Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

In the approximate amount of\$42,000.00

As per their bid submittedAugust 16, 1999

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts 013100/5070 Buildings & Grds – Heating Fuel, 012900/5070 Roads – Heating Fuel, 013510/5030 Warren Haven Utilities – Operating Supplies

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 573-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC9861R WITH DENTRUST DENTAL FOR

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DENTAL SERVICES AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2000 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2001 FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A: 11-15(29) IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$25,500.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County Contract WC9861r for dental services for the Warren County Correctional Center is hereby extended for the period of September 1, 2000 through August 31, 2001 as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A: 11-15(29)

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

In the total amount of\$25,500.00

As per their agreement submitted..... August 12, 1998

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012800/5093 Correctional Center – Medical Expenses including Physicals

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 574-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND THE AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2050 TO SHAMROCK MAINTENANCE COMPANY, INC., AND AWARD CONTRACT WC2050-1 FOR JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 13, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000 TO ALL CLEAN BUILDING SERVICES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,520.00.

WHEREAS, Janitorial Services Bids for the County of Warren were received on May 15, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Shamrock Maintenance Company, was the low bidder for Janitorial Services and was awarded the contract by resolution, May 24, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Shamrock Maintenance Company has declared that they cannot and will not fulfill the contract and has left the job as of July 7, 2000, and that the award should be made to the next lowest bidder, All Clean Building Services, Inc., of Hamilton, New Jersey, in the amount of \$52,520.00; and

WHEREAS, funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts 013100/5024 Buildings & Grounds Facility Maintenance, Repair and Cleaning and 153908/5024 Library Facility Maintenance, Repair and Cleaning

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby rescind the award for Janitorial Services from Shamrock Maintenance Company, and award the contract to All Clean Building Services, Inc., in the total amount of \$52,520.00.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen

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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 575-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2060 FOR ONE YEAR 2000 CASE MODEL 590SL LOADER/BACKHOE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO POWERCO, INC., IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$74,309.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2060 for one year 2000 Case Model 590SL Loader/Backhoe for the Warren County Road Department is hereby awarded

To.....Powerco, Inc., Clinton, New Jersey

In the amount of\$74,309.00

As per their bid submitted.....June 12, 2000

And reviewed and recommended buy the Road Department Supervisor as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0400A610/5058 – Capital – Backhoe/Loader, Road Department

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 576-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following member to the WC Advisory Council on Disabilities effective July 27, 2000:

Pam Stewart
21 Belvidere Ave.
P.O. Box #246
Washington, NJ 07882

Term to expire: December 31, 2001

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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 577-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following member, effective August 2, 2000, to fill the unexpired term of Barbara Matrisciano:

Susan Boer
185 Mount Joy Rd.
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term to expire: June 30, 2003

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 578-00

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 July 26, 2000.

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONFIGURATION OF THE WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL AND CHARITABLE CONSERVANCY TRUST FUND COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders (Freeholders) created the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee (the committee) on June 26, 1996 and

WHEREAS, the committee in the course of their duties review, prioritize and make recommendations to the Freeholders on the funding of projects for preservation of lands for recreational uses, open space uses, and farmland preservation; and

WHEREAS, the committee consists of 11 members; 6 of those members representing the 6 regions of the county as described in the Warren County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Procedures and Rules, 2 of those members are appointed at-large by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, 1 of those members from the voting members of the Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners and one of those members from the voting members of the Warren County Agriculture Development Board; and

WHEREAS, the Freeholders have directed the committee by resolution on April 12, 2000, to include in their funding recommendations historic restoration and preservation projects; and

WHEREAS, a person with knowledge in the preservation of historic sites and structures

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is needed to address the expanded scope of the review of the committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders amends the configuration of the committee to designate one of the at-large members as an alternate member and to add a member of the Warren County Cultural and Heritage commission as a regular voting member, with the alternate member having the authority to vote on matters when a regular member is absent;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the regular terms of the alternate member and the Warren County cultural and Heritage member shall be for two years with the first term to end March 25, 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 579-00

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 July 26, 2000.

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

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted the Warren County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Procedures and Rules on June 26, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has amended the configuration of the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee on July 26, 2000, to include one at-large member as an alternate member having the authority to vote on matters when a regular member is absent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following member be appointed to the Warren County municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee as a Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders at-large alternate representative:

Joel Schnetzer
669 Mt. View Ave.
Asbury, NJ 08802

Term: 7/26/00 – 3/25/02

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

Mrs. Dickey asked how many boards Mr. Schnetzer is on already and was told two. Mr. DeBosh said that not having people serve on more than two boards is too restrictive especially when, as in this case, we are requiring that an appointed member on one board serve on another committee. This should not be considered a violation.

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

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, a resolution is to be prepared for the

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next meeting for the appointment of Peter L. Grogan as a regular member to the WC Environmental Commission.

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

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Stone, a resolution is to be prepared for the next meeting to amend the terms of recently appointed members, Ellen Nerbak and Julie Moringello to the EDAC, to expire December 31, 2001 so that all the terms are consistent.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Dickey: no (Mrs. Dickey said she is supportive of the idea but did not vote affirmatively for these members) Mr. DeBosh: yes Mrs. Stone: yes

On motion by Mrs. Dickey, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the resignations of Mary Longyhore and Robert McCabe as members to EDAC were accepted with regret and letters of thanks are to be sent.

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

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, a resolution is to be prepared for the next meeting for the appointment of Greg Donaldson and Donald Lawatsch to EDAC.

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

RESOLUTION 580-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION CREATING THE FULL-TIME POSITIONS OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES; COUNTY ALCOHOLISM COORDINATOR/EAP COORDINATOR; AND ASSISTANT MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING THE FULL-TIME POSITIONS OF SENIOR PROGRAM MONITOR; COUNTY ALCOHOLISM COORDINATOR; AND YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES COORDINATOR, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICE.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the full-time positions of *deputy director of Human Services; county alcoholism coordinator* and *assistant mental health administrator*, classified, are created in the Warren County Department of Human Services to accommodate reorganization of the department and to enhance the effective and timely delivery of public service to the citizens of Warren County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the full-time positions of *senior program monitor; county alcoholism coordinator; and youth opportunities coordinator*, classified, be abolished; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the title *EAP coordinator* made part of the newly created position of *county alcoholism coordinator* be approved as a working title as a result of additional part-time duties assigned to this position for the coordination of Warren County 's Employee Assistance Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the AFSCME range for these newly created positions be approved as follows and be made effective July 27, 2000:

Deputy Director of Human Services – AFSCME RANGE 2235

County Alcoholism coordinator/EAP Coordinator – AFSCME range 2140

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Assistant Mental Health Administrator - AFSCME 1935

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

Mrs. Dickey asked if these positions are grant funded. Ms. Kubert said that they are and the total to move these people to the new positions is approximately \$12,000. They do understand that the positions disappear if the funding stops.

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

County Counsel David Wallace had items for executive session only.

County Engineer David Hicks reported on the Civil War Monument project in Hackettstown. Once the monument is done, Hackettstown will be receiving a grant from the state. Ownership will go to the town and the county will have an agreement with the town regarding right-of-way. It will probably take a year for the funding and we will work with them on the details.

Mr. Hicks had no news on the Butler Park Bridge.

Regarding the White Township Bridge on Route 519, during an inspection of the rehabilitation project, it was discovered that the abutment walls are not resting on adequate footings and so it is likely that we will have to authorize additional work at an additional cost of approximately \$50,000.00.

Mrs. Stone said she received a letter from DCA regarding a grant for the Fire Training Academy asking if we want an extension. She asked Mr. Hicks to please fill out the paperwork.

County Planner David Dech had no report.

County Fiscal Analyst Dan Olshefski had no report.

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

Director Stone opened the Public Hearing on a Small Cities application at 8:00 p.m.

Carol Hertweck-Lowy reported on the new application and gave an update on the project we are completing.

Ms. Hertweck-Lowy explained that we have expended 58.8% (\$235,105) of the obligated funds on this project which covers housing rehabilitation and public facilities.

A member of the public asked if renovations can be made and Ms. Hertweck-Lowy said yes, it includes ADA improvements. In this program, a total of 26 dwelling units are being improved in Alpha, Belvidere, Hackettstown, Oxford and Washington Borough.

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Ms. Hertweck-Lowy said that the townships are selected by the applications received. Karen Kubert asked how the applicants get picked and Ms. Hertweck-Lowy said that once they are contacted, a formal document is sent and they are put on a list in order of receipt; first come, first served. If an emergency arises, that project and that one only takes priority, but then they go back to the original list.

The purpose of this hearing is to look for additional funds to assist low and moderate-income families in the areas listed in the handout. This is operated by the WC Housing Program and the low interest loans are to be reimbursed to the county when the property is sold or the deed is transferred. The money goes back into the pot of money. An additional \$120,000 in housing rehabilitation fund loan recapture assistance will also be presented in the project application which represents a 30% match as required by the State.

Any comments regarding this program can be addressed to Steve Marvin prior to September 1st and to the attention of Roger Hoeh at DCA within the ten-day period following this hearing.

Another audience member asked how county residents find out about this program and was told that it is advertised in the newspaper and most County departments should have the necessary information.

Director Stone closed the public hearing at 8:13 p.m.

RESOLUTION 581-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO CARRY OUT A PROJECT TO REHABILITATE DWELLING UNITS IN WARREN COUNTY TARGET AREAS.

WHEREAS, the County of Warren desires to apply for a grant from the New Jersey department of Community Affairs for approximately \$400,000 to carry out a project to rehabilitate dwelling units in County of Warren target areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the NJ Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of the grant agreement; and also upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of said agreement between the County of Warren and the NJ Department of Community Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the freeholder director and county administrator are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

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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County Administrator Steve Marvin spoke to the BCF about the letter received from Judge Guterl regarding the trade of office space in the courthouse. According to the Judge, there is not sufficient space for their needs. He is suggesting moving the Tax Board Office out of the courthouse to make room for their Central Fee Office. Mr. Marvin said there is no quick solution to this problem and he feels this needs to be discussed with County Clerk Terry Lee and the Tax Board people. He has also talked to Dave Hicks about this but we have no solution at this time. He would like to get input from Donna Milliken and Terry Lee first.

On motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the Board of Chosen Freeholders should officially request a courthouse security meeting with the Sheriff.

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

Mr. Marvin said we have received a request from a candidate for the Senate to drive a stake in the ground near the courthouse in Belvidere. Mr. Marvin reminded the BCF that deed restrictions on the Garrett D. Wall Park preclude a permanent structure in the park. Mr. Wallace pointed out that Ms. LaNeve made no explanation for doing this other than it being her right. Do we want to deny this? After some further discussion, it was decided to invite her to the August 9th freeholder meeting to address the BCF.

Art Charlton, Director of Economic Development and Tourism spoke to the board about seeking National Historic Corridor Status for the Morris Canal. This is in the early stages, he has just started to look into this and no decision has been made at this time. He just wants to keep the BCF informed. This could give us access to federal funding and expertise. We can explore this for just New Jersey or we can include Pennsylvania.

Mr. DeBosh said his only concern would be any impact on Rt. 519 drainage. Would this prohibit us from fixing roads, etc.; would this status impinge upon us. Mr. Charlton said these issues would be looked at and he will keep the BCF informed. Mrs. Dickey said this could be a very valuable asset to tourism and said there seems to be no downside to this. The benefits for tourism are good.

Mr. Marvin asked the board if they are planning on holding a Municipal Elected and Appointed Officials meeting in August and the board told him to advertise and send out the letters for this meeting to be held Wednesday, August 30th.

Under freeholder comments, Mrs. Dickey submitted a resolution from Passaic County regarding the opposition of the black bear hunt and mentioned that there are other ways to handle this situation. She asked that our BCF do a similar resolution.

Mrs. Dickey also suggested that we may have historic bridges available to replace the Butler Park Bridge. She will gather information and give it to Dave Hicks. Mr. Hicks said that generally old, historic bridges that are free are not too structurally sound. Mr. DeBosh said we need to replace this bridge with a good, modern, sturdy bridge.

Mrs. Dickey said she noticed that all three of her truck resolutions were taken off the agenda. Mrs. Stone said that she has given them to Dave Hicks and Dave Wallace for review. Mrs.

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Dickey asked that after review, they be put on the next agenda for the August 9th BCF meeting.

Mr. Wallace said that DOT might say that the signage she requests in her resolutions is inappropriate. Mr. Hicks said that he will check on this. Mr. DeBosh said that parking on state highways is already a violation. Mrs. Dickey said they can park for four hours but it is not being enforced. Also, some trucks are parking overnight and using the highways as rest stops. Her request is to reinforce the law as it stands. Mr. DeBosh said that this is an enforcement issue. Mr. Hicks has talked to DOT and they don't have too many answers. These regulations are being challenged by the trucking industry. We are still looking for clarification from DOT and also, what impact will this be on service to the county. Mrs. Dickey suggested that we need I.D. for the trucks so that the police know what they are. Mr. Hicks pointed out that we don't have the law enforcement manpower to do this. He suggests that the fines be more appropriate.

Mr. DeBosh reported that he, Art Charlton, Dave Dech, Bernie Rooney and people from GPU met in Phillipsburg regarding reinstating rail service along the Raritan line. NJTPA will be doing a feasibility study. Penn Dot has the funding and this would be a great benefit to the Railroad Museum. It would also benefit economic development in Phillipsburg; keep traffic off the highways and other roads in New Jersey.

Mr. DeBosh also asked about the resolution pulled from a previous agenda regarding architectural services for the expansion and renovation of the old welfare house? We need to make a decision on this, we need the space. The Health Department could move into that space, it would be a good use of the property. He asked that the board think about this for the next meeting.

Mrs. Stone said that there is a meeting coming up on this issue. Mr. DeBosh said we need to utilize the space. Mrs. Stone said we own the building that PHNA is in now and they don't want to move. They want to keep their presence in Washington. When we decide to do these types of things, we need to network with the departments that are to be moved.

Mrs. Stone said she has asked Mr. Hicks about an article she read that we are not receiving any money from transportation this year, is this true? Mr. Hicks said that the projects listed were State highways and that no state highway improvement construction projects were slated for Warren County.

Under closing public comments, Reggie Regrut from Phillipsburg, addressed Mr. DeBosh and asked if he had read the information that Mr. Regrut gave him previously. Mr. DeBosh said he will make no comment based on the pending litigation. Mrs. Stone told Mr. Regrut that his time is up.

There were no press comments or questions.

RESOLUTION 582-00

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 July 26, 2000.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON MAY 10, 2000. THE GENERAL

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

Director Stone called for a ten minute break at 9:00 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 9:25 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 11:39 p.m.

Nothing discussed in executive session has lost its confidentiality.

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the director is authorized to execute a letter to the state for the 2000B funding for farmland preservation funding from SADC.

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

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Stone, authorization was given to County Counsel to execute the settlement regarding a former employee, as discussed in executive session.

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

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On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Stone, authorization was given to the Administrator to agree to the petition request filed by the Communications Center employees to form a separate bargaining unit.

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

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 11:42 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk