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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, October 18, 2000 at 7:02 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. Stone, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held Wednesday, September 27, 2000 were approved as presented.

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

Mr. David Wallace briefed the board regarding the format for the hearing regarding the recommendation for termination of employment of Director of the Juvenile Detention Center, Mr. Dennis Fare. Mr. Wallace explained that Mr. Fare had elected, via correspondence from his attorney, Edward Bilinkas, to in fact, have a pre-termination hearing and to do so in open public session.

Mr. Bilinkas stated that Mr. Fare was not formally charged with anything but Mr. Wallace said that he would be aware of the charges by the end of the night.

Mr. Marvin then presented, over four and one half hours, the results of the investigation into the activities of Mr. Fare and the operation of Warren Acres, including reading of testimony from a variety of witnesses, reading of transcripts, reading of various memoranda and correspondence and the final summary of the investigative findings.

Mr. Wallace reiterated to Mr. Bilinkas that throughout Mr. Marvin's presentation of evidence, job titles were used in lieu of names in order to protect the privacy rights of both juveniles and employees and he hoped that Mr. Bilinkas would continue that procedure in any continuing forum and if Mr. Bilinkas chose not to do this, the county could not be held responsible.

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Mr. Wallace then made a recommendation to the board on behalf of Mr. Marvin, for a motion to amend the terms of Mr. Fare's suspension to that of suspension without pay. Mr. Bilinkas then presented an argument that such action should not take place without an opportunity for his presentation in rebuttal.

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the recommendation was amended to include setting the date of November 21st at 7:00 p.m. for the continuation of the hearing.

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

The above proceedings, in their entirety, were audio recorded.

RESOLUTION 726-00

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 October 18, 2000.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher certificate
For Certification/Ratification for Payment No. 2000-34 dated October 18, 2000

In the amount of **\$2,327,039.42** including bills and
Investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers
By the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2000-34**\$2,327,039.42**

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 727-00

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 October 18, 2000.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN
INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND THE
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Housing Program was established in response to the recognized need for an increase in Affordable housing opportunities in the County of Warren and as an organization to coordinate, promote and develop affordable housing on a county-wide basis; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Housing Program has developed a housing rehabilitation program to assist municipalities, on a voluntary basis, to bring substandard housing units which are occupied by low and moderate-income persons to housing code standards; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield desires to utilize the services of the Warren County

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Housing Program for the purpose of addressing the municipal housing rehabilitation needs and as set forth in its COAH Obligation and Development Fee Spending Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute the Warren County Housing Program Agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and the Township of Mansfield, such agreement which would provide for the rehabilitation of 35 substandard housing units.

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 728-00

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 October 18, 2000.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2001 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE SPENDING PLAN FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS; FUNDS AVAILABLE TO VARIOUS MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMS THROUGH THE NJ GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE FOR A TOTAL OF \$103,164.72.

WHEREAS, the NJ Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has made available to Warren County a total of \$103,164.72 for substance abuse prevention and educational programs to be provided by local municipal alliance programs in Calendar Year 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACA/DA) and the County Alliance Spending Plan which recommends \$103,164.72 of these anticipated funds to the various municipal alliance programs throughout Warren County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders approves the Calendar Year 2001 Municipal Alliance Spending Plan for \$103,164.72 anticipated funding available through the NJ Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for prevention/education substance abuse programs by various municipal alliance programs; subject to the availability of funds.

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 729-00

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 October 18, 2000.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH HUNTERDON COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING SERVICES IN WARREN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the need for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) counseling and testing services in Warren County has been identified by the Warren County Task Force on AIDS; and

WHEREAS, free HIV counseling and testing services have been provided in Warren County

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under an interlocal service agreement with Hunterdon County; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity exists to continue said agreement; and

WHEREAS, because the Hunterdon County HIV Counseling and Testing Service is state-funded there will be no cost to Warren County at either the government or the individual client levels for this service; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Health Department will provide for adequate space at the Division of Personal Health Services and /or at other locations in Warren County to accommodate this service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren authorizes the execution of the attached interlocal service agreement with Hunterdon County to provide HIV Counseling and Testing services in Warren County at times that are mutually agreeable to both parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution and agreement shall be forwarded to Hunterdon County and to the Warren County Health Department.

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 730-00

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 October 18, 2000.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF TEMPORARY SLOPE AND CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY CULVERT #04063, WISHING WELL ROAD OVER YARDS CREEK, FROM THE OWNERS OF BLOCK 401, LOT 19, BLOCK 402, LOT 5.01, AND BLOCK 402, LOT 5.02, BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, the replacement of County Culvert #04063, Wishing Well Road over Yards Creek, Blairstown Township will require temporary slope and construction easements; and

WHEREAS, temporary slope and construction easements are needed on Block 401, Lot 19, owned by Emil and Eleanor R. McConnell, Block 402, Lot 5.01, owned by Steven W. Moore and Susan Kay Smith-Moore, and Block 402, Lot 5.02, owned by the Fanelli Family Limited Partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the acquisition of the needed easements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director and Deputy Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute said easement agreements.

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 731-00

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 October 18, 2000.

RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoints the following members to the WC Environmental Commission:

Richard C. Dunlap
2141 New Village Rd.
Stewartsville, NJ 08886

Term to expire: July 26, 2004

Dominick D. Vangeli
866 High St.
Alpha, NJ 08865

Term to expire: July 26, 2004

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following individuals to the WC Environmental Commission:

Richard Gardner
170 Anderson Rd.
Asbury, NJ 08802

Term to expire: July 26, 2002

Lorraine Gold
21 Hardwick Rd.
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Term to expire: July 26, 2004

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 732-00

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 October 18, 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 individual to the WC Advisory Council on Disabilities:

Linda Baer
96 Washington St.
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term to expire: December 31, 2001

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 733-00

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 October 18, 2000.

RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following members are reappointed to the WC Mosquito Extermination Commission:

Michael Sloane
P.O. Box #223
Allamuchy, NJ 07820

Term to expire: October 18, 2003

John A. Hawk
WC Health Dept.
319 West Washington Ave.
Washington, NJ 07882

Term to expire: October 18, 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

County Administrator Steve Marvin submitted one hiring request, which was approved.

There were no freeholder comments.

Under public comments, Reggie Regrut of Phillipsburg presented information clarifying the draft resolution he had presented to the board previously and explained again the intent of the resolution was to ask for a moratorium on residential development.

Mike Doherty presented a series of questions to the board regarding county bonding, debt levels and budgeting practices.

Harry Zikas, Mayor of Alpha, thanked the board for the traffic light at Route 519 in Alpha.

No executive session was necessary.

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 12:30 p.m.

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

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Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk