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Pursuant to Statute in such cases made in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on December 13, 2000, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren was held in Court Room #1, Court House, Belvidere, NJ on Monday, January 1, 2001 at 4:00 P.M.

The following notice was read by County Administrator Steve Marvin: "**ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL 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**".

The Invocation was given by the Rev. Frank Fowler, Trinity United Methodist Church, Hackettstown, NJ.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by County Administrator Steve Marvin.

The Certification of Election of Michael J. Doherty was read by County Administrator Steve Marvin.

The Oath of Office of Michael J. Doherty was administered by the Hon. Harry K. Seybolt, J.S.C.

Mr. Doherty was assisted by his wife and children.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by County Administrator Steve Marvin.

RESOLUTION 1-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2001.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that John DiMaio is appointed Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 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: Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes Mr. DeBosh: yes

The Oath of Office of John DiMaio as Director of the Board was administered by the Hon. Harry K. Seybolt, J.S.C.

Mr. DiMaio was assisted by his wife and children.

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RESOLUTION 2-01**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2001.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Michael J. Doherty is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

The Certification of Election of Susan A. Dickey to Surrogate was read by County Administrator Steve Marvin.

The Oath of Office of Susan A. Dickey as Surrogate was administered by the Hon. Harry K. Seybolt, J.S.C.

Mrs. Dickey was assisted by her daughter Nicole.

Freeholder Director DiMaio presented Mrs. Dickey with a plaque in recognition of her years of service to Warren County as Freeholder.

RESOLUTION 3-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO APPOINT SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS BOARD OR WHICH THE DIRECTOR MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND APPOINTING FREEHOLDERS AS LIAISON OR MEMBER OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to appoint such committees as may be required by law or authorized by this Board or which the Director may deem appropriate and that the appointment of freeholders as liaison or member of various boards and committees is hereby approved:

Freeholder James S. DeBosh

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| County Adjuster | Audio Visual Aids |
| Domestic Abuse & Rape Crisis Center | Boards of School estimate |
| Cooperative Extension Service | County Clerk |
| County Transportation Outreach | Cultural and Heritage |
| Housing Program | Legal Services |
| Library Commission | Medical Examiner |
| Mental Health Board | Mosquito Commission |
| Shade Tree Commission | Statewide Excess Liability Fund Rep. |
| Trustee Warren County Legal Services | Human Services Department and its various advisory committees |
| Women's Commission | Weights and Measures |

Freeholder Michael Doherty

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| Agriculture Development Board | Board of Agriculture |
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Board of Elections
Environmental Commission
Morris Canal Committee
Board of Taxation
Boards of School Estimate
Sheriff's Office
WC Community College
War Veterans
W.I.B. (Workforce
Morris/Sussex/Warren

Board of Recreation Commissioners
Health Services
Municipal & Charitable Conservancy Trust
Fund Committee
Planning Board
Soil Conservation
Prosecutor
Welfare Board
Investment Board) of

Freeholder John DiMaio

Boards of School Estimate
Correctional Center
Juvenile Detention Center
Nutrition
Public Works
Planning Board
Solid waste
Surrogate
Technical School

North Jersey transportation Planning Committee
Eduational Coordinating & Planning Committee
(as Director)
Office on Aging
Public Safety
Police Chiefs Association
Superintendent of Schools
Transportation Committee
Welfare Board and Warren Haven

All Three Freeholders

Freeholder's Office
C.F.O.
County Counsel
Economic Development and Tourism

Personnel Division
Purchasing Department
Information Systems
Planning Department

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. DeBosh: no Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 4-01

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mr. Doherty: the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2001.

District No. 1:

Belvidere
White Township
Oxford Township
Blairstown Township

Freeholder Michael Doherty
Knowlton Township
Washington Borough
Washington Township
Hardwick Township

District #2:

Liberty Township
Mansfield Township
Allamuchy Township

Freeholder John DiMaio
Independence Township
Frelinghuysen Township
Hackettstown

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Hope Township

<u>District No. 3:</u>	<u>Freeholder James DeBosh</u>
Phillipsburg	Lopatcong Township
Alpha Borough	Harmony Township
Pohatcong Township	Greenwich Township
Franklin Township	

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 5-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2001.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.10: 4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren for the year 2001. All regular meetings shall be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Administration Building, Route #519, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January 10 at 7:30 P.M.	August 8 at 7:30 P.M.
January 17 at 7:30 P.M.	August 22 at 7:30 P.M.
January 24 at 7:30 P.M.	September 12 at 7:30 P.M.
January 26 at 7:30 A.M. *	September 19 at 7:30 P.M.
February 14 at 7:30 P.M.	September 26 at 7:30 P.M.
February 21 at 7:30 P.M.	October 10 at 7:30 P.M.
February 28 at 7:30 P.M.	October 17 at 7:30 P.M.
March 14 at 7:30 P.M.	October 24 at 7:30 P.M.
March 21 at 7:30 P.M.	November 14 at 7:30 P.M.
March 28 at 7:30 P.M.	November 20 at 7:30 P.M. **
April 11 at 7:30 P.M.	November 28 at 7:30 P.M.
April 18 at 7:30 P.M.	December 12 at 7:30 P.M.
April 25 at 7:30 P.M.	December 19 at 7:30 P.M.
May 9 at 7:30 P.M.	December 26 at 7:30 P.M.
May 16 at 7:30 P.M.	
May 23 at 7:30 P.M.	
June 13 at 7:30 P.M.	
June 27 at 7:30 P.M.	
July 11 at 7:30 P.M.	
July 25 at 7:30 P.M.	

* Meeting with Warren County Community College Board of Trustees at Warren County Community College.

** Please note that the second meeting in November is being held on Tuesday, November 20th instead of Wednesday, November 21st.

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

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 6-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE STAR GAZETTE AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND THE STAR LEDGER AS THE ALTERNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER IN WHICH SHALL BE PUBLISHED ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that THE STAR GAZETTE is hereby designated as the official newspaper and THE STAR LEDGER as the alternate official newspaper in which shall be published all advertisements and notices required by law to be published on behalf of the County of Warren. This action is taken pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:23-13.

Mr. DeBosh noted that the Express Times should remain as the alternate official newspaper of the county as their costs are far less than the Star Ledger. He made a motion to amend this resolution to make the Express Times the alternate official newspaper of the county but the motion died for lack of a second.

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: Mr. DeBosh: no Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 7-01

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mr. Doherty, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE NEWS AS AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE COUNTY FOR THE PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN NOTICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS DURING THE YEAR 2001.

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted January 1, 2001, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren designated The Star Ledger, of Newark, New Jersey, as the alternate official newspaper for the publication of all notices and advertisements required by law to be published on behalf of the County of Warren; and

WHEREAS, it appears that certain notices and advertisements are required by law to be published in a newspaper published at the county seat, if there be one, such as N.J.S.A. 40A: 2-19 regarding publication required by the Local Bond Law: and

WHEREAS, it appears that The News is a newspaper published in Belvidere, the county seat, and that The News meets all requirements to qualify as an official newspaper,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that THE NEWS is hereby designated as the official newspaper pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:23-13 in which shall be published all notices and advertisements required by law to be published on behalf of the County of Warren in a newspaper published at the county seat. Except as to such notices referred to above, the resolution adopted January 1, 2001 designating official newspapers shall continue in full force and effect.

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

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 8-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2001.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following individuals are appointed to serve on the Warren County Budget Committee for the year 2001:

John DiMaio, Freeholder Director
 Steve Marvin, County Administrator
 Charles Houck, CFO
 Dan Olshefski, Fiscal Analyst
 David Hicks, County Engineer
 Jerry Coyle, Personnel Director
 Michael Doherty, Freeholder Deputy Director, Alternate

Mr. DeBosh objected to this action.

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: Mr. DeBosh: no Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 9-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION IN NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Association of Counties requires official designation of voting and alternate members for each county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby appoint, for representation in the New Jersey Association of Counties, John DiMaio as the Voting Member, Michael Doherty as the 1st Alternate Voting Member and Steve Marvin as the 2nd Alternate Voting Member.

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: Mr. De Bosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 10-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN DESIGNATING OFFICIALS

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PERMITTED INVESTMENTS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR WARREN COUNTY
PUBLIC MONIES.**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-14, the annual Cash Management Plan prepared by the Chief Financial Officer of the County of Warren, is hereby approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board directs the official charged with the custody of public funds covered under the plan to deposit and invest said funds in accordance with the provisions of said plan.

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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 11-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY
APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,977,010.00 THROUGH THE DATE OF
ADOPTION OF THE 2001 BUDGET.**

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statutes 40A: 4-19 provides that every County must make temporary appropriations during the period January 1 to January 30 to cover commitments made during the period of January through the date of the adoption of the Budget, the total of said appropriations for the preceding year, excluding the amount of appropriations for the Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance, and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty days of January, and

WHEREAS, one quarter of the total appropriations in the 2000 Budget, excluding the amount of appropriations for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance is \$21,977,010.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following temporary appropriations in the total amount of \$21,977,010.00 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Financial Officer's department for their records.

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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 12-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING A RESOLUTION OF DECEMBER 20, 2000 WHICH
REAPPOINTED A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY WELFARE BOARD AND
DECREASING THE AUTHORIZED CITIZEN MEMBERSHIP FROM SEVEN (7) TO SIX (6)
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001.**

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby rescinds a resolution of December 20, 2000 which reappointed Dawn Gallant as a member to the Warren County Welfare Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby decreases the authorized citizen membership from seven (7) to six (6), effective January 1, 2001.

Mr. Doherty said that this action is being taken as the new board members feel that this appointment should have been made on January 1st by the new board.

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: Mr. DeBosh: no Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 13-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION RESCINDING A RESOLUTION OF DECEMBER 20, 2000 APPOINTING JOHN J. COYLE, JR. AS WARREN COUNTY COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby rescinds a resolution of December 20, 2000 appointing John J. Coyle, Jr. as Warren County Counsel and authorizing an employment agreement.

Mr. DeBosh also disagreed with this action and said we will probably face litigation on this. Mr. DiMaio said that both he and Mr. Doherty had discussed this previously with Mr. Coyle.

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: Mr. DeBosh: no Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 14-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION RESCINDING A RESOLUTION OF DECEMBER 20, 2000 APPOINTING FREDERIC M. KNAPP, ESQ. AS WARREN COUNTY SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby rescinds a resolution of December 20, 2000 appointing Frederic M. Knapp, Esq. as Warren County Special Labor Counsel and authorizing an employment agreement.

Mr. DeBosh asked that the board take another look at this.

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: Mr. DeBosh: no Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 15-01

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On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH J. BELL, ESQ. AS WARREN COUNTY COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren as follows:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 9-43, Joseph J. Bell, Esq., an attorney-at-law of the State of New Jersey, with offices located at 10 Bloomfield Ave., Denville, NJ 07834 is hereby appointed as Warren County Counsel for a three (3) year term of office commencing January 1, 2001 and until December 31, 2003.

2. The Employment Agreement between the Board and Mr. Bell setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment and employment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation, which Employment Agreement is made a part of this Resolution by reference and is incorporated herein as if set forth verbatim, is hereby approved by the Board, and the Director of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Employment Agreement on behalf of the Board.

Mr. DiMaio said that the annual salary for this position will be \$100,000 which will result in a substantial savings to the county. Mr. DeBosh disagreed and said that the costs will be the same. He felt that there are qualified attorneys in Warren County and asked why we went to Morris County for an attorney.

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: Mr. DeBosh: no Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 16-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COURTER, KOBERT, LAUFER & COHEN, P.C., AS SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL TO WARREN COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to maintain effective legal representation of Warren County; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance thereof the board has determined that Courter, Kobert, Laufer & Cohen, P.C., should be retained to perform professional labor counsel services on behalf of the county;

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

1. The Employment Agreement between the Board and Mr. Bell setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment and employment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation, which Employment Agreement is made a part of this Resolution by reference and is incorporated herein as if set forth verbatim, is hereby approved by the Board, and the Director of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Employment Agreement on behalf of the Board.

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2. Said Agreement is made, negotiated and awarded by the Board without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, as said Agreement is for professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law inasmuch as the services thereunder are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law.

3. Notice of this action, stating the nature, duration, service and amount of said Agreement are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board, shall be published in The Star Gazette as required by law within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

Mr. DeBosh stated that this new agreement contains an hourly rate which will be more expensive than a flat rate, he likes the flat rate better. Mr. DiMaio said that last year the cost was \$260,000 plus benefits; they will be monitoring the fees.

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: Mr. DeBosh: no Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 17-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DOUGLAS J. STEINHARDT, ESQ. AS WARREN COUNTY
ADJUSTER AND AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,
2001.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren desires to designate Douglas J. Steinhardt, Esq., an attorney-at-law of the State of New Jersey, whose office is located at 404 Third St., Belvidere, NJ 07823 to serve as County Adjuster;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4-34, Douglas J. Steinhardt, Esq., is hereby designated to serve as County Adjuster effective January 1, 2001 and the Employment Agreement between the Board and Mr. Steinhardt, made part of this resolution by reference, is hereby approved by the Board, and the Director of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Employment Agreement on behalf of the Board.

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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 18-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC., FOR THE YEAR 2001.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that David K. Dech is hereby appointed as the alternate voting member, representing the County of Warren, to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., at those meetings when Freeholder John DiMaio is unable to attend during the year 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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 19-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following members are reappointed to the WC Advisory Council on Disabilities for two year terms effective January 1, 2001:

Eric Pridmore Term to expire: December 31, 2002
53 Summerfield Rd.
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Edward Swahn Term to expire: December 31, 2002
25 Gardner CT. #18
Washington, NJ 07882

Suzanne Kell Term to expire: December 31, 2002
57 Old Belvidere Rd.
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 20-01

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mr. Doherty, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM DRUG ABUSE (LACA/DA).

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following members are reappointed to the WC LACA/DA effective January 1, 2001:

Lou Naumann Term to expire: 12/31/02
WC Probation Dept.
413 Second St.
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Dave Hetes Term to expire: 12/31/02
314 Pennsylvania Ave.
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Father William Smith Term to expire: 12/31/02

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St. Jude Church
P.O. Box N
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Donna Rue
PHNA
162 E. Washington Ave
Washington, NJ 07882

Term to expire: 12/31/02

Clara Citarelli
Boulder Drive
Mt. Bethel, PA 18343

Term to expire: 12/31/02

Theresa Niederhaus
402 Third St.
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Term to expire: 12/31/02

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

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 21-01

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mr. Doherty, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY SHADE TREE COMMISSION.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoints a member to the WC Shade Tree Commission to a five (5) year term effective January 1, 2001:

Vincent Iacampo
P.O. Box 884
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Term to expire: 12/31/05

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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 22-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following individual to the Warren County Library Commission to a five (5) year term effective January 1, 2001:

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Jayne Hess
505 John Mitchell Ave.
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term to expire: 12/31/05

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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

RESOLUTION 23-01

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2001.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACTED SERVICES FOR THE SURROGATE OFFICE.

WHEREAS, there is need for part time assistance in the Surrogate Office to assist in training of a Deputy Surrogate and replacement office personnel; and

WHEREAS, former Surrogate, Albert J. Ruh is agreeable to provide said training on a part time basis as Special Deputy Surrogate; and

WHEREAS, one-half of the cost of said services will be provided from the Surrogate Fee Account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Albert J. Ruh shall serve as Special Deputy Surrogate at an hourly rate of \$38.22, on an "as needed" basis, for approximately two months at an anticipated cost of \$6,154.00.

Mr. DeBosh asked why this action is being taken. Mrs. Dickey said that they have a new deputy and a new employee coming in and they feel they need Mr. Ruh on a temporary basis for training. Mr. DeBosh said that the existing personnel in the office should be able to handle this. He doesn't think the need is there to have Mr. Ruh come back for an additional fee of \$5,600. Mr. Doherty said that Mr. Ruh has a lot of experience and will be valuable to the new staff. Mr. DeBosh said that the office is fully staffed and Mrs. Dickey has experience in probate matters.

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: Mr. DeBosh: no Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

Freeholder DiMaio introduced Senator William Schluter.

Senator Schluter began by thanking Ann Stone, Al Ruh and Susan Dickey for their past service to the taxpayers of Warren County. They have served the county well. He advised the new board to be creative and to be leaders; take risks for the people of the county. The Board of Chosen Freeholders are leaders and they should dare to be different but they must listen to the people.

Assemblyman Leonard Lance acknowledged friends present and friends who are no longer here. He acknowledged his first two mentors: Judge Aaroe and Judge Bry-Nildsen. He said this is a new time with a new president, a new governor and it will be a new time for Warren County. Mr. Lance congratulated Mrs. Dickey as the new Surrogate, Mr. Doherty as a new freeholder and Mr. DiMaio as the new freeholder director. He wished everyone a prosperous New Year.

Sheriff Don Kelley thanked everyone for their support.

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Mrs. Dickey thanked everyone for coming out today. She said that in her eight years as freeholder, she always followed her conscience and hopes that the new board will follow her rule to vote their conscience. She offered her support and assistance.

Former Freeholder Ken Miller congratulated the new board and hopes that this year will be prosperous for everyone. He said he will continue to do what he can to locate the railroad museum in Phillipsburg. He feels it will be an excellent economic boon for Warren County. He mentioned that he has serious health problems in 2000 but he now realizes how important your health is and said he will always work for Warren County.

Freeholder DeBosh wished everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. He thanked Ann Stone for her service to the county, said last year was a very good year with no tax increase. Credit should also be given to Steve Marvin, Pete Houck, Dan Olshefski and Pat Rivoli and Warden Byron Foster also deserves a lot of credit. He also credited Dave Dech for his work towards farmland preservation. Also, we held the line on healthcare. Last year we spent an additional \$750,000 for healthcare and there should be no increase this year. He would hope we would see a modest tax decrease this year. Also we will need to find \$600,000 to keep Warren County residents in institutions. Litigation involving the incinerator is also something we have to worry about. He intends to support the majority when they are right but will vote no when he thinks they are wrong.

Freeholder Doherty thanked everyone for their assistance in the recent election. He said that Ann Stone wanted to provide more services to the taxpayers, however, he wants the essential services only. At this point in time, it takes 131 days to pay our tax bill, in other words we work until May 10th to pay our taxes and this is too long. Also, New Jersey has the most government employees in the country and he is concerned about what is going on in Warren County. He also feels we need to put a lid on spending. He fully believes in smaller government and intends to decrease the budget by 3% and would like to see the tax rate cut by one to two cents. The board controls the purse strings. Warren County is a rural county and should be maintained as a rural county. Farmland preservation should be our highest priority. Another hot issue is the Warren County Community College. He is all for education and we must be supportive of education but we need to spend our money carefully. There is no need for this expansion. The college has a four-day week and he is concerned that the facility is under utilized. We need to go in a new direction. It might be possible to merge with Morris County at a fair cost to our county.

Freeholder DiMaio welcomed everyone and said that we are faced with many challenges in this year. He will work as hard as he can to do the job. The board has reestablished the budget committee and the main focus will be on the budget and as a matter of fact, the committee will have its' first meeting tomorrow morning. Regarding open space, he was born and raised in Hackettstown and will strive to maintain the rural complexion of this county. He said that 911 has made great progress and he will continue to uphold that department. We need to do our job there and in order to retain employees, we will need to be able to adjust salaries as needed. Warren County Community College is under much discussion and he knows the residents of the county are concerned about the direction we are going. We are all in favor of providing education but at what cost. New Jersey is in favor of regionalization. We need to enhance education but we don't need new buildings. Are we really achieving our goal? He is in favor of forming a committee to enhance educational advantages for the youth of Warren County. We need to find ways to do this. The campus will always be there. There is a meeting scheduled with the Board of Trustees on January 26th at 7:30 a.m. to discuss these issues. He said he is very excited and proud to serve with Mr. Doherty and Mr. DeBosh and wants to have them work together for a common goal. He invited everyone to join them at Apple Mountain after the meeting.

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On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mr. Doherty, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk