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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, August 22, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director DiMaio and upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder John DiMaio, Freeholder Michael Doherty and Freeholder James DeBosh.

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

Director DiMaio 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 Mr. Doherty, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held August 8, 2001 were approved as presented.  
ROLL CALL: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, the executive session minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held August 8, 2001 were approved as presented.  
ROLL CALL: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mr. Doherty, the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held August 13, 2001 were approved as presented.  
ROLL CALL: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

### **PROCLAMATION 618-01**

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mr. Doherty, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held August 22, 2001.

#### **PROCLAMATION ELDER FRAUD PREVENTION WEEK AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2001.**

**Whereas**, the prevalence of fraudulent practices perpetrated against older adults has increased dramatically; and

**Whereas**, the elderly make up three quarters of people who report problems with' fraud; and

**Whereas**, the elderly make the ideal target for fraud for many reasons: the majority own their own homes, they may be unable to do home repairs, they are more likely to have health problems, many elderly live alone, most may have a retirement nest egg or stable income, and many are more trusting of strangers; and

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**Whereas**, Telemarketing fraud costs Americans \$40 Billion a year, and is by far the most common type of fraud committed against the elderly; and

**Whereas**, Warren County's population of citizens over the age of 60 is approximately 18,000; and

**Whereas**, The Warren County Office on Aging and the Elder Fraud Investigation Unit of the NJ Department of Consumer Affairs are joining forces to combat Elder Fraud in Warren County by providing older citizens with education and prevention programs during the week of August 26th through September 1, 2001; and

**Whereas**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby recognize that these crimes against the elderly are contemptuous and cowardly acts which deserve the highest level of prosecution.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, in an effort to reduce the incidence of Elder Fraud in Warren County, The Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby proclaim the week of **August 26,2001 through September 1, 2001 as Warren County Elder Fraud Prevention Week.**

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John DiMaio, Freeholder Director

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.

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

Sue Lennon, Executive Director of Office on Aging, accepted the proclamation and thanked the BCF for their support.

John Metroke, Chairman of the WC Cultural and Heritage Commission spoke to the BCF regarding the Oxford Furnace site and pointed out that the grant funds are not sufficient to finish the project as additional costs have come up due to considerable deterioration that has occurred at the site. He feels we have to do something fast before more deterioration takes place. They estimate they need \$150,000 to finish the front structure. If the state appropriates the money, it will not be available until 2003, however, that is not guaranteed. They are looking to the BCF for suggestions.

Mr. DeBosh, liaison to the commission, said that the county should be proud of this project and we should come up with the funds if we can.

Mr. DiMaio said perhaps it would be more prudent for the BCF to look at this in the next budget year. The commission should also look to the state for grant monies.

Mr. DeBosh said that the state legislature could put it in as a special project in next year's State budget.

Mr. Metroke said that eventually the fencing will be removed from around the furnace and it will be returned to its original state. Plaques will be installed and also external lighting.

Mr. DiMaio said the BCF commends the commission for the work done so far.

Mayor VanHorn of Knowlton Township and Knowlton Committee Member Rene Mathez presented a check in the amount of \$50,000 to the county as reimbursement to the Open Space Trust Fund.

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Bill Rosebrock of the WC Environmental Commission spoke to the BCF regarding the Reliant Energy Power Plant expansion application. The Environmental Commission will be meeting tomorrow evening and they have already met with Knowlton Township. The Environmental Commission is not opposing the expansion but they are asking for controls. There is a public hearing scheduled for one week from tonight at Nazareth High School at 7:00 p.m. and the commission is requesting the BCF to supply transportation as they did before. Mr. DiMaio said he will arrange for this with a bus leaving this parking lot at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Rosebrock thanked the BCF for taking the lead in this.

Director DiMaio announced that the Public Hearing scheduled for 8:00 p.m. tonight on the issue of the county college will not occur due to problems with advertising.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

**RESOLUTION 619-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.**

**Be and it is hereby resolved** that Master Voucher Certificate  
**For Certification/Ratification for Payment No. 2001-29 dated August 22, 2001**  
In the amount of **\$ 2,929,793.97** including bills and  
Investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers  
By the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2001-28	\$ 1,139,623.03		
2001-29	\$ 673,455.03		Subtotal \$ 1,813,078.06
Clothing Allowance 8/2/01	\$ 137.50		
Payroll 8/9/01	\$ 1,116,578.41	Subtotal	\$ 1,116,715.91
		Grand Total	\$ 2,929,793.97

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 620-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**INSERTION INTO THE 2001 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,916.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES, SPECIAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICES, EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICE COORDINATION #02-0257-EIP-L-1.**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

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**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2001 in the sum of \$ 122,916.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Special Child Health Services, Early Intervention Service Coordination #02-257-EIP-L-1.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$ 122,916.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

"UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES"

State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Special Child Health Services, Early Intervention Service Coordination #02-257-EIP-L-1

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services and that two (2) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services.

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 621-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**INSERTION INTO THE 2001 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,788.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, OFFICE OF INSURANCE FRAUD.**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2001 in the sum of \$ 54,788.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Insurance Fraud.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$54,788.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

"UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES"

State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Insurance Fraud {administered by Prosecutor's Dept.)

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety and that two (2) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services.

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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 622-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**INSERTION INTO THE 2001 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, SMART GROWTH PLANNING PROGRAM #01-2137-00.**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2001 in the sum of \$ 125,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Smart Growth Planning Program #01-2137-00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$ 125,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

"UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES "

State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Smart Growth Planning Program #01-2137-00 {administered by Planning Board Dept.}

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs and that two (2) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services.

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 623-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (WCHD) TO ACCEPT \$4000 IN FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL INFORMATION NETWORK AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (LINCS).**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services (NJDHSS) has created a statewide electronic network of public health information, known as the New Jersey Local Information and Communication System (NJ LINCS), which will collect, distribute and make available a Wide array of public health protection and prevention related information; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDHSS has designated the WCHD as one of the 24 LINCS sites throughout the State; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders accepted the State's designation of the WCHD as the County LINCS site and authorized the execution of a LINCS Services Agreement between the NJDHSS and the County of Warren on January 28, 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDHSS has recently been awarded funding by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of the 2001 -2002 Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Cooperative Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, part of the funds have been specifically identified to develop a statewide electronic Health Alert Network (RAN) that supports rapid, reliable and secure communications and information sharing capabilities between federal, state, and local public health agencies, health care providers, emergency responders and other community agencies and organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the WCHD as the County LINCS site, is eligible for funding of \$4,000-to participate in HAN development;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the WCHD Public Health Coordinator is authorized to apply for-said funding for the period August 31, 2001 through August 30, 2002, and if awarded, to execute a state purchase order therefore. -

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 624-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CHRISTOPHER J. PESSOLANO, WARREN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT, AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (P.A.C.O.) FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren is required to appoint a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) pursuant to P.L. 1975, C.127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Christopher J. Pessolano is hereby designated as Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for a term retroactive to January 10, 2001 through January 9, 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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

**RESOLUTION 625-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION COMBINING STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT WITH PREVIOUSLY APPROVED LOANS AND GRANTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$1,500,000.00 to be combined with a previous approved loan of \$500,000 and a grant of \$500,000, per Bond Ordinance 2001-B, approved 519101, for a total of \$2,500,000.00 from the State to fund the following project(s):

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1. Warren Trail
2. Morris Canal
3. Delaware Water Gap-Liberty Trail
4. Delaware River Corridor from the D&R Canal to the Delaware River Gap
5. Musconetcong Greenway
6. Abandoned railroad rights-of-way throughout the county
7. Projects of county importance are stream corridors, such as the Lopatcong and Pohatcong creeks, and ridge lines
8. Merrill Creek property, as part of the Marble Mountain Natural Resource Area.
9. Aldophus Busch as part of West Oxford Mountain Natural Resource Area
10. Robert Steele as part of Morris Canal Greenway
11. Detrick Cabinet Shop as part of Morris Canal Greenway as described in the Warren County Open Space Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Warren County Planning Department or the successor to the office of Planning Director is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant, and

**WHEREAS**, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is "willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project(s);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that:

1. The Freeholder Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Warren County Open Space Plan, and;
2. The applicant has or is anticipated to have its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$1,500,000.00.
3. In the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, and;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with an applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project.
5. That 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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

**RESOLUTION 626-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR INSTALLATION OF STATE-OF-THE-ART POLLUTION AND NOISE CONTROLS AT THE RELIANT ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT IN UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.**

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**WHEREAS**, The Warren County Environmental Commission, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders and several municipalities in Warren County have passed resolutions asking that state-of-the-art pollution controls be installed as a condition of the expansion permit for the PPL Martins Creek electric power generating plant in Lower Mount Bethel Township, Pennsylvania (a copy of the resolution is attached); and

**WHEREAS**, Reliant Energy is applying for similar permits that would permit expansion of its Portland power plant, across the Delaware River from Knowlton Township, Warren County, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reliant expansion would further degrade the air quality in Warren County; and

**WHEREAS**, the coal industry is lobbying furiously in Washington to further weaken already insufficient air quality regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that:

1. The November 1,2000 Air Quality Resolution is reiterated in its entirety;
2. The Clean Air Act be strongly enforced, not weakened;
3. An audit of maintenance records at the Reliant plant be performed to ensure that the plant has not forfeited its "grandfathered" status by expanding or upgrading;
4. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) require state-of-the-art at the Reliant plant as a condition of the expansion;
5. The NJDEP be asked to conduct a thorough review and response to Reliant's permit application, as was done for the PPL Martins Creek application;
6. The public be permitted to thoroughly review and comment on any proposed settlement of this matter prior to execution.

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 resolution #E5 entitled "**A RESOLUTION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS REQUESTING THAT THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK SUBMIT A NON-BINDING REFERENDUM QUESTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.19: 37-1 ET.SEQ. TO THE VOTERS OF WARREN COUNTY AT A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2001**" was tabled.

### **RESOLUTION 627-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF WC0166C AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE CONTRACTS FOR 2002 HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT FUNDING.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the specification WC0166C for competitive contracts for 2002 Human Services Department funding is hereby approved;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for bids for the above in the Forum/Star Gazette.

Funds for and resulting contacts will be dependent upon funding and adoption of the 2002 county budget and anticipated 2002 Chapter 51 Alcohol funds through the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services.

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.

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 628-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT #WC0149P TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY BRIDGE #16004, KINGS HIGHWAY OVER THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$196,300.00.**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren requested a proposal from Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc. for Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of an Intercounty bridge known as Warren County Bridge # 16004, Kings Highway over the Musconetcong River, Mansfield Township/Morris County Bridge # 1197, Washington Township; 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 proposal submitted by Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc. meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of \$196,300.00 (Warren County's share \$98,150.00 and Morris County's share \$98,150.00); and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in account S0165 5380 005380 5064 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer .

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc. of Parsippany, New Jersey for Engineering Services for the above project in the amount of \$196,300.00 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 ten 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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

**RESOLUTION 629-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT #WC0145P TO LICHTENSTEIN CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WARREN COUNTY ARCH RESTORATION PROJECTS FOR BRIDGES #04015, #04053, #11041 & #16006, BLAIRSTOWN, HOPE & MANSFIELD TOWNSHIPS IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$178,000.00.**

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**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren requested a proposal from Lichtenstein Consulting Engineers for Engineering Services for Warren County Arch Restoration Projects for Bridges #04015, #04053 & # 11041, Blairstown & Hope Townships & Bridge # 16006, Mansfield Township (Morris County Bridge #1190, Washington Township; 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 proposal submitted by Lichtenstein Consulting Engineers meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of \$178,000.00 (Warren County's share \$153,859.00 and Morris County's share \$24,141.00); and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in account S0165 5380 005380 5064 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Lichtenstein Consulting Engineers of Paramus, New Jersey for Engineering Services for the above project in the amount of \$178,000.00 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 ten 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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

### **RESOLUTION 630-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT #WC0154P TO MASER CONSULTING, P.A., FOR SURVEYING & ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTES #661 & #612, IN THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSONBURG HISTORIC DISTRICT, FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00.**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren requested a proposal from Maser Consulting, p .A. for surveying & Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of a portion of County Routes #661 & #612, in the Village of Johnsonburg Historic District, Frelinghuysen Township; 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 proposal submitted by Maser Consulting, P .A. meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered; and

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WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 0401A203 5063 01A203 5063 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Maser Consulting, P A of Flanders, New Jersey for Surveying & Engineering Services for the above project in the amount of \$50,000.00 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 ten 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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

**RESOLUTION 631-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC9853P FOR INMATE TELEPHONE SERVICES AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER TO INMATE TELEPHONE INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2001 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2002 FOR THE FOURTH YEAR OF A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A: 11-15(8) AT A COMMISSION RATE OF 31%.**

WHEREAS, Warren County Contract WC9853P for inmate telephone services for the Warren County Correctional Center is hereby extended for the fourth year of a five year contract, for the period of September 1, 2001 through August 31,2002 as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15 (8)

To. ....Inmate Telephone Inc., Altoona, Pennsylvania

Who will pay a commission to Warren County at the Rate of 31 %

as per their bid submitted. ..August 3, 1998  
No county funds are required for this 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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

**RESOLUTION 632-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

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**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0169 FOR ONE 2001 MQ POWER GENERATOR MODEL DCA25SSU TO PUMPING SERVICES INC., FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,100.00.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC0169 for one 2001 MQ Power Generator Model DCA25SSU Generators for the Warren County Bridge Department is hereby awarded to. ....Pumping Services Inc., Middlesex, New Jersey

in the amount of. ....\$14,100.00

as per their bid submitted. ....August 13, 2001

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

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0401A603/5058[01A603/5058] -Capital- Veh & Eq –Generator

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

**RESOLUTION 633-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0167 COMMERCIAL PROPANE FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2001 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2002 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR A SECOND YEAR AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A: 11-15(1) TO AGWAY ENERGY PRODUCTS LLC, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$45,400.00.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC0167 for commercial propane is hereby awarded to. ....Agway Energy Products LLC., Syracuse, New York

in the approximate contract amount of. ....\$45,400.00

as per their bid submitted. ....August 13, 2001

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid submitted.

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget accounts 013100/5070 Bldgs & Grds - Heating Fuel, 012900/5070 Roads -Heating Fuel, and 0~3510/5030 -Warren Haven Utilities - Operating Supplies

**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.

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Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 634-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0162 FOR ONE 2002 INTERNATIONAL SUPREME MODEL 3400 SENATOR TWENTY-TWO PASSENGER BUS WITH TWO WHEEL CHAIR LIFTS AND CENTER AISLE SEATING TO ARCOLA SALES AND SERVICE CORP., FOR THE PARATRANSIT PROGRAM IN THE WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,150.00.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC0162 for one 2002 International Supreme Model 3400 Senator twenty-two passenger bus with center aisle seating and two wheel chair lifts for the Paratransit Program in the Warren County Human Services Department is hereby awarded to. ....Arcola Sales and Service Corp., Carlstadt, New Jersey

in the amount of. ....\$78,150.00

as per their bid submitted. ....July 30, 2001

and reviewed and recommended by the Transportation Coordinator as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract has been provided in grant account S13555385/5050 -New Jersey Transit Job Access Grant

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

**RESOLUTION 635-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL BY MACE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, OF PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY, TO PREPARE A BOUNDARY SURVEY, INCLUDING MAP AND DESCRIPTION, FOR BLOCK 1, LOT 36, IN INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,600.**

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has instituted an Open Space Tax for the acquisition of property identified in the Warren County Open Space Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, surveys are required by the Green Acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisition; 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 #03894-50658941125065 (OSTF/Recreation & Conservation Land Acquisition) and certified by the Chief Financial Officer;

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

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1. The proposal by Mace Consulting Engineers to prepare a boundary survey of Block I, Lot 36, in, Independence Township, New Jersey, in the amount of \$1,600.00 be accepted.
2. The proposed boundary survey be completed and submitted to the Warren County Planning Department for their review within 60 days of authorization of the agreement.
3. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
4. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Gazette as required by within ten (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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

**RESOLUTION 636-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL BY MACE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, OF PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY, TO PREPARE A BOUNDARY SURVEY, INCLUDING MAP AND DESCRIPTION, FOR BLOCK 98, LOT 1.01, IN LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.**

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has instituted an Open Space Tax for the acquisition of property identified in the Warren County Open Space Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, surveys are required by the Green Acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisition; 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 #03894-5065 894004 5065 (OSTF/Recreation & Conservation Land Acquisition) and certified by the Chief Financial Officer;

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

1. The proposal by Mace Consulting Engineers to prepare a boundary survey of Block 98, Lot 1.01, in, Lopatcong Township, New Jersey, in the amount of \$1,000.00 be accepted. '
2. The proposed boundary survey be completed and submitted to the Warren County Planning Department for their review within 60 days of authorization of the agreement.
3. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
4. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Gazette as required by law within ten (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: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

**RESOLUTION 637-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE  
WARREN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following individual is hereby appointed as a member to the Warren County Commission for Women to a three year term:

Lorraine A. Fleming  
197 Belvidere Ave.  
Washington, NJ 07882

Term to expire: 10/30/04

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 638-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE (LACA/DA).**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following individual is hereby appointed as a member to Warren County LACA/DA to a two year term:

Charles Raffaele  
443 Russell Ave.  
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term to expire: 12/31/03

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

Naomi J. Stout Deputy Clerk

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

County Counsel John Coyle had no report.

County Engineer David Hicks had no report.

County Planner David Dech had no report.

County CFO Pete Houck was absent.

County Administrator Steve Marvin spoke to the BCF regarding follow-up action required for the Certification of the VoTech Board of School Estimate meeting. Mr. Marvin outlined the options available to the BCF.

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mr. Doherty, authorization was given to CFO Pete Houck to prepare the necessary paperwork for the September 19, 2001 agenda regarding introduction of a bond ordinance to secure bond anticipation notes.

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

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Under freeholder comments, Mr. DeBosh mentioned that Mayor Wyant of Phillipsburg had a question about the Section 8 program. There has been some friction between the Town of Phillipsburg and the County regarding this program. Mr. DeBosh met with officials from HUD, Mayor Wyant and Frank Delmore. 22% of all Section 8 participants are in Phillipsburg and they would like less. County Counsel Coyle was directed by the Board to meet with all parties and prepare a report with recommendations to the BCF.

Mr. Doherty had no comments.

Mr. DiMaio had no comments.

Under closing public comments, Mr. Palmieri asked, regarding the WC Community College issue, why are we using Joe Bell instead of County Counsel Coyle. Mr. DiMaio explained that this BCF originally wanted to appoint Joe Bell as County Counsel but due to unique circumstances, this did not happen. The BCF feels that special counsel should be appointed to handle this issue.

Mr. Palmieri also pointed out that the BCF has appealed on three levels and have been turned down all three times.

Mr. Doherty said that clearly the intent in 1962 was for the voters to have the right of referendum. The right of referendum was denied and our strongest issues were not considered. He is simply trying to fulfill his oath.

Mr. Palmieri asked the BCF why they supported the VoTech and not the college. This is a waste of the taxpayer's money. The BCF is using the issue as a political platform. This is not in the best interest of the college. If they lose the appeal again, are they still going to fight this? How far will you go? Obey the law!

Mayor Menegus of White Township. said he resented the comment made about VoTech. He is a believer in education. The VoTech has not been expanded since 1969. Mr. DeBosh said that he is very supportive of the VoTech School. The issue is what is the philosophic difference between the college and VoTech. Mr. DeBosh said that merging may not be the answer.

Mr. Doherty said that Dr. Mancuso did an excellent job of convincing the BCF why the VoTech should be expanded; unlike the other school that has declining enrollment. There is no need for the college to expand at this time.

Mr. DeBosh pointed out to Mr. Doherty that he could have stopped the project. Mr. Doherty said that identical facilities are being built. We should have gotten together with all those concerned and made a deal. Now we are paying for two properties 100 yards apart.

Mr. DeBosh said that the college and VoTech are two different things.

Mr. DiMaio said that this project was funded in 2000 and the money was borrowed. In the meantime, we are renting space for VoTech and Special Services, bussing students, etc. To hold up any more is not a smart business move. The BCF did attempt to reach out to the college but that didn't happen. That is why we are where we are!

Fred Cook of Blairstown asked what the board's position is. Is it that they just don't want to do the expansion?

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Mr. Doherty said he still doesn't think the expansion is needed.

Mr. DeBosh said that when Mr. Doherty ran, he criticized Ann Stone for her spending and he ran on a platform for cutting spending and he voted for this years County budget which increased spending. Which one of his campaign promises should we believe.

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the public hearing on the issue of changing the membership of the freeholder board from three members to five members was opened at 8:40 p.m.

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

Ed Smith of Asbury said that in terms of efficient government, it can't be done by three people. The members have to be able to discuss matters. We don't have that option in Warren County. The dilution of individual power will be good. We would then have a fifth power instead of a third power. The BCF needs to move forward with this and he hopes the voters support it. The quality of government will be better with a larger board.

Walt Menegus, Mayor, White Township said that due to the fact that the county is growing, we need more freeholders. He supports the resolution.

On motion by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, and there being no further comments on this issue, the public hearing was closed at 8:45 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION 639-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK TO PRINT UPON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2001 GENERAL ELECTION A BINDING COUNTY REFERENDUM QUESTION CONCERNING INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FROM THREE (3) TO FIVE (5) MEMBERS.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:20-20 the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has determined, after a public hearing held on August 22,2001, that a proposition should be submitted to the voters of the county in the form of a binding referendum question concerning whether the membership of the board of chosen freeholders should be increased from three (3) to five (5) members,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the Clerk of Warren County is directed to print upon the official ballot for the November 6, 2001 general election the following binding county referendum question and interpretive statement:

**COUNTY QUESTION NO. [\*]**

"Shall the membership of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Warren County be increased from three (3) to five (5) members?"

**INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT**

This binding county referendum question, if approved, would increase the membership of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders from three (3) to five (5)

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members. The increase would take effect at next year's general election to be held on November 5, 2002.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Clerk of Warren County no later than August 24, 2001, and he shall insert the appropriate question number where indicated by "[\*]".

Mr. DeBosh said that this depends on who is sitting on the board. It is more difficult for three members than five but he thinks that business should be discussed in public rather than discussions being held in private. This board talks about less government and then they spend more money. He will vote against this resolution.

Mr. Doherty said that he will support this resolution for all the important reasons that have been pointed out. If this passes, it would take a vote of four out of five to bond and will be much tougher to bond. We are the only county in the state with a three-member freeholder board.

Mr. DiMaio said he supported this in 1995 and feels it would dilute the power of sitting freeholders and provide better representation for the people.

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

Under further public comments, Fred Cook asked if the BCF is defeated in the college issue, then what happens? Mr. Doherty said he does support the college and if the BCF wins, it will go back to being a college agency. The county did make an effort and did reach out to the college but to no avail. However, the Attorney General's letter has a lot of flaws in it. Mr. DeBosh said that the only difference between a college and a college agency is the issue of eminent domain. Mr. Doherty disagreed and said that there is more of a difference than that.

James Cannon asked the BCF to consider, in the future, when PCFA comes in for an expansion, a plan should be in place to pay the host community before the expansion is considered.

Mr. Thomas of White Township asked what is happening, what progress is being made regarding PCFA issues.

Mr. DiMaio said that in April we met with Hunterdon, Somerset and PCFA and have been waiting for a joint letter from Hunterdon and Somerset that we would sign and forward to the state requesting a meeting with the Governor.

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, seconded by Mr. Doherty, authorization is given to the freeholder director to sign the joint letter to be forwarded to the state.

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

**RESOLUTION 640-01**

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 August 22, 2001.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
REQUESTING THAT THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK SUBMIT A NON-BINDING  
REFERENDUM QUESTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.19: 37-1 ET. SEQ. TO THE VOTERS OF  
WARREN COUNTY AT A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2001.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren wish to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the County of Warren; and -

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**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.19: 37-1 et.seq., provides the mechanism by which the sentiment can be ascertained by the submission of a non-binding referendum question to a vote of the electors in the County of Warren at the November 6, 2001 General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.19: 37-1 provides for referendum where there is no other statute by which the sentiment of the voters can be ascertained; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders request that the County Clerk of Warren County print upon the Official Ballot to be used at the next ensuing General Election, a non-binding proposition; and

**WHEREAS**, such request shall be filed with the County Clerk of Warren County not later than seventy-four (74) days prior to the General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders at a duly convened public meeting" held on August 22, 2001 approved the submission of said question to be submitted to the electorate of Warren County;

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

COUNTY QUESTION NO. [\*]

1. The County Clerk of Warren County is hereby requested to cause to be printed upon the General Election Ballots to be used at the next ensuing General Election, the following non-binding proposition:

"Shall the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren explore a multi-county institution arrangement and/or joinder with the County of Morris and the Community College of Morris County thereby establishing a multi-county institution of higher education which would maintain a Warren County campus and provide greater access to degree programs and expanded curriculum? II

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"Shared resources with County College of Morris would enable Warren County residents to attend classes at all campuses in both counties at in-county tuition rates; offer seventy-one (71) degree and certificate programs; reduce administrative costs; and provide other campus amenities not currently available to Warren County students."

A "yes" or "no" vote is not binding upon the County of Warren.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Clerk of Warren County no later than August 24, 2001, and he shall insert the appropriate question number where indicated by "[\*]" and, pursuant to N.J.S.A.19: 37-1, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren request the Warren County Clerk to print upon the official ballot to be used at the next ensuing general election the question and interpretive statement as stated in this resolution.

Before the vote, Mr. DeBosh said that he objects to this being on the agenda as an add-on and has serious problems with this resolution. We still have not received any report from the Committee on Educational Enhancement Opportunities but this action seems to flow from that committee. On the merits, there is no proof that any of this is true. This leads people to believe that all these programs would be available in Warren County. There seems to be a lack of understanding of what a merger is. Why are we only asking Morris County, why not Raritan Valley College, a college has to be accessible in cost and distance.

Mr. Doherty said they are looking at ways to save money for the taxpayers. The campus in Warren County will be maintained. If down the road, we find this is not a fair deal, there are clauses in the contract to terminate the deal. There would be a lot of benefits in a merger; overhead, administration, etc.

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Walter Orcutt said that with a merger, athletics would be available. Mr. DiMaio said it is not a bad idea to see what the people want. This is an option that we should study.

Mr. DeBosh asked what type of study would that be and how much. Mr. DiMaio said he doesn't know yet, there is a possibility of getting some state money. We should be looking at what we can do to provide the best educational facility possible.

Maria Menegus said that the parking lot at WCCC is never full. Something needs to be done with enrollment at WCCC. We should be building programs, not buildings.

It was pointed out that Morris County is five times bigger than Warren County and has much more money but they have suffered with some problems too.

Tom Palmieri said that Morris County invests in their college and we don't. This referendum needs more details, it is too vague. A survey would be a better way to go.

Mr. DiMaio said that we are not as wealthy as Morris County. They can afford to build better things, we don't have the revenue.

Fred Cook asked if we would lose control and Mr. DeBosh said yes.  
ROLL CALL: Mr. DeBosh: no Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

There were no press comments or questions.

There was no need for an executive session.

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 9:50 p.m.  
ROLL CALL: Mr. DeBosh: yes Mr. Doherty: yes Mr. DiMaio: yes

**ATTESTED TO:**

**Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk**