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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 12, 2001, 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 Tuesday, January 1, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.

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 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. John Chung, Belvidere United Methodist Church, Belvidere, NJ.

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

The Certification of Election of John DiMaio was read by County Administrator Steve Marvin.

The Oath of Office of John DiMaio was administered by the Hon. Leonard Lance, Assemblyman.

Mr. DiMaio was assisted by his wife Gina DiMaio and daughters.

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Freeholder Director John DiMaio and upon roll call the following members were present: Freeholder John DiMaio, Freeholder Michael Doherty and Freeholder James DeBosh.

RESOLUTION 1-02

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, 2002.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING (MICHAEL J. DOHERTY) DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2002.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Michael J. Doherty is appointed Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 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.

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

The Oath of Office of Michael J. Doherty as Director of the Board was administered by The Hon. Leonard Lance, Assemblyman.

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Mr. Doherty was assisted by his wife Linda Doherty.

RESOLUTION 2-02

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, 2002.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING (JOHN DIMAIO) DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2002.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that John DiMaio is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2002.

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

The Certification of Election of Sal Simonetti to Sheriff was read by County Administrator Steve Marvin.

The Oath of Office of Sal Simonetti as Sheriff by the Hon. Leonard Lance, Assemblyman.

Mr. Simonetti was assisted by his grandchildren Josh and Lyndsey.

The Oath of Office of Vera Bunn as Undersheriff by the Hon. John Pursel, J.S.C.

Mrs. Bunn was assisted by her husband Robert Bunn.

The Oath of Office of Frank Stettner as Undersheriff by the Hon. John Pursel, J.S.C.

Mr. Stettner was assisted by his wife, Grace.

RESOLUTION 3-02

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, 2002.

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

County Adjuster
Audio Visual Aids
Domestic Abuse & Rape Crisis Center

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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

Agriculture Development Board
 Board of Agriculture
 Board of Elections
 Board of Recreation Commissioners
 Environmental Commission
 Health Services
 Morris Canal Committee
 Municipal & Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee
 Board of Taxation
 Boards of School Estimate
 Planning Board
 Sheriff's Office
 Soil Conservation
 WC Community College
 Prosecutor
 War Veterans
 W.I.B. (Workforce Investment Board) of Morris/Sussex/Warren
 Welfare Board

Freeholder John DiMaio

Boards of School Estimate
 North Jersey Transportation Planning Committee
 Correctional Center
 Educational Coordinating & Planning Committee (as Director)
 Juvenile Detention Center
 Nutrition
 Office on Aging
 Public Works
 Public Safety

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Planning Board
 Police Chiefs Association
 Solid Waste
 Superintendent of Schools
 Surrogate
 Transportation Committee
 Technical School
 Welfare Board and Warren Haven

All Three Freeholders

Freeholder's Office
 Personnel Division
 C.F.O.
 Purchasing Department
 County Counsel
 Information Systems
 Economic Development and Tourism
 Planning Department

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 4-02

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, 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, 2002.

RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2002.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the municipalities of Warren County are divided into three districts and a Freeholder is assigned as liaison to each district as follows:

District No. 1: Freeholder Michael Doherty

Belvidere	Knowlton Township
White Township	Washington Borough
Oxford Township	Washington Township
Blairstown Township	Hardwick Township

District No. 2: Freeholder John DiMaio

Liberty Township	Independence Township
Mansfield Township	Frelinghuysen Township
Allamuchy Township	Hackettstown
Hope Township	

District No. 3: Freeholder James DeBosh

Phillipsburg	Lopatcong Township
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Alpha Borough
 Pohatcong Township
 Franklin Township

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Harmony Township
 Greenwich Township

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 5-02

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, 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, 2002.

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2002.

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 2002. All regular meetings shall be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Administration Building, Route #519, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	3 at 7:30 P.M. B	July	10 at 7:30 P.M. R
January	5 at 9:00 A.M. B	July	24 at 7:30 P.M. R
January	9 at 7:30 P.M. R	August	28 at 7:30 P.M. R
January	10 at 7:30 P.M. B	August	28 at 7:30 P.M. R
January	12 at 9:00 A.M. B	September	11 at 7:30 P.M. R
January	16 at 7:30 P.M. B	September	18 at 7:30 P.M. W
January	23 at 7:30 P.M. R	September	25 at 7:30 P.M. R
February	13 at 7:30 P.M. R	October	9 at 7:30 P.M. R
February	20 at 7:30 P.M. W	October	16 at 7:30 P.M. W
February	27 at 7:30 P.M. R	October	23 at 7:30 P.M. R
March	13 at 7:30 P.M. R	November	13 at 7:30 P.M. R
March	20 at 7:30 P.M. W	November	20 at 7:30 P.M. W
March	27 at 7:30 P.M. R	**November	26 at 7:30 P.M. R
April	10 at 7:30 P.M. R	December	11 at 7:30 P.M. R
April	17 at 7:30 P.M. W	December	18 at 7:30 P.M. R
April	24 at 7:30 P.M. R		
May	8 at 7:30 P.M. R		
May	15 at 7:30 P.M. W	R = Regular Meeting	
May	22 at 7:30 P.M. R	W = Work Session Meeting	
June	12 at 7:30 P.M. R	B = Budget Meeting	
June	26 at 7:30 P.M. R		

** Please note that the third meeting in November is being held on Tuesday, November 26th instead of Wednesday, November 27th.

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

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RESOLUTION 6-02

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, 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, 2002.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE EXPRESS TIMES 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 EXPRESS TIMES 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 commented that after his review Mr. Charltons' memo analyzing Ad rates he could not vote on this since the Express-Times rates were substantially higher than the current official paper The Star Gazette.

Mr. Doherty responded that he feels the Express-Times will be able to reach more county people because of their circulation size. This will also help with the bid advertisements, award notices and list of meetings that will be published timely since they release a daily paper vs. a weekly edition.

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 7-02

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, 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, 2002.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE NEWS AS AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE COUNTY FOR THE PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN NOTICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS DURING THE YEAR 2002.

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted January 1, 2002, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren designated The Express Times, of Easton, Pennsylvania as the official newspaper and 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, 2002 designating official newspapers shall continue in full

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force and effect.

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 8-02

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, 2002.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2002.

BE IT FURTHER 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 2002:

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

John DiMaio, Freeholder Deputy Director, Alternate

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.

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

RESOLUTION 9-02

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, 2002.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders on the County of Warren does hereby appoint, for representation in the New Jersey Association of Counties, Michael Doherty as the Voting Member, John DiMaio 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.

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 10-02

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, 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, 2002.

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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-

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 11-02

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, 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, 2002.

PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,215,313.00 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2002 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 2001 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance is \$19,215,313.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following temporary appropriations in the total amount of \$19,215,313.00 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.

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 12-02

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, 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, 2002.

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:

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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 a 10 Bloomfield Ave., Denville, NJ 07834 is hereby appointed as Warren County Counsel for a three (3) year term of office commencing January 1, 2002 and until December 31, 2004.

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 authorized by the Freeholder Director and directed to execute said Employment Agreement, on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Debosh explained to his fellow freeholders that he could not support this resolution as he feels the county counsel should be a resident of Warren County.

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

The oath of Office of Joseph J. Bell as Warren County Counsel was administered by the Hon. John Pursel, J.S.C.

Mr. Bell was assisted by his wife Linda and children.

RESOLUTION 13-02

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, 2002.

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 agreement between the Board and Courter, Kobert, Laufer & Cohen, P.C. setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation, which agreement is made a part of the 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 to execute said Agreement on behalf of the board.

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 service 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

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published in The Express Times as required by law within ten (10) days of the adoption of this resolution.

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.

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 14-02

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, 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, 2002.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SIRKIS & LAVERY, ESQS. AS SPECIAL 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 Sirkis & Lavery, Esqs. should be retained to perform professional 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 Agreement between the Board and Sirkis & Lavery, Esqs. setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation, which 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 to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board. .

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 Express Times as required by law within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

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.

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 15-02

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, 2002.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT (DAVID K. DECH) AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC., FOR THE YEAR 2002.

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 2002.

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

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Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 16-02

On motion by Mr. DeBosh, 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, 2002.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESIDENCY PREFERENCE
FOR PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF WARREN COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, Civil Service rules promulgated at N .J .A. C. 4A: 4-2.11 in the case of Civil Service jurisdictions such as Warren County provide for the establishment of residence standard for local service appointing authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that such residency requirements promulgated herein as a residency preference will enhance the quality of employee performance and will produce general economic benefits flowing from local expenditures of employees' salaries;

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

1. Unless otherwise provided by law or by provision within this Resolution, it is preferred that all officers and employees hired by the local unit, the County of Warren, after the effective date of this Resolution be bona fide residents of the County of Warren. A bona fide resident for the purpose of this Resolution is a person having a permanent domicile within the County of Warren and one which has not been adopted with the intention of again taking up or claiming a previous residence acquired outside of the County of Warren's boundaries prior to permanent appointment. Residence shall mean a single legal residence pursuant to N.J.A.C. 4A: 4-2.11 (b). An applicant seeking to appeal a residency determination shall utilize the procedures contained in N.J.A.C. 4A: 4-6.6. The applicant shall have the burden of proving his or her residence.
2. It is preferred that applicants for positions and employments in the classified service with the County of Warren at the exclusion of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, the Warren County Sheriff s Office and the Warren County Welfare Board be bona fide residents of the County of Warren. The referenced exclusions are made in accordance with decisional and statutory authority. If the New Jersey Department of Personnel, after ample advertisement, determines that an insufficient number of qualified residents exist for available positions or employment in the County of Warren, it may open eligibility lists for such positions or employments to qualified nonresidents pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 9-1.6, as set forth in Paragraph 3 of this Resolution.
3. Whenever the County Administrator shall determine that there cannot be recruited a sufficient number of qualified residents for available specific positions or employments, the Warren County Personnel Department shall advertise for other qualified applicants. The County Administrator shall thereupon classify all qualified applicants for such positions or employments so determined in the following manner:
 - A. Other residents of contiguous counties.
 - B. Other residents of the State of New Jersey.
 - C. All other qualified applicants.

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- The appointing authority shall first appoint all those in class A and then those in each succeeding class in the order above listed and shall appoint a person or persons in any such class only to a position or positions, or employment or employments, remaining after all qualified applicants in the preceding class or classes have been appointed or have declined an offer of appointment. The preference established by this Paragraph shall in no way diminish, reduce or affect the preferences granted pursuant to any other provisions of the law. The New Jersey Department of Personnel shall be notified that such preference schedule has been determined to be applicable for any specific position or employment, in order that the New Jersey Department of Personnel may classify all applicants for such position or employment accordingly.
4. Whenever the County Administrator shall determine that there are certain specific positions and employments requiring special talents or skills which are necessary for the operations of the County of Warren and which are not likely to be found among the residents of the County of Warren, such positions or employments so determined shall, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A: 9-1.7 be filled without reference to residency. At the time of such a determination, the County Administrator will indicate the formal criteria under which it has been determined that the position or employment requires special skills or talents. The criteria pursuant to which such positions and employments shall be so determined are as follows: (A) Any position or employment, the services which are specialized and qualitative in nature. (B) Any position or employment which requires expertise and extensive training. (C) Any position or employment, the services of which will be required to be performed by an individual who has a proven reputation in the particular field or endeavor. (D) Any position or employment, the talents, skills, services or other important characteristics of which cannot be reasonably described by written specifications. (E) Any position or employment, the services of which must or foreseeably will be rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession or a person whose practice is regulated by law. (F) Any position or employment whose performance requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study as distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship and training.
 5. Preference shall be given in promotion to officers and employees of the local unit, County of Warren, who are bona fide residents of the County of Warren. When promotions are based upon merit as determined by suitable promotion tests or other objective criteria, a resident shall be given preference over a nonresident in any instance when all other measurable criteria are equal. The preference granted by this Paragraph shall in no way diminish, reduce, or affect the preference granted pursuant to any other provision of law.
 6. Should any portion of this Resolution be declared illegal or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect, the provisions hereof being fully severable;
 7. This Resolution shall in no way affect or apply to persons already in the employ of the County of Warren as of the effective date of this Resolution. Nothing in this Resolution shall restrict employees from relocating their residence outside of Warren County after permanent employment.
 8. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption of same.
 9. All prior resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this, Resolution are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency only.
 10. .A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the New Jersey Department of Personnel and all Warren County department heads, to indicate the intent of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Any subsequent modification of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Personnel within twenty (20) days after adoption.
- I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen

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Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 17-02

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, 2002.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JAMES SMITH AS MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY WELFARE BOARD.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoints the following member to the Warren County Welfare Board to a five year term effective January 1, 2002:

James Smith
421 Willow Grove Street
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Term to Expire: December 31, 2006

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.

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 18-02

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, 2002.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RALPH COPPERSMITH AS 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 year term effective January 1, 2002:

Ralph Coppersmith
201 Hardwick Street
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to Expire: December 31, 2006

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.

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

Freeholder Director Mr. Doherty announced the formal business issues of the meeting is complete and that he would like to introduce distinguished guests, elected and appointed officials.

Mayor of Belvidere, Ainsworth Scott thanked the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the invitation. He shared with them his vision of the board: friendly, unity and service above all for the future of the Warren County Citizens.

Freeholder Director Doherty publicly recognized the following guests in the audience: Washington Boro Mayor, Mr. Mark Bond; Pohatcong Township Mayor, Mary Van Lieu; Washington

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Township Mayor John Horensky; Phillipsburg Mayor, Harry Wyant and Liberty Township Mayor, John Inscho

Former Freeholder Ken Miller noted it is his pleasure to speak first. He wanted to let all know NJ Transportation Heritage Center is healthy in Phillipsburg for the Railroad Museum location. This site will attract visitors to Warren County. He thanked the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the purchase of the property needed to have this site.

Warren County Prosecutor, John Laky congratulated all installed in their office today and he feels this will be a better County and a better State.

Warren County Surrogate, Susan Dickey wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. She congratulated the County officials: Sal Simonetti, John DiMaio and Michael Doherty and State Official: Leonard Lance on their recent positions. She wished them all success in the coming year. Mrs. Dickey also Acknowledged exiting Senator, William Schuler for all his dedicated years of service to the Warren County citizens.

Warren County Sheriff, Sal Simonetti thanked everyone for being here today and commented that it was a long 8 months working to get elected. He is called 2002 the "Year of the Horse". He promised the Sheriff's office will be led by a new team of horses. Warren County will go back to being noticed throughout the State as the successful Sheriff's office it was of the past. He feels this will be accomplished with the mirror of the George W. Bush Administration "sense of calm". His "Three C's" mission statement will begin Caring, Courteous and Compassion. He invited all present to the Rancho Restaurant afterwards for refreshment and fellowship.

Freeholder Doherty also recognized in the audience, Warren County Republican Chairman Walter Orcutt and his wife Robin.

Assemblyman, Scott Garrett commented that as legislators Warren County can be proud of the current Board of Chosen Freeholders. He offered his assistance to the Board of Chosen Freeholders with any Legislative issues that may come up to call on him for help. He shared his belief with the Board to preserve the best of the past and continue to move forward with improvements to serve the citizens of Warren County. God bless to all present today.

Senator Elect Leonard Lance thanked all that were installed today. He acknowledged William Schluter's history in public service dating back to 1967 and that he is the moral compass of NJ Legislation. He salutes Senator Schluter for his dedication to the Warren County citizens. He congratulated Sal Simonetti as Sheriff, he is looking forward to working with Assemblyman-Elect Doherty and he is overwhelmed with gratitude to serve Warren County in the New Jersey Senate.

Senator William Schluter said thank you for the opportunity to serve the Warren County community. He feels he has made so many friends along the way. He congratulated all that were sworn in today. He recognized Michael Doherty for his successful election to the Assembly with Warren County representation that has been long overdue and his position as Warren County Freeholder Director. His first representation for Warren County was 23 years ago; it was done with integrity, hard work and the ability to listen to the peoples concerns. In Warren County he noted the 1990's issues: Sludge in Harmony Township, the Solid Waste debt, Historic preservation in Hardwick, State Aid to the County and Air Pollution from Martins Creek plant in Pennsylvania. He was please with the Judiciary appointments in Warren County and thanked the Bar Association in assisting during the selection process. He reminded all public servants to be totally ethical, fight excess campaign spending, and honor the basic principals this equates to always do what is right.

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He thanked everyone for his support.

Freeholder comments: Mr. DeBosh welcomed all that was in attendance. He is hoping for the year of the Donkey. He praised Senator Schluter for all his years of dedicated service to Warren County. He noted that Leonard Lance's own father served in the legislature. 2002 will set a new tone for the Warren County budget, the source of funds is more stable now than ever. We may have a property tax decrease and will work with the board to go line by line to accomplish this. He wanted to credit all the employees of Warren County for their hard work.

Mr. DiMaio said thank you to all for voting for him. He feels this is an honor to be able to serve the citizens of Warren County. His past accomplishments were noted: Cut taxes, save money to return tax dollars, when hiring is necessary it should be a county resident as first priority, Open Space Farmland Preservation (The Freeborn Farm preservation he personally witnessed), we are setting the pace against big developers wiping out our farms and open space. September 11, 2001 has changed our world forever. We must find ways to cut local taxes so the funds can go to the Federal Government to develop proper protection for all of us. He noted we all need to do our part in streamline/merge departments, cut out the duplication of services, increase our ability to listen to public concerns and try to continue to reflect the will of the people. From this day forward the incoming Board of Chosen Freeholders will decide the Warren County Counsel position. He advised the first budget hearing is set for Thursday, January 3, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building. He wanted to especially recognize and thank his wife Gina and his two daughters for always being there with their support.

Mr. Doherty wanted to recognize Senator Richard Cardinale for being able to be with us today. Senator Cardinale thanked him respectfully declined to comment but wished everyone a happy New Year.

Mr. Doherty thanked his fellow board members for the Director position. He recognized all elected officials for their hard work during the campaign. He told Mr. Simonetti he looked forward to seeing change in the Sheriffs' Department. He acknowledged John DiMaio for his 2001 Director leadership, his experience as Mayor for 9 years in Hackettstown has been a tremendous asset, the extra time he spent on the PPL issues and even going to Washington D.C. for help. He stated that the new procedure for the Warren County Council position will now and forever be the choice of the incoming board on the 1st of January. He recognized John Coyle for extending his contract with the board until December 31, 2001. They were willing to do what was necessary for the citizens concerns to be represented and the elected officials should have the decision on spending instead of the non-elected officials of the Warren County Community College. He noted that he believes that smaller government without loss of service will be his mission during the budget reviews for 2002. He recognized his wife Linda for all her support through out his campaign. He invited everyone to join them at Rancho Restaurant after the meeting.

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. DeBosh, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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