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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 18, 2002, 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 Wednesday, January 1, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.

Director Doherty 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. James Scovell of First Presbyterian Church, Washington, NJ.

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

The Certification of Election of Richard D. Gardner as Freeholder was read by County Clerk Terry Lee.

The Oath of Office of Richard D. Gardner as Warren County Freeholder was administered by Honorable E. Scott Garrett, New Jersey Assemblyman / Congressman-Elect.

Mr. Gardner was assisted by his mother Emma Demarest and his children Kristen, Stephanie, and Daniel.

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Freeholder Director Doherty, and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Michael Doherty, Freeholder John DiMaio and Freeholder Richard Gardner.

RESOLUTION 1-03

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Doherty, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL J. DOHERTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2003.

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 2003.

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

Mr. DiMaio stated that he does not believe that Mr. Doherty will be able to perform properly in this position. He explained that last year he thought it would be right to allow Mr.

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Doherty to hold this position when he asked, considering Mr. Doherty planned on leaving the Freeholder position at the end of 2002. Mr. DiMaio stated that he was disappointed with Mr. Doherty's performance last year, arriving minutes before a meeting and leaving immediately at the conclusion.

Mr. DiMaio is recommending that the motion be amended to appoint Mr. Gardner as Director. He stated that after getting to know him, he feels he would be better, since he works locally in the county and is more accessible if an emergency would arise.

Mr. Gardner responded that he does not have the same problems with Mr. Doherty as Mr. DiMaio does; he feels that he will perform properly for the citizens of this county and will stand with his original motion.

Mr. Doherty stated that he was hoping they would not get off to this type of beginning and shared all the accomplishments that have been reached since becoming a Freeholder; holding the line on the budget, tax reductions, willing to go to jail regarding the Warren County Community College issue etc.

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

The Oath of Office of Michael J. Doherty as Warren County Freeholder Director was administered by Honorable E. Scott Garrett, New Jersey Assemblyman/Congressman-Elect.

RESOLUTION 2-03

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 on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD D. GARDNER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2003.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Richard D. Gardner is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2003.

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 3-03

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

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 Michael J. Doherty

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Division of Senior Services (Formerly Office on Aging)
 Legal Service
 Trustee Warren County Legal Services
 Planning Board
 Prosecutor
 Solid Waste

Health Services

Nutrition
 Police Chiefs Association
 Sheriff's Office
 War Veterans

Freeholder John DiMaio

County Adjuster
 Correctional Center
 Department of Long Term Care Services (Formerly - Warren Haven)
 Domestic Abuse & Rape Crisis Center
 Human Services Dept and its various advisory committees
 Human Services (Contracted Administration – Formerly Mental Health Dept, and Div. of Temporary Assistance & Social Services – Formerly Welfare Dept.)

WC Community College
 Cultural and Heritage

Housing Program

Juvenile Detention Center

Freeholder John DiMaio

Library Commission
 Mental Health Board
 Public Works
 Surrogate
 North Jersey Transportation Planning Committee
 County Transportation Outreach
 W.I.B. (Workforce Investment Board) of Morris/Sussex/Warren

Medical Examiner

Public Safety

Superintendent of Schools

Technical School

Transportation Committee

Women's Commission

Freeholder Richard D. Gardner

Agriculture Development Board
 Cooperative Extension Service
 Environmental Commission
 Mosquito Commission
 Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee
 Planning Board
 Board of Recreation Commissioners
 Weights and Measures

Board of Agriculture

County Clerk

Morris Canal Committee

Soil Conservation

Shade Tree Commission

All Three Freeholders

Freeholder's Office
 Personnel Division
 C.F.O.
 Purchasing Department
 County Counsel
 Information Systems
 Department of Public Information and Tourism
 Planning Department
 Boards of School Estimate

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

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On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2003.

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 Richard D. Gardner

Phillipsburg	Lopatcong Township
Alpha Borough	Harmony Township
Pohatcong Township	Greenwich Township
Franklin Township	

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 5-03

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2003.

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 2003. All regular meetings shall be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route 519

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South, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	8	at	30 p.m.	R
January	11	at	9:00 a.m.	B
January	15	at	7:30 p.m.	B
January	18	at	9:00 a.m.	B
January	22	at	7:30 p.m.	R
**February	11	at	:30 p.m.	R
February	19	at	7:30 p.m.	W
February	26	at	7:30 p.m.	R
March	12	at	7:30 p.m.	R
March	19	at	7:30 p.m.	W
March	26	at	7:30 p.m.	R
April	9	at	7:30 p.m.	R
April	16	at	7:30 p.m.	W
April	23	at	7:30 p.m.	R
May	07	at	7:30 p.m.	R
May	14	at	7:30 p.m.	W
May	21	at	7:30 p.m.	R
June	11	at	7:30 p.m.	R
June	25	at	7:30 p.m.	R
July	09	at	7:30 p.m.	R
July	23	at	7:30 p.m.	R
August	13	at	7:30 p.m.	R
August	27	at	7:30 p.m.	R
September	10	at	7:30 p.m.	R
September	17	at	7:30 p.m.	W
September	24	at	7:30 p.m.	R
October	08	at	7:30 p.m.	R
October	15	at	7:30 p.m.	W
October	22	at	7:30 p.m.	R
November	12	at	7:30 p.m.	R
November	19	at	7:30 p.m.	W
**November	25	at	7:30 p.m.	R
December	10	at	7:30 p.m.	R
December	17	at	7:30 p.m.	R

R = Regular Meeting

W = Work Session Meeting

B = Budget Meeting

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 6-03

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE STAR GAZETTE AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND THE EXPRESS TIMES and STAR LEDGER AS THE ALTERNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS IN WHICH SHALL BE PUBLISHED ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES REQUIRED BY

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that The Star Gazette is hereby designated as the official newspaper and the Express Times and Star Ledger as the alternate official newspapers 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.

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. DiMaio yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Doherty yes

RESOLUTION 7-03

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE NEWS AS AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE COUNTY FOR THE PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN NOTICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS DURING THE YEAR 2003.

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted January 1, 2003, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren designated the Star Gazette, of Hackettstown, New Jersey as the official newspaper and the Express Times, of Easton, Pennsylvania and the Star Ledger, of Newark, New Jersey, as the alternate official newspapers 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 in the County seat and that the resolution adopted January 1, 2003 designating official newspapers shall continue in full force and effect.

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk-

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

RESOLUTION 8-03

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby appoint, for representation in the New Jersey Association of

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Counties, Freeholder Richard D. Gardner as the Voting Member, Freeholder John DiMaio as the 1st Alternate Voting Member and County Administrator Steve Marvin as the 2nd Alternate Voting Member.

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 9-03

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN DESIGNATING OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO INVEST AND DISBURSE FUNDS, AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES, PERMITTED INVESTMENTS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC MONIES.

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

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

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 10-03

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,442,868.00 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2003 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2003 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided and;

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

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the prior year budget, inclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$74,068,068; and

WHEREAS, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2002 Budget, including the amount of the appropriations for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance is \$19,442,868.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following temporary appropriations in the total amount of \$19,442,868.00 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

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

RESOLUTION 11-03

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

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

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:9-43, Joseph J. Bell Esq., an attorney-at-law of the State of New Jersey, with offices located at 40 Bloomfield Ave., Denville, NJ 07834 was appointed as County Counsel.
2. The Employment Agreement for calendar year 2003, 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 and the Freeholder Director is directed to execute said Employment Agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 12-03

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND JOSEPH J. BELL AND ASSOCIATES AS WARREN COUNTY COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL COUNSEL AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Bell, Esq. of Joseph J. Bell & Associates was selected to serve as Warren County Counsel on January 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders negotiated a contract for legal services wherein County Counsel would serve in a general legal capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed the services of County Counsel and finds that County Counsel has been defending and prosecuting cases which were not contemplated between the parties as being general legal services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders has previously authorized the appointment of Joseph J. Bell & Associates to represent the Board of Chosen Freeholders as well as its constitutional officers, agencies and departments with regard to lawsuits brought for or against the County, its officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, there are certain cases which have been undertaken under the general contract as entered into on January 1, 2003. These cases will be continued to be represented by Mr. Bell and his firm without additional compensation which are:

Paruta v. Supplee, et. al., Docket No. SOM-L-104-02 (environmental clean-up case)

AHS v. Warren County, Docket No. MRS-L-2057-01 (Morristown Hospital v. County)

Warren County Community College of Warren v. Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Docket: WRN-L-377-99 (currently pending in the N.J. Supreme Court)

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First Union National Bank v. Beatty, F-3378-98 (mortgage foreclosure)
Morristown Memorial Hospital Campus v. Malmgren, (Insurance coverage issue
Mortgage Access v. Allen, F-1385-00 (Mortgage foreclosure)
NJLTA v. Mooney, 94-C-0150 (consent order relative to County Clerk
Land Preservation Reorganization Issues
Wells Fargo v. Rowe (Mortgage foreclosure)
Heritage Commission (alleged misappropriation issues)
Washington v. Summit Risk, L-199-02
Transcontinental Gas v. .057 Acres of Land, 3.02 cv 00300
Jeffrey Kolodziejczyk
All Tort Claim Reviews
All Bail Forfeiture Prosecutions (currently 128 cases)

WHEREAS, lawsuits not contemplated by the parties of which Mr. Bell has begun a defense or prosecution include the following, which will be compensated at the Special County Counsel rate:

All Bail Forfeiture proceedings requiring Court appearances
All lawsuits instituted or filed against Warren County's Constitutional
Officers, i.e. County Clerk, Sheriff
Warren County Community College of Warren v. Warren County
Board of Chosen Freeholders, Docket WRN-L-377-99
preparation and attendance at Supreme Court
Unfair Labor CWA Local 1071
State v. Doug Steinhardt (matter completed)
Lebarre Adoption (County Surrogate)
Warren County v. Sal Matza (completed)
Warren County v. Guy Ryno completed)
Summatyme v. Vetter (completed)
Russo v. County of Warren, L-154-01
In the matter of Anthony Bonanno (completed)
Dosch v. Warren County
Kitchell v. Warren Hanover, DC-1638-02 (misappropriation)
Heritage Commission (misappropriation, Court appearance required)
Vetter v. Warren County
HUBCO v. County of Warren

WHEREAS, future assignments for legal representation shall be approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on a "as needed" basis and approved by Resolution at Freeholder meetings.

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

SECTION 1. Joseph J. Bell & Associates is hereby appointed as Special County Counsel for the purpose of representing the County of Warren, its Board of Chosen Freeholders, Agencies and Departments, in connection with such matters as the Board of Chosen Freeholders may assign from time to time. Said assignment to be made by a duly adopted Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders at a public meeting.

SECTION 2. Joseph J. Bell, Esq. of Joseph J. Bell & Associates as Special Warren County Counsel shall be compensated at the rate of \$130.00 per hour and \$125.00 per hour for services performed by his associates, said agreement being in conformity with existing County Counsel contracts.

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SECTION 3. Assignment of the cases listed above shall be considered assignments of Joseph J. Bell & Associates as Special County Counsel pursuant to the terms of the Special Counsel Agreement nunc pro tunc.

SECTION 4. Certain cases undertaken under the General Contract as entered into on January 1, 2002 listed above will be continued to be represented under this Contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any future assignments of legal representation shall be assigned as Special Counsel by the Board of Chosen Freeholders pursuant to the form of Special Counsel Agreement attached hereto relating to lawsuits filed on behalf of or against the County on an "as needed" basis; and 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.

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 13-03

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

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 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 therefore, as said Agreement is for professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law inasmuch as the services thereunder are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law.

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

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. DiMaio yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Doherty yes

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On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

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 therefore, as said Agreement is for professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law inasmuch as the services thereunder are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law.

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

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. DiMaio yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Doherty yes

RESOLUTION 15-03

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN LEGAL SERVICES (BOND COUNSEL) FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY WITH GIBBONS, DEL DEO, DOLAN, GRIFFINGER & VECCHIONE, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds and notes by the County of Warren (the "County"), a body corporate of the State of New Jersey, review of such procedures and rendering of approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community; and

WHEREAS, such legal services can be provided by a recognized financial consultant, and the firm of GIBBONS, DEL DEO, DOLAN, GRIFFINGER & VECCHIONE, Newark, New Jersey, is

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so recognized by the financial community; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose,

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

1. The law firm of GIBBONS, DEL DEO, DOLAN, GRIFFINGER & VECCHIONE, Newark, New Jersey, is hereby retained for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003 to provide professional services in connection with the financing of the County's Capital Improvement and Open Space, Recreation Farmland and Historic Preservation Programs, in accordance with the proposed Agreement submitted to the County.
2. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
4. A copy of this resolution as well as the Contract shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.
5. 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.

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 16-03

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, WITH VALCO CAPITAL LTD., SEWELL, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized financial consulting services in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds and notes by the County of Warren (the "County"), a body corporate of the State of New Jersey, including the preparation of a comprehensive plan to finance the County's multi-year capital improvement needs, negotiating ratings, terms and approvals with the financial community and the preparation of financial documents acceptable to the financial community; and

WHEREAS, such financial advisory services can be provided by a recognized financial consultant, and the firm of VALCO Capital Ltd., Sewell, New Jersey, is so recognized by the financial community; and

WHEREAS, funds are appropriated for this purpose in account 0400B703-5060 and/or will be appropriated by ordinance(s) approved throughout 2002,

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

1. The financial consulting firm of VALCO Capital Ltd. Sewell, New Jersey, is hereby retained for the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003, to provide financial advisory and professional services in connection with the financing of the County's Capital Improvement and Open Space, Recreation Farmland and Historic Preservation Programs, in accordance with the proposal dated December 16, 2002 and submitted to the County.
2. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in

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accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

3. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
4. A copy of this resolution as well as the Contract shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.
5. 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.

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 17-03

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING APRUZZESE, McDERMOTT, MASTRO & MURPHY 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 Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. 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 Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, 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 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 therefore, as said Agreement is for professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law inasmuch as the services thereunder are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law.
3. Notice of this action, stating the nature, duration, service and amount of said Agreement are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board, shall be published in the Star Gazette as required by law within ten (10) days of the adoption of this resolution.

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. DiMaio yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Doherty yes

RESOLUTION 18-03

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY

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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 2003.

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 19-03

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

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, and the Warren County Sheriff's Office 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
4. thereupon classify all qualified applicants for such positions or employments so determined in the following manner:

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- A. Other residents of contiguous counties.
- B. Other residents of the State of New Jersey.
- C. All other qualified applicants.

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

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 20-03

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION INCREASING THE TAX RATE FOR THE OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, AND FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND OF WARREN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, On November 5, 2002, Warren County voters approved a public question increasing the tax collection for the Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund purposes for an additional \$0.02 per \$100.00 of total county equalized real property valuation.

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

1. The County Chief Financial Officer is directed to include an authorization for the amount to be raised by taxes, dedicated for the purposes of the Warren County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund in the fiscal year 2003 and all subsequent Warren County budgets, unless and until directed otherwise by resolution of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
2. The dedicated Warren County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund tax to be raised annually shall be equal to six cents (\$0.06) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of total county equalized real property valuation, unless and until said tax rate is changed by resolution or by other lawful means of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
3. This dedicated tax assessment will be identified in each years' abstract of ratables for Warren County for as long as said tax is assessed.
4. This dedicated tax will be used pursuant to law for purposes of the Warren County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
5. 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.

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

Mr. Gardner stated that we asked the voters for more revenue to secure the future of Warren County. He feels this will be a win – win for the county and this will help to maintain our rural character for the citizens.

Mr. DiMaio commented that this is an investment in Warren County and all that it currently provides to the citizens. He stated that he has lived in the county his whole life and has seen many changes created by development. He is grateful to the voters for approving the increase and happy to see that they will be able to aggressively preserve more farmland and maintain the rural character of Warren County.

Mr. Doherty stated that he concurs with his colleagues and this was the best way to control and keep out development. He thanked the voters for supporting this question on the general election ballot.

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

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On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION RE: DECREASING THE BID THRESHOLD OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FROM THE STANDARD STATE OF NEW JERSEY BID THRESHOLD OF \$17,500.00 TO A NEW COUNTYWIDE BID THRESHOLD OF \$10,000.00.

WHEREAS, the recent changes to the Local Public Contracts Law gave local contracting units the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$25,000.00 or to set a lower bid threshold;

WHEREAS, The County of Warren desires to take advantage of the ability to decrease the current bid threshold;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the County of Warren, in the State of New Jersey hereby decreases its bid threshold to \$10,000.00

Mr. DiMaio stated that he has concerns relating to this change. He mentioned on the surface it would seem like a good idea however, in the long term it will cost more for the added processing time, advertising expense and this may eliminate eligibility for some of the local contractors in the county. Mr. DiMaio suggested that this resolution be tabled for now and requested review of the total effects of changing the bid threshold.

Mr. Doherty responded that the state sets minimums as required. He feels this resolution will allow more competition and this would be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of the county. He feels it is important to create competition for possible savings, the new bid threshold will apply to approximately 15 to 20 bids. Mr. DiMaio reminded Mr. Doherty that a minimum of three (3) bids must be received as part of this requirement before the bid can be presented for approval.

Mr. Gardner stated that it is important to give the new threshold a chance this year and to see if it will save money. If it doesn't show any savings then we can exercise that same resolution to increase the Bid threshold at the next reorganization meeting in 2004.

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

RESOLUTION 22-03

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE WARREN COUNTY UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS,

WHEREAS, the Warren County Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals has received notice from Alternate Board Member Walter VanKirk of his resignation effective immediately for the term to expire October 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals has reviewed applicants to fill this vacancy position and has made a recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby accept the recommendation to appoint the following individual to the Warren County Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals to fill this vacancy:

APPOINT MEMBER:

Ralph S. Price
175 Lakeside Drive West
Belvidere, NJ 07834

Term to expire: 10/13/05

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

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

RESOLUTION 23-03

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoint the following individual to the Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners for a five year term:

Re-APPOINT MEMBER:

Dennis Bertland
P.O. Box 11
Port Murray, NJ 07865

Term to expire: December 31, 2007

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. DiMaio yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Doherty yes

RESOLUTION 24-03

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2003.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following individual to the Warren County Library Commission for a five year term:

APPOINT MEMBER:

Carol Konya
7 Hickory Ridge Drive
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Term to expire: December 31, 2007

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. DiMaio yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Doherty yes

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

Mr. Doherty recognized old former Senator Schluter in the audience and asked him to speak. Senator Schluter deferred and stated that he had many previous opportunities and now it is time to allow the current officials to speak.

State Senator Leonard Lance thanked everyone and wished all a good afternoon. He congratulated E. Scott Garrett for his successful election to the US Congress stating that it has

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been almost a century since a resident of Sussex County has been a representative in Washington, DC. He recognized the County Constitutional Officers present: County Clerk Terry Lee, Sheriff Salvatore Simonetti, and Surrogate Susan Dickey and congratulated Mr. Doherty for continued leadership as Freeholder Director, and Mr. Gardner for his successful election and becoming Deputy Director. He congratulated Mr. DiMaio for his continued service as a Freeholder. Senator Lance noted that there is again a 100% Republican controlled Freeholder Board in Warren County.

Senator Lance stated his concern for issues that will confront Warren County and the State in the New Year. He believes the most important is that we continue to fund Farmland Preservation at the current level as it is presently under attack to be reduced from 40% to 20% in the State Senate Environment Committee. He solicited the support of the Freeholder Board to continue to fight for this allocation to remain at 40% and not to reduce it to 20%, which may be the case in the near future.

Senator Lance acknowledged that under the leadership of Mr. Doherty as Assemblyman, efforts are underway to correct the Route 31 traffic concerns.

Senator Lance explained that this year the Governor of New Jersey will be appointing the Warren County Prosecutor position and he pledges that he will do his part to ensure the citizens of the county an individual with the highest of integrity.

Senator Lance stated that he also wanted to congratulate Gloria Decker, one of the Commissioners of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission for her ability in recognizing the concerns of the citizens and commuters of Warren County, and by being the only Commissioner to vote against the recent toll increases. He stated that Mrs. Decker's tenure will cease in April of this year and he will be discussing with the Governor the fine record that she has had on the Commission. He stated that he will let Governor McGreevey know how valuable she has been to the community and that he should consider her reappointment. He explained that his colleague in Pennsylvania, Senator Boscola, intends to introduce legislation to require the Commission to go to the Governors of New Jersey and Pennsylvania so that the minutes of the Toll Bridge Commission will be reviewed by the two Governors, he feels this is an excellent idea, but in his legal opinion it might require an act of Congress.

Senator Lance concluded that his last concern is the State Aid for New Jersey Municipalities and School Districts and he recognized Assemblywoman Connie Myers for taking the lead on this issue. He mentioned that in his capacity on the Budget Committee in the Senate he shall fight to increase both Municipal and School District aid, especially for the North West New Jersey areas. He stated that it is his honor to serve Warren County as their Senate representative and looks forward to working with this Freeholder Board.

Assemblyman/Congressman-Elect E. Scott Garrett thanked Senator Lance. He stated that it is his privilege and honor to take part in the swearing in of the new Warren County Freeholder and Freeholder Director today and a pleasure to continue working with the Freeholder Board for the benefit of all Warren County citizens.

Assemblyman Garrett wanted to recognize Mr. Gardner as the new Freeholder, and to let the citizens of Warren County take comfort knowing what he will bring to the Board is added common sense.

Assemblyman Garrett recognized that Mr. Gardner will bring integrity to the Board, and he reminded the whole Board that the voters have the right to demand and expect integrity and honesty, that if you say something you will stand by your voters and follow your promises.

Lastly, Assemblyman Garrett wanted to acknowledge the strong family support Mr. Gardner has evidenced by the attendance of family members here today. He concluded that the voters have a man with common sense, integrity and the values that we all share, which will be a fine asset to the success of the Warren County Freeholder Board.

Mr. Doherty introduced former Freeholder and current Surrogate Susan Dickey. Mrs. Dickey wished everyone attending a very happy and healthy New Year. She congratulated Mr. Gardner for his successful campaign, Mr. Doherty for becoming Director of the Board. She

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looks forward to the continued good works from our Legislative team in the State Offices and anticipated good works from our Mr. Garrett as Congressman. She wished the whole Board a good year and looks forward to working together with them all. She noted that this is the first time in nine years that there has been total Republican representation on the Freeholder Board.

Sheriff Sal Simonetti stated that it is was a year ago today that he was formally sworn into his position. It gives him great pleasure to report the Sheriffs' Office is progressing well with thanks to the Freeholders. He congratulated Mr. Gardner and his supporters for a successful campaign and wished everyone a happy New Year. Mr. Doherty recognized and thanked Sheriff Simonetti and his staff for taking the time out to open the Courthouse and make sure it was ready for the reorganization meeting.

Mr. Doherty acknowledged Hunterdon County Freeholder George Mellick and Warren County Republican Chairman Walter Orcutt and his wife Robin. He apologized if he missed anyone and he thanked everyone for attending today's reorganization meeting.

Under Freeholder comments, Mr. DiMaio wished everyone a happy New Year and said it was great to be here. He welcomed Mr. Gardner as a Freeholder and stated that he will be a tremendous asset, as a man that works with his hands, he understands a lot about the citizens of this County. He looks forward to working with everyone this year and stated that it is great to have three republicans serving the citizens of this county.

Mr. DiMaio did want to interject that they are all still individuals and at times they will not agree, which the public should expect of us. He listed prior accomplishments that were achieved since becoming a Freeholder, two years cutting taxes, reduced spending while increasing our surplus. He stated in 2003 he plans to make sure that the budget is a compliment of services balanced with some cost containment measures. He thanked the voters for approving the Open Space Tax increase, which will enable land acquisitions, focusing more on farmland because it will eliminate the maintenance costs later on.

Mr. DiMaio concluded that it has been his honor, he loves the work expected of a Freeholder and thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve as their public official. He promised to do the absolute best he can to provide government services for the lowest cost to the taxpayers.

Mr. Doherty acknowledged Warren County Clerk, Terry Lee. Mr. Doherty stated that he does a great job for the county; he was a Vietnam Vet and was instrumental in putting together the War Memorial and Purple Heart Memorial here at the Courthouse.

Mr. Lee wanted to congratulate everyone for coming out on a night like tonight. He told Mr. Gardner that it is was his pleasure to read his Certificate of Election and he congratulated Mr. Garrett and advised him that he already has sent two phone calls to his chief of staff relating to federal issues on naturalization and passport situations. He thanked everyone for being here and wished all a healthy and happy New Year.

Mr. Gardner wanted to take this time to thank Congressman – Elect Scott Garrett for all his support and he looks forward to being with him in seven days when he is sworn in. He acknowledged and thanked all the dignitaries for attending the reorganization today.

Mr. Gardner acknowledged Pastor Scovell for performing the invocation. Mr. Gardner acknowledged Walter Orcutt, Warren County Republican Chairman for being a great strategist when it comes to having a strong campaign. He stated that he could not be here without all the support of his wife Jannette, children Kristen, Stephanie, Daniel, and his extended family here tonight. Mr. Gardner stated that he would not have been able to be here without all the support from the public and he owes his success in part to his dedicated campaign manager Chad Chamberlain.

Mr. Gardner stated that Warren County is a great place to live with the mix of mountains, rivers and valleys that created the rural character and has attracted many. He stated that he plans to assure that the quality and maintenance of the environment will remain in Warren County. He will progressively work on the acquisition of land to preserve the farmland and tributaries that support the valley. He wanted to recognize the importance Farmers will play in

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this plan.

Mr. Gardner concluded that good government is effective leadership, maintenance of current environments, strategic business plans and the willingness to work with all agencies to receive State and Federal incentives. He mentioned a Statesman he is not, but he will gather collective ideas for us to consider as improvements for Warren County and to resolve problems.

Mr. Gardner stated that his idea to have a County Council of Municipal Leaders will be discussed in the near future.

Mr. Gardner concluded that he is excited, looks forward to the challenges and potential accomplishments as a Freeholder. He thanked his family and honored guests for allowing him to be here, serving them as their public official. He invited them to a reception immediately following the meeting in the Jury Assembly room.

Mr. Doherty congratulated Mr. Gardner, his family, and supporters for all their hard work to get him here. He recognized him as a regular man, dependable, with common sense and accountabilities. He was happy to have him joining the Freeholder Board and knows he will be doing a great job for Warren County. He explained, all the bright lights were due to the new policy to have the meetings videotaped. He felt this was important for the citizens to know that their elected officials have nothing to hide. He also acknowledged County Counsel Bell for assisting the Board to set policy relating to release of executive session minutes this year. Mr. Doherty stated the most noteworthy victory was the litigation with Warren County Community College. He recognized Mr. Norm Beatty in the audience, who is a West Point graduate and currently the President of First Hope Bank. Mr. Doherty described some of the experiences they received at West Point, concluding that no matter how many military maneuvers were drilled into them, the Constitution of the United States describes separation of powers and the lines of authority over which you cannot go. He explained that the civilians ultimately have the final call, and that is why his victory over the college was so great, he did what the citizens of this county wanted and that was to stop the unelected officials from expanding this facility.

Mr. Doherty noted other very important issues this year; one was that they increased the allocation percentage of the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Tax to preserve more farmland to 55 percent because after review of what had been happening in the past, a lot of the land had a high cost to maintain over the long term. He commented another was the opposition against the Federal Court Judges decision to remove "One Nation Under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance. He recognized Mr. DiMaio and Mr. DeBosh for unanimously agreeing to keep this in our Pledge of Allegiance and the Freeholder meeting room will continue displaying the sign in 2003.

Mr. Doherty stated that many good things have occurred, but his proudest accomplishment is cutting taxes in 2001, 2002 and we will be able to cut again in 2003. He described the State deficits and flat line cuts on municipal and school aid from Governor McGreevey are only going to continue again this year. He believes that tax cuts in Warren County will help to offset the tax increases at the municipal and school tax level for the citizens of Warren County.

Mr. Doherty concluded recognizing some of the dedicated department heads and officials present and stated that the work to provide the necessary services and to keep the County Government going could not be accomplished without them.

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, and there being no further official business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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

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