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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in regular session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on July 9, 2003 at 7:32 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Doherty and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Michael J. Doherty, Freeholder Richard D. Gardner, and Freeholder John DiMaio. Also attending were Assistant County Engineer James Bernaski, CFO Charles Houck, County Counsel Joseph J. Bell, County Administrator Steve Marvin, and Deputy Clerk Tammy M. Lynn.

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

Director Doherty read the following statement: “ **ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF July 9, 2003 WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR/GAZETTE, THE EXPRESS-TIMES, STAR-LEDGER, AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE**”.

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the minutes of the regular meeting held June 25, 2003 were approved.

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

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the minutes of the executive session held June 25, 2003 were approved.

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

Director Doherty opened the meeting to present the \$500.00 N.J.A.C. Scholarship to recipient Mellissa Stecker. He read a prepared biography of her accomplishments while she was attending Warren County Technical School.

Mr. Gardner complimented her hard work and involvement in extra activities. He congratulated Ms. Stecker and wished her continued success in her academic endeavors.

Mr. DiMaio echoed the compliments and added that he noticed her student government activities, suggesting she may be sitting in a Freeholder seat someday. Mr. DiMaio wished her good luck at Warren County Community College.

The Board presented Mellissa with her Scholarship Certificate from N.J.A.C. and the \$500.00 check made payable to the college. The President of Warren County Community College, Dr. DeSanctis was present to receive the check from Ms. Stecker.

Mellissa Stecker was accompanied by her parents and brother. She told the Board she might select English or Literature as her major. She is thinking about a career in teaching or in library science.

Public Information/Tourism Director Art Charlton began the presentation of the Small Farm Expo. He introduced Rutgers Cooperative Extension Representatives Donna Foulk of Warren County and Bob Mickel of Hunterdon County.

He briefed the Board on how the programs began as a Bi-State partnership after numerous

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joint Penn/Jersey Extension events that occurred between Rutgers Cooperative and Penn State Agricultural Representatives. The Small Farm Expo will offer information for individuals thinking about beginning a small farm operation, the events for the past two years were presented at the West End Fairgrounds in Pennsylvania. He informed the Board that this year's event would be held at the Warren County Fairgrounds on September 20th and 21st along with the Garden State Sheep Breeders Sheep and Fiber Festival. He explained there is a small budget of \$28,000 and this year New Jersey Travel and Tourism awarded another \$7,500 grant, seeing this event as a great opportunity for people to visit the county.

Ms. Foulk asked the Board to promote and support the event by wearing the lapel pins between now and September. She explained that this event is expected to be the largest attended with anticipated 26,000 attendees. The purpose is to have one event to assist individuals with the many types of small farming operations. There will be many vendors offering different segments of information; farm programs for the entrepreneur or experienced farmer, rural living programs for the new property owners moving to the area from urban areas, and education programs for the individual that enjoys just a day out or maybe wants to start a garden, etc. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to explain this program and invited them to stop and see the displays.

Mr. Mickel told the Board that he has had numerous visits to Warren County as the Livestock Agent for the area. He echoed Ms. Foulk's information and included that they saw a need to bring the programs to the people without farming backgrounds that were moving into the area and wanting to take advantage of the small farm opportunities offered.

The Small Farm Expo is designed to mirror the requirements set by the USDA, which is particularly important for continued success of the small farm operation having 5 to 10 acres. He concluded this is a small event in comparison to the big event presented by the Pennsylvania Agriculture Department in Harrisburg every year.

Mr. Charlton concluded it is programs like this that will continue to keep Warren County rural and green, he asked the Board to support this proclamation.

Director Doherty thanked Mr. Charlton, Ms. Foulk and Mr. Mickel for their presentation.

Mr. Gardner stated that he has had the pleasure of working with Ms. Foulk and Mr. Mickel over the years. He believes this will be an important program that will allow the rural character to remain in Warren County. Mr. Gardner said that it is especially great for the first time small farm purchasers.

PROCLAMATION 416-03

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on July 9, 2003.

**PROCLAMATION SMALL FARM MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2003.**

WHEREAS, the face of agriculture in New Jersey is changing to reflect the growth of small farms and farm operations developing new practices and new products; and

WHEREAS, 60 percent of farmland is in small farms, and small farms play a vital role in protecting local food production resources, ground water infiltration and recharge, wildlife enhancement, open space preservation and retaining rural character; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Small Farm & Rural Living Expo is an event intended to assist people who already have small farms, who are thinking of starting small farms, or who live in rural areas such as Warren County, providing them with the expertise they need to be successful, which in turn aids in keeping rural areas of the Garden State green and undeveloped; and

WHEREAS, Warren County is proud to be the host of the 3rd Annual Northeast Small Farm & Rural Living Expo, which is being presented at the Warren County Farmers'

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Fairgrounds in Harmony Township on September 20-21, 2003, in conjunction with the 9th Annual Garden State Sheep Breeders Sheep & Fiber Festival.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby proclaim September 2003 as Small Farm Month in Warren County as it salutes the Northeast Small Farm & Rural Living Expo and the Garden State Sheep & Fiber Festival; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation be sent to all other counties in the State of New Jersey, urging them to also proclaim September 2003 as Small Farm Month.

Michael J. Doherty, Director

Richard D. Gardner, Deputy Director

John DiMaio, Freeholder

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.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

RESOLUTION 417-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS FOR MASTER VOUCHER NUMBER 2003 - 27.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification/Ratification for Payment No. 2003-27 dated July 9, 2003** in the amount of **\$ 3,606,296.50** including bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers By the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2003-26	\$ 1,972,068.36
2003-27	\$ 397,462.65
Sub Total	<u>\$ 2,369,531.01</u>
Payroll 6/26/03	\$ 1,171,147.24
Election 6/26/03	\$ 65,618.25
Sub Total	<u>\$ 1,236,765.49</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,606,296.50</u>

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 418-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF WASTEWATER REVENUE REFUNDING

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WHEREAS, the Warren County (Pequest River) Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority") and the County of Warren, New Jersey (the "County") have previously entered into the 1986 Service Contract, dated March 26, 1986 (the "Service Contract"); and

WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Service Contract requires the County, by resolution, to approve and consent to the issuance of bonds or notes of the Authority prior to the issuance of said notes or bonds of the Authority if such bonds or notes are to be secured by the Service Contract; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 1993, the County approved and consented to the issuance of Wastewater Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993, to advance refund all outstanding Authority Bonds, said issue totaling \$6,985,000; and

WHEREAS, the 1993 Refunding Bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2004 are subject to redemption at the option of the Authority at any time on or after December 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to refund the outstanding \$5,365,000 principal amount of the 1993 Refunding Bonds maturing in the year 2004 through 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested the County to approve and consent to the issuance of up to \$5,750,000 of Wastewater Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003 (the "Refunding Bonds") in order to refund the Series 1993 Bonds.

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

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 404 of the Service Contract, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County hereby approves and consents to the issuance of Refunding Bonds of the Authority, not to exceed an amount of \$5,750,000, to provide for the defeasance of the Authority's outstanding Series 1993 Bonds and the costs of issuance of said Refunding Bonds.

Section 2. 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 419-03

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 July 9, 2003.

INSERTION INTO THE 2003 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, TRAINING-MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2003 in the sum of \$ 4,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services, Training-Mental Health Providers.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 4,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”

State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services, Training-Mental Health Providers (administered by Human Services Dept.)

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

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 420-03

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 July 9, 2003.

INSERTION INTO THE 2003 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES, DECONTAMINATION TRAILER.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2003 in the sum of \$ 75,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Decontamination Trailer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 75,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”

State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Decontamination Trailer (administered by Emergency Management Dept.)

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

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION -421-03

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 July 9, 2003.

**INSERTION INTO
THE 2003 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF**

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**\$19,000.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL,
INTEGRATED COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, PHASE ONE: COLLABORATIVE
TRANSPORTATION PLAN AGREEMENT #15WM2N
FOR A TOTAL GRANT AWARD OF \$89,750.00.**

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2003 in the sum of \$ 19,000.00, which item is now available from the New Jersey Developmental Disabilities Council, Integrated Community Transportation Services, Phase One: Collaborative Transportation Plan Agreement #15WM2N.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 19,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

New Jersey Developmental Disabilities Council,
Integrated Community Transportation Services,

Phase One: Collaborative Transportation Plan Agreement #15WM2N (administered by Human Services Dept.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the New Jersey Development Disabilities Council and that two (2) certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services.

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 422-03

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 July 9, 2003.

**INSERTION INTO THE 2003 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,100.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS, FOR
VETERANS TRANSPORTATION #VL04P21.**

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2003 in the sum of \$ 8,100.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, for Veterans Transportation #VL04P21.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 8,100.00 be and the same is hereby

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appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, for Veterans Transportation
#VL04P21 (administered by Human Services Dept.)

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

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 423-03

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 July 9, 2003.

INSERTION INTO THE 2003 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,889.77 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2003 in the sum of \$ 37,889.77, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Clean Communities Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 37,889.77 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Clean Communities Program
(administered by Treasurer's Dept.)

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

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 424-03

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 July 9, 2003.

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN NO PASSING ZONES
ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF COUNTY ROUTE #648
(LITTLE PHILADELPHIA ROAD), WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.**

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BE IT RESOLVED that No Passing Zones be established and maintained along County Route #648 (Little Philadelphia Road), Washington Township, Warren County, New Jersey as authorized by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on:

<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
648	Little Philadelphia Rd.	Washington Twp.	Route #57	County Route #623

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

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 425-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE WEIGHT LIMIT ON WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE #05039, SHURTS ROAD/HUNTERDON COUNTY BRIDGE B-26-W, VALLEY ROAD OVER THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER, FRANKLIN & BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIPS.

WHEREAS, the County of Warren desires to change the weight limit on Warren County Bridge #05039/Hunterdon County Bridge B-26-W, an Intercounty Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has recommended the current 10 ton weight limit be decreased to 5 tons based on the structural evaluation done by Hunterdon County Engineer's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Engineer agrees with the decrease of weight limit and a concurring resolution will be passed on July 8, 2003, by the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the decrease of weight limit to 5 tons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the proper notification shall be placed on said bridge advising the general public and all others that said bridge is restricted to all vehicular traffic exceeding the prescribed limits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Franklin Township Clerk and the County of Hunterdon.

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 426-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A DONOR AGREEMENT COMMITTING ALL OR PART OF THE ANTICIPATED 2003 COUNTY APPROPRIATION TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES AS MATCH TO GRANT FUNDS WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human Services has been duly designated to administer or supervise the administration of human service programs, as defined by the NJ State Plan for Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren wishes to make a donation to support match through all or part of the anticipated 2003 County appropriation as follows:

Catholic Charities (School Aged Child Care) \$3,903

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby authorized to execute the Catholic Charities 2003 Donor Agreement for a total of \$3,903.

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 427-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS OF SEVEN WARREN COUNTY FARMS AND PROVIDING COUNTY FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PURCHASE

WHEREAS, THE Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that the property known as the Stephen Gurba farm located in Frelinghuysen Township, Block 1702 Lot 2 and 1701 Lots 14 and 2; and the Post farm located in Frelinghuysen Township, Block 1101 Lot 3.01; and the Jack Oberly farm located in Pohatcong Township, Block 96 Lot 2 and Block 95 Lot 2.01 and in Alpha Boro, Block 97.01 Lot 5; and the Estate of Barbara Hamlen located in Greenwich Township, Block 20 Lot 18; and the Zahn farm located in Knowlton Township, Block 51 Lot 11; and the Matuch farm located in Greenwich Township, Block 44 Lots 27 and 29 and Pohatcong Township, Block 104 Lot 11; and the Westbrook farm located in Frelinghuysen Township, Block 101 Lots 11 and Block 104 Lot 6 have been granted final approval for the purchase of development rights by the State Agriculture Development Committee based on its formula index established at the June 26, 2003 meeting, as revised; and

WHEREAS, the seven farms ranked well enough to be considered for the purchase of development easements through the state's program; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Agriculture Development Board has reviewed and approved the seven farms for the purchase of development easements at their June 5, 2003 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the development easements on the seven farms will encourage the survivability of productive agriculture in Warren County;

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

1. The board hereby grants final approval for the purchase of the development easements on the above-described farms, subject to the provision that funds in an amount sufficient to satisfy the cost associated with these purchases are available and shall be presented at the closing of the purchase of said easements;
2. The county's share in regard to the purchase of said easements shall be no greater than 29% (\$191,520.) on the Stephen Gurba farm, 27% (\$32,000.) on the Post farm, 35%

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(\$339,062.50) on the Jack Oberly farm, 34% (\$165,300.) on the Estate of Barbara Hamlen farm, 28% (\$30,720.) on the Zahn farm, 26% (\$33,630.) on the Matuch farm and 26% (\$13,749.50) on the Westbrook farm, not including ancillary expenses associated with the purchases, for a total of \$805,982.00

3. Funding for these purchases will be provided in Account #03895 5067
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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 428-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO SEND A LETTER TO GOVERNOR JAMES MCGREEVEY, THE NJ STATE SENATE AND THE NJ STATE ASSEMBLY OPPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL HOME CARE QUALITY COUNCILS IN NEW JERSEY, AS SET FORTH IN S2662 AND A3778.

WHEREAS, proposed legislation S2662 and A3778 has been introduced for consideration in each house and propose to create four Regional Quality Home Care Councils in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Regional Quality Home Care Councils will change the manner in which Home Care and Home Health Services are provided to our most frail, vulnerable, and disabled citizens; and

WHEREAS, Home Health Care is one of the most essential services that can be provided to help maintain the elderly and disabled in their own homes and in the community; and

WHEREAS, there is no evidence indicating that Regional Quality Home Care Councils would improve services, or be more responsive to clients, or be more cost effective than the existing system of home care; and

WHEREAS, any funding used to subsidize the creation and administration of these Regional Quality Home Care Councils will result in a direct and immediate reduction or removal of services to our frail, vulnerable, and disabled citizens who need in-home help to manage their daily needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders *DO NOT* support the enactment of the proposed legislation S2662 and A3778 or the establishment of four Regional Quality Home Care Councils in the State of New Jersey to control the home health care delivered to our local residents.

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 429-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC0360 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR INMATE ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER.

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC0360 for inmate electronic monitoring system

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for the Warren County Correctional Center is hereby approved

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

Funds for this contract will be provided in budget account 012800/5030 – Jail Operating Supplies

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 430-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC0361 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR COMMERCIAL PROPANE.

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC0361 for commercial propane is hereby approved

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

Funds for this contract will be provided in budget accounts 013100/5070 Bldgs & Grds – Heating Fuel, 012900/5070 Roads – Heating Fuel, and 013510/5030 – Warren Haven Utilities – Operating Supplies

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 431-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT COUNTY ROUTE #517 AND BALD EAGLE ROAD, ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY.

BE IT RESOLVED that the plans titled “Intersection Improvements for County Route #517 and Bald Eagle Road”, prepared by Maser Consulting, bearing the latest revision date of 06/13/03, and the project specifications bearing the latest revision date of June 2003, are hereby approved.

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 432-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO INVACARE CONTINUING CARE GROUP UNDER THE AAHSA GROUP PURCHASING PROGRAM, CONTRACT #131482 AS ALLOWED BY N.J.S.A.30:9-87 FOR HOSPITAL FURNITURE AND

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**ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS FOR WARREN
HAVEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,806.23.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for hospital furniture and associated products for Warren Haven to . . . Invacare Continuing Care Group, St. Louis, Missouri

in the amount of . . . \$62,806.23

at the prices established under the AAHSA Group Purchasing Program, contract #131482

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0403A401/5058 - Warren Haven Resident Room Furniture

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 433-03

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 July 9, 2003.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HOLZHAUER & HOLENSTEIN, LLC OF
TRANQUILITY, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE BULLOCK PROPERTY,
WHITE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY, BLOCK 62, LOT 7, APPROXIMATELY NINETY-FIVE
ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL
AMOUNT OF \$2,950.00.**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Farms for preservation for the year 2004; and

WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in obtaining appraisals on various farm properties as listed in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the State Agricultural Committee prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Farm Easement Purposes; and

WHEREAS, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention Program Appraisal Handbook, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 03895 5067 8953020 5067 – Open Space Trust – Preliminary Expenses and various other projects

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Holzhauser & Hostenstein, in the amount of \$2,950.00 to prepare appraisals on the various farms listed be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-GAZETTE, as required by law, within ten (10) days of 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.

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Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 434-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MGM ASSOCIATES OF FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE BULLOCK PROPERTY, WHITE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY, BLOCK 62, LOT 7, APPROXIMATELY NINETY-FIVE ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Farms for preservation for the year 2004; and

WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in obtaining appraisals on various farm properties as listed in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the State Agricultural Committee prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Farm Easement Purposes; and

WHEREAS, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention Program Appraisal Handbook, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 03895 5067 8953020 5067 – Open Space Trust – Preliminary Expenses and various other projects.

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and MGM Associates, in the amount of \$2,500.00 to prepare appraisals on the various farms listed be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-GAZETTE, as required by law, within ten (10) days of 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 435-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO EMTEC, INC., FOR COMPUTER SERVICES, SUPPORT AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A81212 COVERING COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND RELATED COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$32,181.55.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for computer servers and associated products for the Warren County Prosecutor's Office and is hereby awarded

to . . . Emtec Inc., Trenton, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$32,181.55

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at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A81212

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0403A410/5058 – Annual Computer Upgrades.

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 436-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARDING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WC0359R FOR PROFESSIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES FOR THE CDL REQUIREMENTS TO NATIONAL DRUG SCREEN, INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 1, 2003 THROUGH JULY 31, 2004 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of a drug and alcohol test screening service for CDL requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Purchasing has certified that this contract meets the statute and regulations governing the award of such contracts; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 012900/5093 – Roads Medical Expenses and Physicals, and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and NATIONAL Drug Screen Inc., of Belvidere, New Jersey for professional services for the above projects, in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Gazette, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 437-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0346 FOR CCTV INSTALLATION AND UPGRADE AT THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER TO INTEGRATED SYSTEMS & SERVICES, INC., IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$26,900.00.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC0346 for the CCTV installation and upgrade for the Warren County Communications Center is hereby awarded

to . . . Integrated Systems & Services, Inc., Cliffwood, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$26,995.00

as per their bid submitted . . . June 30, 2003

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

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0403A406/5058 – Communications Center – Replace CCTV Security System

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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

Tammy M. Lynn Deputy Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 438-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE WARREN COUNTY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has considered a presentation and proposal by the Warren County Regional Chamber of Commerce with regard to continuation of services for economic development functions and services in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Regional Chamber of Commerce is a duly incorporated organization with offices at 600 High Street, Hackettstown, NJ with its primary mission to develop and implement programs of economic development for Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the goals of stimulating private investment, increasing non-residential tax revenues, and creating competitive employment opportunities compatible with the character and environment of Warren County, has been endorsed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren and the Warren County Regional Chamber of Commerce desire to renew the Agreement setting forth the respective responsibilities of the parties in relation to the aforementioned economic development program; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:5-16.3 and N.J.S.A.40:23-5.1 et.seq. authorizes the payment of funds in order to cover the County's share of administrative costs applicable to a statutorily authorized cooperative venture and for purposes of economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the County of Warren agrees to renew a service contract, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, with the Warren County Regional Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of developing and implementing, in partnership with the county business community, a County economic development program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the annual public funding commitment to the Warren County Regional Chamber of Commerce by the County of Warren is \$50,000.00, subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the parties and to future budget approvals and

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appropriations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Board of Directors of the Warren County Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Warren County Counsel.

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 439-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN, THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF, AND PBA LOCAL 280 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2002 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2004.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Warren County Sheriff, and representatives of the PBA Local 280 have completed contract negotiations and have agreed to the terms and conditions of employment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, the Warren County Sheriff, and the PBA Local 280 for the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2004.

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 440-03

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 July 9, 2003.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH W. STEINHARDT AS SPECIAL COUNSEL (FOR DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE & SOCIAL SERVICES) FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004 AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES.

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 Joseph W. Steinhardt 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 Joseph W. Steinhardt 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

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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.

Under reports and comments, County Counsel Joseph J. Bell had no report.

Assistant County Engineer Jim Bernaski had no report.

County CFO Pete Houck informed the Board that the bank has extended the current note \$1,661,000 due to renew this month for an additional 90 days at 1%, which will allow the time for bond refunding.

County Administrator Steve Marvin asked the Board if there is a need to make meeting date changes. Mr. Gardner stated that he will not be able to attend the August 13th meeting, Mr. DiMaio echoed the same. Mr. Marvin further mentioned the Five County Coalition meeting is scheduled for September 3rd. Mr. DiMaio stated that there was only one meeting in August last year.

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Board authorized canceling the August 13, 2003 and August 27, 2003 meetings, and having one meeting on August 20, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Marvin distributed draft letters for Board review asking our Congressional Delegation to support restoring funding in 2004 Federal Budget for the SCAAP. He explained that the county has received approximately \$250,000. over the last three years for housing alien offenders in the county correctional facility. The Board agreed and thanked him for the update and request to have this funding continued.

Mr. Marvin presented the following Hiring Requests and explained all were previously budgeted positions that need to be filled in the WC Road Department for one F/T Truck Driver, vacancy due to a recent resignation, in the Warren Acres Juvenile Detention Center for one F/T JDO, vacancy due to recent resignation, and in the Warren Acres Juvenile Detention Center for one F/T JDO Sgt., vacancy due to recent resignation. The Board approved.

Under Freeholder comments, Mr. DiMaio had nothing to report, but stated in his mail he noticed that the Route 57 Shuttle hours are being extended and asked if Human Services Director Karen Kubert could report the changes. Mrs. Kubert explained that the hours were extended for later in the day. She noted that this is a pilot program and funds awarded are available through the end of December this year. Mrs. Kubert told the Board that during this time, data is being gathered to show that participants are using the shuttle for travel to and from work. Mr. DiMaio said he was pleased to see that the hours are being extended, most complaints he received were the shuttle hours were not consistent with individuals' work hours. Mrs. Kubert concluded that after the data is collected she will be presenting the information and hopefully the extended hours will continue to be funded through the Work First New Jersey Grant.

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Mr. Gardner asked Assistant County Engineer Jim Bernaski if Mr. Becker ever came back into the office for the information discussed at the last meeting regarding the resurfacing of CR 612 in Allamuchy. Mr. Bernaski responded no, and the project has begun, trees were removed and the roadway is being realigned.

Mr. Gardner then reported that he received an email from a resident concerned about the condition of an old stone wall along Municipal Drive in Pohatcong Township. It was described that this is a historic structure and he asked Mr. Bernaski if there are plans to repair. Mr. Bernaski stated that the wall is inspected regularly and there have been no changes in the stone wall condition for the past 20 years. He explained that with the limited resources all capital improvements throughout the county are targeted to repair or replace structures that are in worse condition.

Mr. Gardner concluded his report saying he was pleased to see the seven farms participating in the preservation program. Mr. Marvin responded that aggressive action has been underway in the Department of Land Preservation, Mr. Resker and Mrs. Hendershot are planning on a presentation to the Board sometime in August, of the progress made over the last year.

Mr. Doherty asked Assistant County Engineer, James Bernaski if Route 519 in front of Mackey's Orchard and Ice Cream Stand is considered hazardous as a passing zone area. Mr. Bernaski responded that some requests arrived to remove the passing zone around the intersections of the other businesses and senior community. Mr. Gardner responded that section of the road is totally visible and there is driver responsibility entering and exiting Route 519. Mr. Bernaski stated that there are very few passing zones on county roads, and they have not received any contact from the local municipality reporting incidents that would show a need to remove the passing zone.

Mr. Doherty reported that although he doesn't like cigarette smoke, he regrets that the Assembly voted last week to increase the tobacco tax again, now it is \$2.05 on a pack of cigarettes. He told the Board that this is hurting the businesses in New Jersey. He believes this is the wrong direction for the state and will be working toward alternative tax mechanisms.

Mr. Doherty informed the Board that he contacted Human Services Director Karen Kubert to investigate the creation of a countywide YMCA system for residents. After some research, it was noted that the County cannot have its own YMCA organization, since areas of the county are within regions of already established Hunterdon and Morris County YMCA programs and the Easton, Pa. YMCA program.

Mrs. Kubert informed the Board that she has made some contacts and received interests from two large organizations to form a partnership with the County. She explained that one is looking at the capital costs and the other sees an offer of common services that would be cost effective. Mrs. Kubert recommends that the Board meet with both organizations to consider this idea.

Mr. Gardner responded that he received a call from a Blairstown resident relating to the same concerns. He suggested that if this can happen to look for a centralized location maybe somewhere around Mansfield Township. He thanked Mrs. Kubert for all the research so far. He agreed that the County needs to have programs offered for the citizens.

Mr. DiMaio stated that he likes the public/private partnership ideas and asked if this happens will there be a fee base system included. He also agrees that a centralized location would be important.

The Board welcomed the idea and will await more information as it becomes available.

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There were no closing public comments.

Under press comments and questions, Express Times reporter Kate Blok asked if the Board had a cost anticipated for the public/private YMCA program.

Mr. Doherty stated that cost will be a factor during the preliminary meetings.

Mr. DiMaio noted that costs cannot compare to quality of life and savings in other ways for the citizens in the county.

RESOLUTION 441-03

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, at 8:26 p.m. the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on July 9, 2003.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is subject to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.*, and

WHEREAS, the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12*, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

(1) *Matters Required by Law to be Confidential*: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law of State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

(2) *Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds*: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

(3) *Matters Involving Individual Privacy*: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

(4) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements*: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

(5) *Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds*: Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

(6) *Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property*: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection; any investigations of possible violations of the law.

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(7) *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege:* Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

(8) *Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:* Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance or promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

(9) *Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty:* Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bearing responsibility

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, assembled in public session on **July 9, 2003**, that an Executive Session closed to the Public shall be held on July 9, 2003 at 8:26pm in the Freeholders Conference Room located at the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823 for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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.

The Board returned to open session at 9:27 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, and there being no further official business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Tammy M. Lynn, Deputy Clerk