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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 February 15, 2006 at 7:33 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Chamberlain and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Everett Chamberlain, Freeholder John DiMaio and Freeholder Richard Gardner. Also attending were County Engineer Dave Hicks, CFO Charles Houck, County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Chamberlain.

Director Chamberlain read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2006 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-LEDGER, AND DAILY RECORD 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 Budget Session held on January 14, 2006 were approved.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Minutes of the Budget Session held on January 21, 2006 were approved.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the Minutes of the Special Session with the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders held on January 24, 2006 were approved.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Minutes of the Regular Session held on January 25, 2006 were approved.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the Minutes of the Executive Session held on January 25, 2006 were approved.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner, yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

PROCLAMATION 91-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**PROCLAMATION – “EXTENSION LIVING WELL”
WEEK,
MARCH 13-17, 2006.**

WHEREAS, healthy families and communities allow people to enjoy life, stay active, avoid chronic health conditions and disease and reduce health care costs; and

WHEREAS, Family and Community Health Services of Rutgers Cooperative Research

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and Extension of Warren County initiatives in nutrition and lifestyle, food safety and environmental health enable citizens to gain knowledge and skills to lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Family and Community Healthy Sciences educational programs help today's busy families and individuals stay well and energetic through a variety of publications, workshops, conferences and electronic learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension is a component of a nationwide Cooperative Extension network of university educators, researchers and staff; and

WHEREAS, Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension is part of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Rutgers – Cook College, Rutgers – The State University and is funded cooperatively through the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the State of New Jersey and the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the designation of "Extension Living Well Week" is a fitting tribute to the work and accomplishments of Family and Community Health Sciences' professionals and staff who provide community education that is critical to the health and quality of life of adults, youth and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Warren County that the second week of March, 2006, be designated as "Extension Living Well Week"; encouraging county residents to take advantage of the educational opportunities that Family and Community Health Sciences offers families in the community. These educators provide practical, research-based education that helps county residents in raising kids, eating right, staying healthy -living well.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

Present to accept the proclamation was Sherri Cirignano, Family and Community Health Sciences Program Associate of Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension (RCRE) of Warren County and a registered dietitian. Mr. Gardner said he has been associated with RCRE for more than seven years and it was his pleasure to present this proclamation. Ms. Cirignano said she hoped this recognition would help encourage our residents to make wise nutrition and physical activity choices leading to longer healthier lives.

RESOLUTION 92-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification/Ratification for Payments No. 2006-04, 2006-05, 2006-06 dated February 15, 2006** in the amount of **\$ 6,199,338.90** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers By the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2006-04	790,561.56
2006-05	1,479,955.58
2006-06	2,428,408.58
Sub Total	<u>4,698,925.72</u>
Payroll 2/2/06	1,426,465.26
Clothing 2/2/06	73,947.92

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Sub Total

1,500,413.18**GRAND TOTAL****\$ 6,199,338.90**

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 93-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY TAX LEVY LIMITS AND
TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK AS PER
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14.**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a county shall limit any increase in its county tax levy to 2.5% unless authorized by resolution to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's county tax levy, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a county may, when authorized by resolution, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual county tax levy and the 3.5% percentage rate , subject to certain exceptions, as an exception to its final county tax levies in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2006 budget by up to 3.5%, subject to certain exceptions, over the previous year's final county tax levy, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby determines that a one percent increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ **245,716** in excess of the increase in final county tax levy otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not levied as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final county tax levy in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2006 budget year, the budget of the County of Warren shall, in accordance with this resolution and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by one percent, amounting to \$ **245,716**, and that the CY 2006 county budget for the County of Warren be approved and adopted in accordance with this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not levied as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final county tax levy in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

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RESOLUTION 94-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**INTRODUCTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2006 COUNTY BUDGET -RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006.**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following statements of revenues and appropriations herein set forth shall constitute the County Budget for the year 2006;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said budget shall be published in the Star Ledger in the issue of February 23, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice is hereby given that the budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date herein indicated. A public hearing on the County Operating, Open Space and Library Budget and Tax Resolution is scheduled on Wednesday March 8, 2006 at 7:45 pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 So., Belvidere (White Township), New Jersey. Objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2006 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2006

Total Appropriations	\$97,850,549.92
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$37,813,619.92

Amount to be Raised by Taxation – County Purpose Tax \$60,036,930.00

Recorded Vote: **Freeholder Gardner yes**
 Deputy Director DiMaio yes
 Freeholder Director Chamberlain yes

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

Mr. DiMaio said we have lived up to our contractual needs responsibly. Rising costs of fuel, heating and utilities have had an impact. One of the most important things we've done with this budget is to have additional \$4.1 million put in our capital fund for more "pay as you go" enabling us to rely much less on borrowing. Warren County should be looked to as a model since we pay as we go instead of going deeper into debt.

Mr. Gardner concurred, saying the Board has done its due diligence for the taxpaying public. Also, greater levels of services are being provided to residents as the county continues to grow. He cited the conscientious efforts of department heads.

Mr. Chamberlain said we worked hard on this budget and we're proud of it. He also referred to the "pay as you go" philosophy mentioned by his counterparts and lauded the many "excellent people" that work for the County. He added this is the seventh year in a row there has been a reduction in the tax rate, an admirable position. Capital projects addressed this year include upgrading the 911 Center; modernizing telecommunications systems; replacing nursing stations in Warren Haven Nursing Home, some more than 30 years old and providing storage for

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emergency vehicles at a total cost of about \$4.5 million. This is a "solid, conservative budget", said Mr. Chamberlain. We've tried to do our best to keep taxes low while providing services.

RESOLUTION 95-06

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 February 15, 2006.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE**2006-A**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$8,809,110 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The capital improvements described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance are hereby authorized as General Improvements to be made by the County of Warren, New Jersey. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$ 8,809,110 from the Capital Improvement Fund account in the General Capital Fund of the County of Warren for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2(A).

Section 2(A). The improvements hereby authorized and the proposed appropriations are for the following purposes:

(1)	Road Resurfacing Improvements	\$ 1,889,000
(2)	Road and Drainage Improvements Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county roads and intersections.	\$ 560,000
(3)	Bridge and Culvert Improvements Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county bridges and culverts	\$ 534,000
(4)	Equipment and Furnishings Acquisition of office, communications, safety & security, maintenance equipment, furniture & furnishings, and computer hardware and software	\$ 3,887,610
(5)	Buildings & Grounds Improvements Design, construct or renovate and improve various county facilities	\$ 1,023,500
(6)	Specialty Vehicles and Maintenance and Construction Equipment Trucks, snowplows, sanders, tractors, mowers, and maintenance and heavy construction equipment	\$ 625,000
(7)	Building and Land Acquisitions	<u>\$ 290,000</u>
	Total appropriations	<u>\$ 8,809,110</u>

Section 2(B). The maximum amount of money to be appropriated for said purposes is \$

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8,809,110, no part of which is to be borrowed.

Section 3. The said purposes described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance are not Current Expenses and are for the improvements or purposes as stated above, no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on the property benefited thereby.

Section 4. These appropriations are made as a result of the need to improve existing county infrastructure and facilities.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be published, together with a Notice of Introduction thereof and of the Date of Final Passage in the manner provided by law. Final Passage is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 7:45 PM., in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey or at such other date and time to which it may be adjourned.

Section 6. At least one (1) week prior to the date set for Final Passage of this Ordinance, there shall be posted on the bulletin board of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, a copy of this Ordinance and a notice that copies of same will be made available upon request during the ensuing week up to and including the date set for final passage and the notice shall set forth the place at which such copies may be made available; and

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage as provided herein.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING**DATED: February 15, 2006****RESOLUTION 95-06****Recorded Vote:**

Freeholder Director Chamberlain yes
Deputy Director DiMaio yes
Freeholder Gardner yes

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING**DATED: March 8, 2006****Recorded Vote:**

Freeholder Director Chamberlain,
 Deputy Director DiMaio,
 Freeholder, Gardner,

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

The Public Hearing on the Annual Budget is set for March 8, 2006 at 7:45 p.m.

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner at 7:49 p.m, OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION A1.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

Mr. Gardner said the Freeholder Board has not had a salary increase since 1994. Medical benefits were taken away three years ago. The new salaries are more commensurate with other Freeholder Boards throughout the state.

Mr. DiMaio pointed out that this is the only three-member Freeholder Board in the state – we're spread more thinly than others – resulting in a higher demand on each member's time Mr. Gardner said we will still be operating on the lowest Freeholder budget in the entire state.

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No members of the public offered comment.

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio at 7:50 p.m, CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON A1.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 96-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION FIXING THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:20-72 et seq., salaries of the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders shall be fixed and made effective as follows:

Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders - Annual Salary \$24,000 effective 3/9/06

Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders – Annual Salary \$25,000 effective 3/9/06

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this resolution shall be published in the Star Ledger, the official newspaper of the County of Warren.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain no

RESOLUTION 97-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT GRANT TO HIRE SUMMER INTERNS IN THE YEAR 2007 FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$18,256.00

WHEREAS, there are monies available under a Highway Traffic Safety Project Grant with the New Jersey Office of Highway Traffic Safety for Safety Construction and Operational Improvements; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County of Warren to apply for said monies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board and the Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in order to effectuate the Highway Traffic Safety Project Grant with the New Jersey Office of Highway Traffic Safety to hire summer interns in the amount of \$18,256.00 for the project period of May 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

At Mr. Gardner's request, Item E2 on the Agenda was withdrawn prior to a vote to allow for further dialog.

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RESOLUTION 98-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO ENTER INTO AN
UNDERGROUND UTILITY SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER
OF LOT 3, BLOCK 63 IN WHITE TOWNSHIP FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC,
TELEPHONE, CABLE T.V. SERVICES WITHIN
THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY
ROUTE #519**

WHEREAS, Bryan & Debra Vande Vrede wish to construct underground electric, telephone and cable T.V. services in the right-of-way of County Route #519 to service Lot 3, Block 63 in White Township; and

WHEREAS, the County owns the right-of-way of County Route #519 in White Township; and

WHEREAS, Bryan & Debra Vande Vrede and Warren County agree that Bryan & Debra Vande Vrede shall own and be responsible for the construction and maintenance of the underground electric, telephone and cable T.V. services; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey hereby approves the Underground Utility Service Agreement between Bryan & Debra Vande Vrede and the County of Warren for the construction and maintenance of the above underground electric, telephone and cable T.V. services within the right-of-way of County Route #519 for Lot 3, Block 63 in White Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 99-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO ENTER INTO AN
UNDERGROUND UTILITY SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF
LOT 47, BLOCK 9.03 IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC,
TELEPHONE, CABLE T.V. SERVICES
WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF
COUNTY ROUTE #651.**

WHEREAS, Pride Builders, LLC has constructed underground electric, telephone and cable T.V. services in the right-of-way of County Route #651 to service Lot 47, Block 9.03 in Washington Township; and

WHEREAS, the County owns the right-of-way of County Route #651 in Washington Township; and

WHEREAS, Pride Builders, LLC and Warren County agree that Pride Builders, LLC shall own and be responsible for the construction and maintenance of the underground electric, telephone and cable T.V. services; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the

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County of Warren in the State of New Jersey hereby approves the Underground Utility Service Agreement between Pride Builders, LLC and the County of Warren for the construction and maintenance of the above underground electric, telephone and cable T.V. services within the right-of-way of County Route #651 for Lot 47, Block 9.03 in Washington Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 100-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NEW JERSEY
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund is set to expire on June 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, local governments have received approximately \$2.0 billion from the Transportation Trust fund and approximately \$300 million in bridge bond funds and \$275 million in Federal local lead funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren receives approximately \$1.3 million and the County's municipalities receive approximately \$1 million annually from the New Jersey State Transportation Trust Fund for critical road and bridge improvements and rehabilitation work; and

WHEREAS, local roadways and bridges carry 55% of the traffic on county, municipal, and state highways and local governments maintain 32,810 centerline miles of road, 2,498 major bridges and 4,584 minor bridges; and

WHEREAS, according to the Blue Ribbon Commission Report there is an annual local transportation need of \$211 million for county bridges, \$7.5 million for municipal bridges, \$44 million for county roadways, and \$112 million for municipal roadway for a total of \$374.5 million; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has a number of major transportation projects in the planning and engineering phases; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that local governments receive a stable, dependable, and long-term source of funding to actively maintain the State's roadways and bridges; and

WHEREAS, Warren County municipalities have and continue to receive many millions of dollars for municipal road improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the State Transportation Trust Fund be renewed, with adequate revenue to meet projected transportation system needs, so that the State of New Jersey has the necessary state match in order to receive billions of dollars of Federal highway and transit funding; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of local governments to work in collaboration with the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and the New Jersey State Legislature to quantify the State's transportation needs and pursue the appropriate and adequate methods of funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders supports reauthorization of the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey; the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation; the President of the Senate of the State of New Jersey; the Speaker of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey; Warren County's Legislators; and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 101-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BYLAWS OF THE WARREN COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) approved its first set of bylaws on August 6, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the SWAC approved amendments to its bylaws on April 5, 2001 and more recently on February 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the bylaws reduce the number of scheduled meetings per year from 10 to 6 meetings, reduce the quorum from 8 to 6 members, and revise the procedure for amending the bylaws; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the SWAC bylaws, the bylaws do not become effective until they are approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby approves the Solid Waste Advisory Council bylaws dated February 2, 2006

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 102-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION FOR RECEIPT AND OPERATION OF ONE SECTION 5310 PARATRANSIT VEHICLE.

WHEREAS, on 01/22/03 the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved an application with NJ Transit for two paratransit minibuses through the FY '03 Section 5310 program; and

WHEREAS, NJ Transit has subsequently made available to Warren County the following vehicle through the Section 5310 program:

One (1) Eleven passenger Ford Phoenix

and;

WHEREAS, NJ Transit requires that the county execute a Lease Agreement to operate this vehicle.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to execute a Lease Agreement with New Jersey Transit for the operation of the paratransit vehicle through the FY '03 Section 5310 program.

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

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Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 103-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
APPLICATION FOR 2006 PERSONAL ATTENDANT SERVICES PROGRAM
FUNDING WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,
TOTALLING \$105,034 FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2006 – DECEMBER 31, 2006;
SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.**

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human Services, has made Personal Attendant Services Program funding available to Warren County totaling \$105,034 for Calendar Year 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services has prepared a grant application to the NJ Department of Human Services for use of these funds and will retain \$3,881 of these funds for administrative purposes; and

WHEREAS, the remaining grant funds will be subcontracted as follows:

Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey	\$ 101,153
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the application for Calendar Year 2006 Personal Attendant Services Program funding to the NJ Department of Human Services for \$105,034 is approved subject to the availability of these funds.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 104-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WARREN COUNTY OPEN SPACE RECREATION,
FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND
PROCEDURES AND RULES.**

WHEREAS, the Land Preservation Department has prepared an amendment to Section 1.8, Paragraph 8 of the Warren County Open Space Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund as follows:

“Contracts approved by resolution of the BCF that have funds encumbered in the Open Space Trust Fund Budget shall be completed in two (2) years. The Grantee shall submit progress reports to the LPD on a schedule established by the MCCTFC at the time of project approval.

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Projects that have not been completed within this time frame shall be reconsidered by the BCF along with the reasons for the delay. The BCF may, by resolution, cancel and re-appropriate a portion or all of the unexpended funds remaining in the project at any time during the year.”, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders finds that it is desirable to require projects be completed in two (2) years rather than three (3) years and that Grantees provide reports as their projects progress, insuring a more expeditious completion of projects funded by this Trust Fund, and

WHEREAS, this practice will ensure encumbered funds will be used in a timely fashion and Trust Fund moneys will be more readily available for worthwhile projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby approve the amendment to the Warren County Open Space Recreation, Farmland & Historic Trust Fund Procedures and Rules.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 105-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT FOR PURPOSE OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION FROM THE ESTATE OF KATHERINE GROCHOWICZ, BLOCK 800, LOT 200 IN HOPE TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that the property known as the Estate of Katherine Grochowicz Farm located in Hope Township, Block 800, Lot 200 consisting of approximately 127.64 acres is available for purchase of a development easement in accordance with the requirements of the farmland preservation program and said purchase has been recommended by the Warren County Agriculture Development Board; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of development easement on subject property will require a total of \$900,000.00 and Hope Township has pledged support for the immediate acquisition of a development easement on said farm, and has pledged \$100,000. for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the said farm has been offered for funding in the 2007 Round of the State Farmland Preservation program and has ranked 1st in Warren County applications; and

WHEREAS, there is serious “imminence of change” for said farm; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds in the amount of \$800,000.00 in Account #03895-5067-8950704-5067 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the purchase of a development easement for the purpose of farmland preservation from the Estate of Katherine Grochowicz for Block 800, Lot 200 in Hope Township and directs that the Freeholder Director execute the Agreement to Sell Development Easement documents prepared by Special Counsel Sirkis and Lavery memorializing the within transaction.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 106-06

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted

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by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF THE ASHTON FARM,
BLOCK 23, LOT 8, TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH AND BLOCK 98, LOT 3,
TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that the property known as the Ashton Farm, Block 23 Lot 8 of 68.57 acres in the Township of Greenwich & Block 98, Lot 3 of 9.4 acres in the Township of Lopatcong is available for purchase, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich has expressed great interest in preserving this property, and

WHEREAS, the agreed upon price for this property is one million one hundred thousand (\$1,100,000) dollars, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich has offered to provide 15% (One hundred sixty five thousand (\$165,000) dollars) of the funds necessary to purchase this property, and

WHEREAS, the County's intention is to offer this farm for the State Farmland Preservation Program and, having preserved it, auction to the public, and

WHEREAS, adequate funds in the amount of nine hundred thirty five (\$935,000) dollars in Account #03895-5067-8950725-5067 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the purchase of the Ashton Farm, Block 23, Lot 8 Township of Greenwich and Block 98, Lot 3 Township of Lopatcong and authorizes the Freeholder Director or the Administrator to sign the contract of sale and any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of this property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land Preservation prepare a deed of Easement for the Development Rights, take the necessary steps to auction the property and prepare the application for the State Farmland Preservation Program.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 107-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A PORTION OF BLOCK 1,
LOTS 35 & 82 IN INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS
THE CONCORD PARTNERSHIP.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that the property known as Concord Partners, Block 1, Lots 35 & 82, Independence Township, is available for purchase, and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Green Acres Program has offered to team with the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders in purchasing this property, and

WHEREAS, this property contains a significant section of the "Morris Canal" and has been a target of the County's Open Space Plan, and

WHEREAS, Green Acres has agreed to take ownership of approximately 180 acres of the two lots in question, excepting out 20.5 acres including the Morris Canal which shall be in the ownership of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and

WHEREAS, this parcel will link together two sections of the Morris Canal already owned

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by the County and will provide over a mile of well preserved towpath and canal prism.

WHEREAS, adequate funds in the amount of \$350,000 in the account #03984-5065-894011-5065 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The Board hereby approves the purchase of this property.
2. The County's share of the cost of the acquisition shall be three hundred forty five thousand (\$345,000) dollars.
3. The County shall provide the necessary survey.
4. The Freeholder Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the contract of sale and any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of this property.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

Mr. Marvin noted the fairly significant property purchases being approved. The Ashton property is to be purchased fee simple, stripped of development rights and put back out to auction. The property in Independence Township represents some of the best portions of the Morris Canal, almost one mile of canal/trail. In reference to the Ashton Farm purchase, Mr. Chamberlain mentioned this abuts property already preserved by the Board.

RESOLUTION 108-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2006 WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE
PAINTING PROGRAM CONTRACT #WC0617.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the plans and specifications for Contract #WC0617 for the 2006 Warren County Bridge Painting Program are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the above project at least 10 days prior to the receipt of bids in

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ADVERTISING DATE - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED - THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2006

AWARD DATE - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 109-06

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 February 15,

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WARREN COUNTY
BRIDGE #07013, COUNTY ROUTE #637 OVER A TRIBUTARY TO THE
POHATCONG CREEK, GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
CONTRACT #WC0618.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the plans and specifications for Contract #WC0618 for the reconstruction of Warren County Bridge #07013, County Route #637 over a Tributary to the Pohatcong Creek, Greenwich Township are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the above project at least 10 days prior to the receipt of bids in

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**ADVERTISING DATE - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006
BIDS TO BE RECEIVED - THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2006
AWARD DATE - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006**

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 110-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2006 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR ROAD, BRIDGE AND MAINTENANCE
DEPARTMENTS, WARREN COUNTY-CONTRACT #WC0615.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the plans and specifications for the following Maintenance, Repair and Construction Materials:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3/8" Broken Stone 2. 1/4" Broken Stone 3. Abrasive Grits 4. Large Gradation Broken Stone & Rock Various Sizes 5. Dense Graded Aggregate 6. Curb Mix 7. Emulsified Asphalt | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Bituminous Surface Course, Mix I-5 9. Bituminous Stabilized Base, Mix I-2 10. UPM High Performance Bit. Cold Patch 11. Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe 12. Concrete Disposal 13. Asphalt Disposal |
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for the Warren County Road, Bridge and Maintenance Departments for the 2006-2007 construction year are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the above project at least ten (10) days prior to the receipt of bids in THE STAR-LEDGER.

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ADVERTISING DATE - Thursday, February 23, 2006
BIDS TO BE RECEIVED - Thursday, March 23, 2006
AWARD DATE - Wednesday, April 12, 2006

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 111-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC0621 AND AUTHORIZATION TO
 ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR JANITORIAL SERVICE AT COUNTY
 LIBRARIES
 FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2006 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2007.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC0621 for janitorial service at Warren County Library locations 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 Ledger.

Funds for this contract will be provided in budget account 153908/5024 – Library Facility Maintenance, Repair and Cleaning

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 112-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC0622C AND AUTHORIZATION TO
 ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE
 CONTRACTING MODEL FOR COMPUTERIZED SEARCH OF MANUAL
 INDEXES AND SUBSEQUENT RETRIEVAL OF SOURCE DOCUMENTS
 FOR
 THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC0622C for computerized search of manual indexes and subsequent retrieval of source documents for the Warren County Clerk's Office is hereby approved

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

Funding for this contract will be provided in trust account 35120/5100 – County Clerk Fees Trust Account

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain 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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION RE: REJECTION OF ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR WC0576A FOR
JINS BUILDING ROOF.**

WHEREAS, bids were received on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 for JINS Building Roof Replacement; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds were not available in the budget to fund this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that the bids for JINS Building Roof Replacement – WC0576A be rejected.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

The reason for the rejection, explained Mr. Gardner, is that the renovation project needs to be addressed in its entirety, not just one section of the roof.

RESOLUTION 114-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS TO VARIOUS WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL
ALLIANCE PROGRAMS FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2006 IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$105,428; FUNDING AVAILABLE
THROUGH THE 2006 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT
THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCHOLIS AND
DRUG ABUSE; AWARD OF CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY
OF THE GRANT FUNDS.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the contracts for provision of substance abuse programs are hereby awarded, subject to funding availability, to various Warren County Alliances for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 in the total amount of \$105,428; funds are available from the 2006 Municipal Alliance Grant through the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

A notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Ledger, and this contract itself must be available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to execute agreements for the 2006 Municipal Alliance Grant between the County of Warren and the following alliance programs:

Blairstown	\$5,699
Franklin	3,781
Frelinghuysen	3,340
Great Meadows Regional	9,386
Hackettstown	7,782
Hardwick	2,941
Hope	3,217
Knowlton	3,916
Mansfield	7,194
Oxford	3,484
Phillipsburg	11,760

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Regional	12,272
South Warren Regional	18,315
Washington Borough	6,320
Washington Township	<u>6,021</u>
TOTAL	\$105,428

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 115-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0613R WITH FAMILY SERVICES OF MORRIS COUNTY FOR THE WARREN COUNTY INTOXICATED DRIVER

RESOURCE CENTER (IDRC) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH

DECEMBER 31, 2006.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County Contract WC0613R for the Warren County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center is hereby awarded to Family Services, Morristown, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that operating costs under the contract shall be supported by client generated fees and that no county funds are required for this project.

A Notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger, and this contract itself must be available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 116-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC0408 FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG SERVICE AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER TO BACH'S PHARMACY EAST FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2007 FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(29) IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$55,000.00, PER THE RATES IN THEIR PROPOSAL, ACTUAL AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY USE.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County Contract WC0408 for prescription drug services for the Warren County Correctional Center is hereby extended for the third and final year as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(29) said contract is hereby extended for the period of April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 to . . . Bach's Pharmacy East, Pompton Plains, New Jersey

In the amount of . . . approximate amount \$55,000.00, actual amount to be

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determined by use

as per their bid submitted . . . March 2, 2004

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012800/5093 –
Correctional Center – Medical Expenses Including Physicals

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 117-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC0502 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (PROPERTY ADJACENT TO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING)

FOR

FARMING FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2007 TO JIM SMITH FARMS, LLC FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC0502 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in White Township identified as Block 21, Lot 14, approximately 20 acres is hereby awarded

to . . . Jim Smith Farms, LLC, Belvidere, New Jersey

annual rent of \$40.00 per acre for a total amount of \$800.00

as per his bid submitted February 15, 2005

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

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 on the date above mentioned.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 118-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0564C COMPETITIVE CONTRACT TO VARIOUS AGENCIES TO PROVIDE IN-HOME ACCESS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES UNDER THE DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES 2006 AREA PLAN GRANT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$772,915.00.

WHEREAS, six proposals were received, opened and read in public on October 14, 2005, at 1:30 PM prevailing time for Provision of In-Home Access and Community Support

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Services under the Division of Senior Services 2006 Area Plan Grant

WHEREAS, the proposals were reviewed by the Warren County Division of Senior Services, and reviewed in cooperation with the Division's advisory boards and the Evaluation Report is on file with the Clerk of the Board, and the Division has determined that the proposals submitted by the Agencies listed below meets all the requirements of the specifications

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available through the 2006 Area Plan Grants, Meals at Home Trust Accounts and Budget Accounts and certified by the Warren County Chief Financial Officer

A notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Ledger, and this contract itself must be available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contracts for provision of services between the County of Warren and the following agencies:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>2006 FUNDING</u>
Family Guidance Center	29,970
Visiting Homemakers	570,276
Third Street Alliance	60,190
Norwescap	80,029
Legal Services	32,450
TOTAL	\$772,915.00

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 119-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0602 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (HAMLEN FARM) FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2007 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS TO SUNNY HILL FARM LLC FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,330.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC0602 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in Greenwich and Lopatcong Townships, property identified as Block 23, Lot 7, and Block 98, Lot 2, approximately 38 acres is hereby awarded

to . . . Sunny Hill Farm LLC, Phillipsburg, New Jersey

annual rent of \$35.00 per acre for a total amount of \$1,330.00

as per his bid submitted February 7, 2006

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the highest responsible and

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responsive bid received.

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 on the date above mentioned.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 120-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0603 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (LANDFILL PROPERTY) FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2007 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS TO JIM SMITH FARMS LLC FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$431.40.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC0603 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in White Township, Landfill property identified as Block 32, Lot 18, approximately 43.14 acres is hereby awarded

to . . . Jim Smith Farms LLC, Belvidere, New Jersey

annual rent of \$10.00 per acre for a total amount of \$431.40

as per his bid submitted February 7, 2006

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there were no bids received for county property in Mansfield Township, Warren Haven identified as Parcel A-1, and A-2

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 on the date above mentioned.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 121-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0604 FOR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2006 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2007 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) TO PROCOMM SYSTEMS, INC., IN THE APPROXIMATE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$64,820.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC0604 for communication system preventive maintenance for the Warren County Communications Center is hereby awarded

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to . . . Procomm Systems, Inc., Phillipsburg, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . \$64,820.00

as per their bid submitted . . . February 7, 2006

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

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012500/5026 – Communications Center – Contracted Equipment Maintenance.

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 on the date above mentioned.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 122-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0605 FOR RESOURCE COORDINATION FOR

THE WARREN COUNTY DISABLED RESIDENTS UNDER SIXTY YEARS OF AGE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES

UNDER

THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO DAWN CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC. IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$54,300.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC0605 for Resource Coordination for the Warren County Disabled Residents Under Sixty Years of Age for the Warren County Division of Senior Services under the Warren County Department of Human Services is hereby awarded

to . . . DAWN Center for Independent Living, Inc., Wharton, New Jersey

as per their bid submitted . . . January 31, 2006

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

Funding for this contract will be provided in grant account S43525329/5029 – ADRC Contracted Services, grant account S53525329/5029 – ADRC Contracted Services and budget account 013520/5029 – Senior Services Contracted Services.

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

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 123-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARDING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WC0620R FOR

PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER TO DR. MARYANNE DESANTIS FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2006 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2007 AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$132.60 AND AN APPROXIMATE YEARLY AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00.

WHEREAS, there exists the need for the professional services of a Psychiatrist at the Warren County Correctional Center; 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 budget account 0125280/5029 – Correctional Center – Contracted Services 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 Dr. Maryanne DeSantis of Port Reading, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the approximate amount of \$12,000.00 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-Ledger, 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 on the date above mentioned.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 124-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0622R FOR MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LONG TERM CARE SERVICES TO SFP MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS, INC. OF COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2006 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00.

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WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a contract for a consultant to: Task A, refine the administrative, programmatic and fiscal operations of the Warren County Department of Human Services and the Department of Temporary Assistance and Social Services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. Task B, evaluation of administrative and financial operations of the Department of Long Term Care Services, including tasks 1, 2, and half of task 3 as outlined in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) et. seq.) requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A.1944A-20.4, as a non-fair and open contract; and

WHEREAS, Warren County has received all necessary documentation to allow award of this contract including the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Determination of Value and these forms are on file; and

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

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

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a contract to SFP Management Consultants, Inc., of Colts Neck, New Jersey for services for the above project, at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00 per letter of agreement which is on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing and is made a part hereof by reference.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services defined cannot reasonably be described by written specifications to assure that the qualitative and quantitative assessment of the problems involved, which require expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor are obtained.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

Funding for this contract is provided in budget accounts 011100/5028 – Freeholders Consultant Services, 013550/5029 – Human Services Contracted Services and 013450/5029 – TASS Contracted Services, and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 125-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY PRODUCTS, INC. FOR (1) L.E.D. D.O.T. CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGN UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A58758 COVERING CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS, ELECTRIC/SOLAR

TRAILER

MOUNTED FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$28,043.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for one (1) L.E.D. D.O.T. Changeable Message Sign for the Warren County

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Department of Public Safety and is hereby awarded

to . . . Garden State Highway Products, Inc., Vineland, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$28,043.00

at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A58758.

Funding for this contract has been provided in grant account F5252 5351 5058 – OEM-FY04 – Homeland Security – Other Equipment

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 126-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE
WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL AND CHARITABLE
CONSERVANCY TRUST FUND COMMITTEE:**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted the Warren County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Procedures and Rules on June 26, 1996; and

WHEREAS, recommendations for membership on the committee have been received from the Township of Franklin of the Municipal Region 4 whose previous term from Washington Borough expires on March 25, 2006; and

WHEREAS, recommendations for membership on the committee have been received from the Township of Mansfield of the Municipal Region 5 whose previous term from the Township of Independence expires on March 25, 2006; and

WHEREAS, recommendations for membership on the committee have been received from the Warren County Planning Board whose previous term expires on March 25, 2006; and

WHEREAS, recommendations for membership on the committee have been received from the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission whose previous term expires on March 25, 2006

WHEREAS, one At-Large Alternate member shall be appointed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoint the following persons to the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee:

Region 4: Robert C. Hood
167 Buttermilk Bridge Road
Asbury, NJ 08802
Rotation order: Washington Borough, Franklin, Washington
Township, Oxford
Term: 3/26/06 – 3/25/08

Region 5: James E. Watters
212 Watters Road

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Port Murray, NJ 07865

Rotation order: Independence, Mansfield, Hackettstown

Term: 3/26/06 – 3/25/08

Warren County Planning Board Representative:

David Smith

154 Knowlton Road

Columbia, New Jersey 07832

Term: 3/26/06– 3/25/08

Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission Representative

Jane Primerano

P.O. Box 511

Hope, NJ 07844

Term: 3/26/06 – 3/25/08

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 127-06

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 February 15, 2006.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS:

CARL F. DIEFFENBACH – TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/09

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following individual as an Alternate Member for Plumbing Subcode to the Warren County Uniform Construction Board of Appeals for a four year term retroactive to January 1, 2006; term will expire on December 31, 2009.

Carl F. Dieffenbach
186 State Route 94
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

County Counsel had no report.

Regarding the Shurts Road Bridge redesign, County Engineer Dave Hicks had submitted new design possibilities and asked the Board for feedback. The goal is keep the span as narrow as possible while still remaining a two lane bridge. The selected designs will then be presented to stakeholders, emergency squads and historical organizations on both sides of the river to obtain feedback. Warren is the lead county on this project that also involves Hunterdon. Construction is expected to begin in "a couple of years", according to Mr. Hicks. As for a cost estimate, it was too early to tell, but Mr. Hicks estimated roughly \$1 million. Warren County would be responsible for

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half of the final expense to be funded through the normal capital program.

County Planner Dave Dech expected to have a draft of the County Truck Study ready for the Planning Board Meeting scheduled for February 24, 2006. The project continues to progress. Mr. Chamberlain inquired about the Hope Township truck traffic situation. Mr. DiMaio said Hope Mayor McDonough had contacted him earlier in the day. Mr. Dech said he had left a message for Mr. McDonough and intends to give him an update. The primary trucks passing through Hope appear to be Nature's Choice, not solid waste trucks headed for the landfill as had been previously stated. Although the Solid Waste Plan designates routes to be used and that trucks are not supposed to go through Hope Township, there is a "gray area" in the Administrative Code when it comes to trucks destined for recycling facilities. Mr. Dech had spoken with Nature's Choice in the past regarding this issue and the response was that the drivers have been informed. Mr. Chamberlain asked if there was a stronger way to make our wishes known. Mr. Dech said he could again contact compost facilities and attempt to bolster enforcement activities.

County CFO Charles Houck had no report.

County Administrator Steve Marvin mentioned a recent Star-Ledger article he had printed out for the Board regarding Highlands-related property tax valuation reductions approved for four towns in Passaic. He thought the comments of Senator Bob Smith remarkable in their ignorance. Mr. Gardner agreed, saying the callousness and hypocrisy was incredible. The towns in the preservation area ought to be making applications to this tax stabilization board sooner rather than later as the opportunity will expire. Mr. Chamberlain asked if the Warren County Board of Taxation has made any overtures to notify the public of these options. Mr. Marvin was not aware if they had, but he hadn't been tracking what they've been doing. Presumably, that process would have to start with tax appeals from individual property owners. Mr. Chamberlain said an option for our municipalities would be to blanket the area and reduce the value and then apply for funds to recapture some of the lost revenue. This is an important issue that should be acted upon fairly quickly because we don't know how long the money is going to last.

Under Freeholder Comments, Mr. Gardner spoke of the developing Vo-Tech tuition situation and having gone to their February 6 Board Meeting. Some of the comments of school superintendents are valid, but it seems as if the situation is being viewed from the State's perspective as opposed to that of the county, locality or school. Some of these things need to be adjusted. Mr. Gardner has some ideas and with the support of the schools, perhaps we could talk to the Legislature to seek some relief. Mr. Chamberlain said it is very important to point out that the Freeholder Board has continually supported and increased the support of the Vo-Tech Budget by a 3.5% margin. This has not generally been acknowledged, but is important for the public to know.

Mr. DiMaio said he was encouraged by the large turnout at the recent meeting on the Highlands Act at Warren Hills High School. Individual homeowners were in attendance because they are beginning to understand that there will be a redistribution of the tax burden back on them as the tax appeals start to occur. Mr. Chamberlain thought it was also significant that people on the Highlands Council and staff were in attendance who must have gained a new understanding that there is a growing movement out there comprised of passionate citizens. Taking equity away from individuals without compensation is hard to understand.

RESOLUTION 128-06

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, at 8:27 p.m. the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on February 15, 2006.

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.

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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.

(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.

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(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 February 15, 2006 that an Executive Session closed to the Public shall be held on February 15, 2006, at 8:27 p.m. 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 on the date above mentioned.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the Board adjourned executive session at 9:28 p.m. and returned to open session.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 129-06

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 February 15, 2006.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF
THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND THE COMMUNICATION
WORKERS OF AMERICA LOCAL 1071 FOR THE
PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2005 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2007.**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders and representatives of the Communication Workers of America, Local 1071 have completed labor 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 and the Communication Workers of America, Local 1071 for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

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ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board