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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Reorganization Session in Court Room #1 at the Warren County Court House, Belvidere, New Jersey on January 5, 2007 at 6:05 p.m.

Director Chamberlain read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2007 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.”**

There was no invocation due to the unforeseen absence of Reverend John Chung.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Chamberlain.

The Certification of Election of Everett A. Chamberlain, Freeholder, was read by Acting County Clerk Patricia J. Kolb.

Mr. Chamberlain took the Oath of Office of Freeholder, administered by Joseph G. Houston, Esq., as wife, Judy, and son, Chad, held the Bible.

The meeting was called to order by Director Chamberlain at 6:10 p.m. and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Everett A. Chamberlain, Freeholder John DiMaio and Freeholder Richard D. Gardner. Also attending were County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

RESOLUTION 01-07

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING EVERETT A. CHAMBERLAIN AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2007.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Everett A. Chamberlain is reappointed Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 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

Mr. Chamberlain took the Oath of Office of the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as administered by Mr. Houston, again accompanied by his wife and son.

Mr. Chamberlain wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve another term as Freeholder. He thanked his colleagues as well, saying they enjoy a good working relationship and share the common goal of governing the County in a fiscally

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conservative manner. Also thanked were all department heads, County associates and the many volunteers that serve on boards and committees.

The first order of business for 2007 is to adopt a budget that will continue to pay down debt. This Freeholder Board is challenging itself to identify revenue sources other than taxes and to more efficiently use existing tax dollars, said Mr. Chamberlain.

Capital projects to be addressed in the coming year are the Warren Home, Warden's House and improvement to Warren County Community College. A project begun last year, the Warren Home, is a historic building already owned by the county that will be converted into office space. When complete, the building will provide 10,000 square feet of office space for the Warren County Health Department and save more than \$150,000 a year in lease costs for that department. The former Warden's House, located behind the Warren County Court House in Belvidere, will provide office space and squad rooms for the County Sheriff's Department. The latter project will free up space within the Court House, alleviating some of the crowded conditions affecting the Court System, Mr. Chamberlain said.

Regarding the college, the Freeholder Board looks forward to working closely with the Board of Trustees to identify all funding options.

Plans are expected to be completed this year for a new building at the County's White Township Campus to house the County Library System Headquarters, the Department of Human Services, Visiting Nurses and to store new voting machines. Mr. Chamberlain said he hopes for a groundbreaking on the project late this year or in early 2008.

Mr. Chamberlain expressed his "deep appreciation" to the County Projects Committee, with special thanks to Chairman Joe Houston, for their continued progress in addressing the County's space needs.

The Freeholder Board intends to continue to pursue Farmland Preservation, Open Space and Heritage endeavors. By 2010, the goal is to have 20,000 acres in preserved farmland. With more than 15,000 acres currently in the program, the County is in great shape. We will continue to provide grants to maintain and restore historically significant properties, said Mr. Chamberlain.

A threat to Warren County's economic stability, however, is the Highlands Legislation and corresponding Master Plan. The Freeholder Board will continue to fight these and other unfair restrictions imposed by the State.

Mr. Chamberlain concluded by saying this Board has set goals for 2007 and has the momentum to achieve them.

RESOLUTION 02-07

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOHN DIMAIO AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2007.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that John DiMaio is reappointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2007.

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

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Freeholders on the date above mentioned.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

After making a joke about his prepared remarks being very similar to those of Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. DiMaio thanked everyone for coming, including Senator Lance and other dignitaries. "We need to work together," he said.

Each day, Mr. DiMaio said, he reflects on the tremendous honor and responsibility bestowed upon him as Freeholder. We have a lot of expectations for the New Year.

In addition to the capital projects already mentioned, a new security entrance at the front of the Court House is expected to be installed which will mark the beginning of Court House renovations. "We owe it to ourselves and future generations to take care of this building." He said.

It is now budget time, he continued, noting that there has been a reduction in the County tax rate for the last six years. Yet the Board has still been able to pay down debt. Warren County has the lowest debt of any county in the state, said Mr. DiMaio.

Transportation is of great interest to Mr. DiMaio. He has been involved in the Route 78 Corridor Study and a long-term goal of his is to have the Raritan Rail Line extended to Phillipsburg. Mr. DiMaio said he is a "strong proponent" of mass transit.

After thanking those who spend "countless hours" serving on volunteer boards, Mr. DiMaio wished everyone a happy and fruitful New Year. He looks forward to meeting new challenges.

RESOLUTION 03-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO APPOINT SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS BOARD OR WHICH THE DIRECTOR MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND APPOINTING FREEHOLDERS AS LIAISON OR MEMBER OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to appoint such committees as may be required by law or authorized by this Board or which the Director may deem appropriate and that the appointment of Freeholders as liaison or member of various boards and committees is hereby approved:

Freeholder Everett A. Chamberlain

Audio Visual Aids	Board of Elections
Board of Taxation	County Adjuster
Dept. of Human Services	Health Services
Legal Service	Mosquito Commission
Trustee Warren County Legal Services	Planning Board
Prosecutor	Solid Waste
Superintendent of Schools	Surrogate
War Veterans	

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W.C. Community College	Corrections Department
County Transportation Outreach	Domestic Abuse & Rape Crisis Center
Housing Program	Medical Examiner
Mental Health Board	North Jersey Trans. Planning Comm.
Police Chiefs Association	Public Safety
Public Works	Sheriff's Office
Transportation Committee	Women's Commission
W.I.B. (Workforce Investment Board) of Morris/Sussex/Warren	

Freeholder Richard D. Gardner

Agriculture Development Board	Board of Agriculture
Cooperative Extension Service	County Clerk
Cultural and Heritage	Dept. of Long Term Care Services
Environmental Commission	Library Commission
Morris Canal Committee	Municipal & Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Comm.
Planning Board	Board of Recreation Commissioners
Shade Tree Commission	Soil Conservation
Special Services School District	Technical School
Weights and Measures	

ALL THREE FREEHOLDERS

Freeholders' Office
 Personnel Division
 CFO/Treasurer's Office
 Purchasing Department
 County Counsel
 Information Systems
 Department of Public Information and Tourism
 Planning Department
 Boards of School Estimate

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 04-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

**RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS
 AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON TO EACH
 DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2007.**

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

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liaison to each district as follows:

District No. 1: Freeholder Everett A. Chamberlain

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

District No. 2: Freeholder John DiMaio

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

District No.3: Freeholder Richard D. Gardner

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

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 05-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2007.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren for the year 2007. All regular meetings shall be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	17	at 7:30 pm	B	August	8	at 7:30 pm	R
January	20	at 9:00 am	B	August	22	at 7:30 pm	R
January	24	at 7:30 pm	R	September	12	at 7:30 pm	R
January	27	at 9:00 am	B	September	26	at 7:30 pm	R
February	14	at 7:30 pm	R	October	10	at 7:30 pm	R
February	28	at 7:30 pm	R	October	24	at 7:30 pm	R
March	14	at 7:30 pm	R	November	14	at 7:30 pm	R
March	28	at 7:30 pm	R	November	28	at 7:30 pm	R
April	11	at 7:30 pm	R	December	12	at 7:30 pm	R

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April 25 at 7:30 pm R
 May 9 at 7:30 pm R
 May 23 at 7:30 pm R
 June 13 at 7:30 pm R
 June 27 at 7:30 pm R
 July 11 at 7:30 pm R
 July 25 at 7:30 pm R

R= Regular Meeting
 B = Budget Meeting

All Work Session Meetings will be
 advertised in the Star Ledger as needed.

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 06-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE STAR LEDGER AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND THE DAILY RECORD AS THE ALTERNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER IN WHICH SHALL BE PUBLISHED ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that The Star Ledger is hereby designated as the official newspaper and the Daily Record as the alternate official newspaper in which shall be published all advertisements and notices required by law to be published on behalf of the County of Warren. This action is taken pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:23-13 and N.J.S.A. 35:1-2.2 et seq.

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 07-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby reappoint, for representation in the New Jersey Association of Counties, Richard D. Gardner as the Voting Member and Everett A. Chamberlain as the 1st Alternate Voting Member and Steve Marvin as the 2nd Alternate Voting Member.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 08-07

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On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

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

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

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

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 09-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY
APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,432,816.00 THROUGH THE
DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2007 BUDGET.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2007 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

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

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the prior year budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$96,886,918 and

WHEREAS, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2007 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund in said 2007 budget is the sum of \$25,432,816.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations in the total amount of \$25,432,816.00 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer's Department for their records.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 10-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF

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**\$4,065,341.07 TO FUND THE PERMANENT DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF
THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE DATE OF
ADOPTION OF THE 2007 BUDGET.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 20 of the year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19, 2006; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 inclusive:

DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY OF WARREN, NJ

Principal Payment of bonds	\$ 3,268,000.00
Interest Payment on Bonds	695,623.51
Principal Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00
Interest Payment on Notes	0.00
Green Trust Loan Payments	<u>101,717.56</u>
Total Debt Service	<u>\$ 4,065,341.07</u>

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 11-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH J. BELL,
ESQ. AS WARREN COUNTY COUNSEL AND REAPPOINTING NANCY C. GAGE
AND MICHAEL O'HARA AS WARREN COUNTY
ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL.**

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 Determination of Value and these forms are on file; and

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

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43, Joseph J. Bell, Esq., an Attorney-at-Law of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 150 Mineral Springs Drive, PO Box 220, Rockaway, NJ 07866 will continue as Warren County Counsel for a one (1) year term of office which

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commences January 1, 2007 and until December 31, 2007.

2. The Employment Agreement between the Board and Mr. Bell, setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment and employment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation which Employment Agreement is made a part of this resolution by reference, is incorporated herein as if set forth verbatim, is hereby approved and the Freeholder Director is authorized to execute said Employment Agreement on behalf of the Board.

3. Nancy C. Gage and Michael O'Hara of the firm of Bell & Gage, is hereby reappointed as Warren County Assistant County Counsel.

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 12-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0701FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A.
SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE**

WARREN

COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO BELL & GAGE FOR

THE

**PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007 AT THE
RATE OF \$145.00 PER HOUR AND APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF
\$50,000.00.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC0701FO for Legal Services – A, Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . Bell & Gage., Rockaway, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . \$50,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 27, 2006

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services.

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

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On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0701FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A.
SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE
WARREN**

**COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOUSTON AND
PALMER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER
31, 2007 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR AND APPROXIMATE
AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC0701FO for Legal Services – A, Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . Houston and Palmer, Hackettstown, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . \$50,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 27, 2006

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services.

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 14-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0701FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – B.
SPECIAL**

**COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN
COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO J. ANDREW KINSEY,
ESQ. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31,
2007 AT THE RATE OF \$145.00 PER HOUR AND APPROXIMATE
AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC0701FO for Legal Services – B, Special Counsel for Labor Related Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . J. Andrew Kinsey, ESQ., Phillipsburg, New Jersey

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in the approximate amount of . . . \$125,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 27, 2006

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing labor related legal services.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services.

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 15-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0701FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – C. SPECIAL

COUNSEL FOR LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO SIRKIS & LAVERY FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR AND APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC0701FO for Legal Services – C, Special Counsel for Land Preservation Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . Sirkis & Lavery, Hackettstown, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . \$125,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 27, 2006

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest

responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in trust account 03895/5067 – Open Space Trust Farmland Acquisitions and 01894/5065 – Open Space Trust, Recreation and Conservation Acquisitions.

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

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 16-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0701FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – D. SPECIAL

COUNSEL FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE WARREN COUNTY ADJUSTER TO HOUSTON AND PALMER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR AND APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$56,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC0701FO for Legal Services – D, Special Counsel for Legal Services for the Warren County Department of Human Services, its Divisions and the Warren County Adjuster is hereby awarded

to . . . Houston and Palmer, Hackettstown, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . \$56,000.00
as per their proposal submitted . . . December 27, 2006

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget accounts 013450/5029 – TASS Contracted Services and 013570/5029 – WC Adjuster Contracted Services

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 17-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0701FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E. SPECIAL

COUNSEL FOR HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT LEGAL SERVICES TO SHAW & SHAW, ESQS. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR AND APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC0701FO for Legal Services – E, Special Counsel for Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Legal Services for the Warren County Board of

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Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . Shaw & Shaw Esqs., Sparta, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . \$60,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 27, 2006

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services

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 18-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2007.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, funds are appropriated for this purpose in account 0400B703-5060 and/or will be appropriated by ordinance(s) approved throughout 2007,

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

1. The financial consulting firm of VALCO Capital Ltd., Sewell, New Jersey, is hereby retained for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, to provide financial advisory and professional services in connection with the financing of the County in accordance with the proposal dated and submitted to the County.
2. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

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3. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement.
4. A copy of this resolution as well as the Contract shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.
5. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR LEDGER as required by law within ten (10) days of its adoption.

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

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner remarked that all the professionals we have in place are very dedicated. We greatly appreciate our County Counsel and Special Counsels. Mr. Chamberlain agreed and also singled out department heads.

Mr. Gardner then took the podium and began by saying the Freeholder Board is here to serve the public. Municipalities are faced with high school taxes and it is our responsibility to keep taxes very low while achieving a high level of services. Director Chamberlain is not afraid of challenges and that's what we need – people who are bold, that care and have foresight and wisdom, Mr. Gardner said.

Mr. Gardner thanked Senator Lance for his dedication and his efforts to direct funds to the County's Farmland Preservation and Open Space. Assembly Members Marcia Karrow and Michael Doherty were also recognized by Mr. Gardner for their hard work.

The Year 2006 was a good one, said Mr. Gardner, citing the benchmarks of the Warren Home and Warden's House. We are trying to match services with the needs of the more than 110,000 people living in the county. Mr. Gardner was pleased to say that he had started the Projects Committee two years ago. Under the leadership of Joe Houston, much has been and continues to be, accomplished. Mr. Gardner said he looks forward to rolling up his sleeves and working with his colleagues in the coming year.

Senator Leonard Lance was then invited to say a few words, which he prefaced by congratulating each of the Freeholders. Regarding Farmland Preservation and Open Space, which has to be reauthorized in 2007, he has introduced legislation earmarking \$150 million a year for the next decade for these programs.

Although he wished Judge James Pfeiffer well, Senator Lance was disappointed that there is now a vacancy in judgeship in Warren County. He said he would move as expeditiously as possible to have a complete staffing of the Judiciary.

Lauding the Freeholders for their fiscal responsibility, Senator Lance said Warren County is well-run due to the three persons that serve with distinction. He wished everyone a New Year of good health and prosperity and hoped all of our troops would be home safely a year from now.

Assemblyman Michael Doherty congratulated the gentlemen as well and said this Board has done a great job for Warren County. Cutting the tax rate while having the lowest debt in the state, it is important to continue the trend. In Trenton, the debt of the State of New Jersey is crippling. Mr. Doherty recalled past problems with the landfill and incinerator in White Township. Now resolved, the facility has become an asset. He wished a Happy New Year to all.

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Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow said she still feels very humbled to represent the citizens of this district. Echoing Mr. Chamberlain's comments about the Highlands Act, Ms. Karrow said Warren County has taken a strong position. She vowed to continue to be a very strong advocate, to work on funding solutions and to keep home rule. In closing, she bade everyone a happy, healthy New Year.

Mr. Chamberlain then recognized the following dignitaries in attendance: Sheriff Sal Simonetti; Surrogate Susan Dickey; Rudy Solar, Assistant to Congressman Scott Garrett; former Freeholders Ken Miller and Chris Maier; Warren County Republican Chairman Doug Steinhardt; Liberty Township Mayor John Inscho; Hackettstown Mayor Michael Lavery; Oxford Mayor Angelo Accetturo and Warren County Community College President Will Austin. In conclusion, Mr. Chamberlain issued an open invitation to a reception at Apple Mountain Country club immediately following the meeting.

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner at 6:45 p.m., and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board