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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 October 24, 2007 at 7:35 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 OCTOBER 24, 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.”**

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the Minutes of the Regular Session held on October 10, 2007 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 Executive Session held on October 10, 2007 were approved.
Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner, yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio at 7:38 p.m., **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RESOLUTION ABANDONING PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROUTE #519 BETWEEN ROUTE 22 AND STRYKERS ROAD IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP WAS OPENED.**
Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

County Engineer Dave Hicks explained how the County owns an old right-of-way from years ago when the original road bowed out. The strip narrows down to nothing on either end. This resolution would re-establish 45 feet from the center line and abandon 8,583 square feet. The County does not need the right-of-way. The cemetery has been taking care of the property anyway.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio at 7:40 p.m., **PUBLIC HEARING ABANDONING PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROUTE #519 BETWEEN ROUTE 22 AND STRYKERS ROAD IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP WAS CLOSED.**
Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

Land Preservation Director Robert Resker then spent about 20 minutes presenting his department's annual report. Now in its fifth year, one of the founding members of the program

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retired this past year. The new employee is very creative and productive and the arrangement is working out better than he had hoped. Mr. Resker said he has been reaching out to nonprofit organizations such as the Musconetcong Watershed Association and Morris Land Conservancy in addition to helping several municipalities develop their plans.

The number of farms and acreage put into preservation this year has been a bit disappointing. Eight farms are currently ready to close, but are being held up by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC). In addition to dealing with rules that are changing, the SADC is understaffed. To mitigate problems with surveys being returned for further details, Mr. Resker will hold a seminar in an effort to update surveyors on all updates required by the SADC.

The previously set goal of 20,000 acres by the year 2010 is still attainable, said Mr. Resker, although he would prefer to be faster approaching the mark. In the coming year, farms should take about six to eight months from application to closing – which will be an improvement – due to the new County Planning Incentive Grant (PIG). Mr. Chamberlain said he thought we should still be able to reach the goal since 15,000 acres are currently in preservation.

The legislative mandate for dual appraisals and the Garden State Preservation Trust are both coming to an end and after the year 2008, farms in the Highlands Preservation Area may not even be eligible for preservation. Their “appraisal values were on the Titanic and the Titanic has now sunk,” said Mr. Gardner said.

Regarding Open Space projects, Mr. Resker said negotiations are in progress for several significant parts of the Morris Canal. He hopes to close on a portion that includes an inclined plane with intact turbine in three to four months. Mr. Chamberlain pointed out that almost \$9 million in total has been spent on an inventory of land for the Board of Recreation, \$5.9 million of which is the County’s portion. Mr. Resker noted that Green Acres’ cooperation has been generated in the Board of Recreation Open Space area, enabling us to obtain preserved Open Space paid for by the State.

Seven applications have been received for Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Funds (MCCTF) amounting to about \$1.9 million, all of which are “very attractive”, said Mr. Resker. Mr. Chamberlain said the White Lake Resource Area and the reconstruction of the Voss Farmstead are notable projects. The farmstead is a beautiful project from historical and geological viewpoints and a very unique place. We’re fortunate to have such a jewel in Warren County.

From the maintenance side of things, Mr. Resker said we’re close to finishing up the work to be done on Plane Nine West and are working on a Memorandum of Understanding with the person who will be the curator of that museum. A series of ambitious projects are underway at Bread Lock Park to more fully utilize the structures on the site and to continue to preserve and protect the large barn on the property.

Financially, we’re in good shape, said Mr. Resker. There is enough money to accomplish almost everything that has been presented to us. Mr. Chamberlain added that

we’re fortunate that Warren County has a resident population that is very supportive of these heritage-preserving programs.

Mr. Gardner said our Canal Committee is fantastic and we have “immeasurable” help from the Lee Family. We have the highest incline plane that we know of in the world here in Warren County. We have significant history and are slowly bringing that history back to life, said Mr. Gardner.

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Mr. DiMaio said the amount of pennies on the tax rate devoted to these programs is up to the residents who show their interest by consistently voting for increases. Mr. DiMaio thought farms should be emphasized more because they are usually flat and open, making it easy to plant lots of houses. He praised Mr. Resker and his department for managing things very well. Mr. Gardner expressed his appreciation to Mr. Resker for appropriating funds in a frugal manner. Mr. Chamberlain commended Mr. Resker for his leadership and thanked the rest of the Land Preservation Department as well.

PROCLAMATION 594-07

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

PROCLAMATION – VETERANS’ AWARENESS WEEK, NOVEMBER 5-11, 2007

WHEREAS, in Warren County, over 295 men and women sacrificed their freedom and lives in the service to their county and country; and

WHEREAS, in Warren County we are committed to remembering all veterans who served their county and those still Missing in Action and Prisoners of War; and

WHEREAS, in our quest to maintain peace and oppose all aggressive acts against our freedoms, we hope that this monument will stand as a historical reminder of our country’s heritage and for those whose lives were given in the pursuit of democracy; and

WHEREAS, we hereby express our gratitude to all Warren County veterans who have served their country since the birth of this great nation and to those who may be called to guard our shores in the future; and

WHEREAS, this memorial will remind everyone of the personal sacrifices made by war veterans so that generations of American citizens could, and may continue to enjoy our country’s freedoms; and

WHEREAS, our memorial is a public place to pause, reflect and remember;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the important work done by the **WARREN COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL CORPORATION MEMBERS**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby proclaim the week of November 5-11, 2007 as Veterans’ Awareness Week and we urge all citizens to visit this Memorial and pay respect to the women and men whose names appear on this monument as well as to all veterans who served their country during all wars and in the hope that by remembering what the issues were in the past that they can be worked out in a peaceful manner for all future generations.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. DiMaio thanked Warren County War Memorial Corporation Members Dennis Smith and Leo Becker for all their efforts in maintaining the memorial. It is a place to reflect on the service and sacrifice of those whose names are enshrined there.

Mr. Gardner said we have proud history of military service in Warren County and we owe a debt of gratitude to those who serve. There is a price to pay for democracy and it is sometimes very dear. He commended Mr. Becker and Mr. Smith for their endeavors. Mr. Chamberlain said he views this week of Veterans’ Awareness as a rededication of the memorial each year.

Mr. Smith thanked the Board Members for their support and described some recent improvements to the War Memorial. A wall was added in the back to keep vegetation from invading and to anchor six new flag poles. Flags will now fly at all times. He invited the public to

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attend a Veterans' Eve Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. on November 10.

PROCLAMATION 595-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

**PROCLAMATION - DISPLACED HOMEMAKER AWARENESS DAY –
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2007**

WHEREAS, Displaced Homemakers are members of our community who have lost their primary means of financial support due to the death or disability of a spouse, divorce or separation; and

WHEREAS, Displaced Homemakers require quality training and education necessary to secure employment that will allow them to support themselves and their children; and

WHEREAS, the Career & Life Transitions Center for Women is a local organization dedicated to providing support services, vocational counseling, career training and job readiness assistance to Displaced Homemakers of Warren County at little or no cost to these women; and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the Career & Life Transitions Center for Women's Annual 5K Run/Walk and Transitions Autumn Fest event will be used towards scholarships for their clients to attend formal training; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of increasing awareness about Displaced Homemakers and the mission of the Career & Life Transitions Center for Women.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does declare Sunday, November 4, 2007 to be Displaced Homemaker Day in our community and encourage all members of our community to support this worthy endeavor.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. DiMaio said he was only too happy to vote for this proclamation. "To have access to a service such as this Transitions Center so that a person can be trained, stand on her own two feet and not have to rely on the government to take care of herself and her children – this is good work," said Mr. DiMaio.

"We live in a time when our cost of living is significant and anything can happen in our lives," said Mr. Gardner. "This Transitions Center is vitally important; it fills an enormous void for folks who may have some unfortunate circumstances and gets them back into a good mode," Mr. Gardner said.

Mr. Chamberlain said, "As a recent heart attack victim, I understand life ... and circumstances can change very quickly. The ability to retrain people, allowing them to go on with their lives and be productive and provide for their families is very important," he said.

Patricia Moonjian, Program Director of the Career & Life Transitions Center for Women, accepted the proclamation. "After an average divorce, a woman's standard of living falls 73 percent," said Ms. Moonjian, adding that children also are affected if the woman is the primary custodial parent. The support and resources provided by the Transitions Center enables such women to obtain the quality training and education necessary to secure employment, allowing them to support themselves and their children. In Warren County, 80 percent of the Center's clients have only a GED or high school diploma, so the focus is on training.

Under Public Comments (Agenda Items Only), Henry Dinger of Belvidere approached the

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Board. He inquired about Agenda Items E6-9 dealing with Interlocal Service Agreements with the PCFA. "Is this the beginning of a plan to dissolve the PCFA to bring it into the County as a department?" he asked. If the intent is to keep the PCFA as a separate entity, Mr. Dinger wondered why agreements are being made with the County to provide services.

Mr. Chamberlain said he personally did not think there was a movement to make the PCFA a department of the County. These are basically financial agreements to provide expertise and improve efficiency. The four resolutions will not be voted on during this meeting, however, due to the fact that the PCFA Board Members have not had the opportunity to review them.

Mr. Dinger thought the two entities should be kept separate and that County Counsel Joe Bell serving as attorney for both Boards could be a conflict of interest. "The two Boards do have a potential to butt heads on certain issues," said Mr. Dinger. The original intent of having the PCFA detached from the County was to keep the financial dealings separate, ensuring taxpayers were insulated from any debts, he said. Mr. Chamberlain wasn't so sure the County would be insulated.

On another topic, Mr. Dinger asked about the Indemnity Agreement (Agenda Item E10) and who was being held harmless. He was told it was the contractor on the Warren Home Project site and that the work is not entirely done.

RESOLUTION 596-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2007-41 and 2007-42 dated October 24, 2007** in the amount of **\$4,033,519.80** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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2007-41	17-Oct-07	\$ 685,927.94	
2007-42	24-Oct-07	1,901,270.22	
TOTAL			\$ 2,587,198.16
Payroll	11-Oct-07	\$ 1,445,321.64	
Subsistence	11-Oct-07	1,000.00	
Uniforms		-	
TOTAL			<u>1,446,321.64</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u><u>\$ 4,033,519.80</u></u>

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 597-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROUTE #519, BETWEEN ROUTE 22 AND STRYKERS ROAD IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP

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

1. The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren intends the following described portion of right-of-way of County Route #519 to be vacated and abandoned as a public right-of-way.

All of that portion of the existing right-of-way of County Route #519, outside of the proposed right-of-way line, along the frontage of lot 39, block 23, Greenwich Township, from station 1503+51.48 right to station 1511+42.76 right, as shown on the plan entitled

“County Route #519 Vacation of Right-of-Way”, dated July 24, 2007. The new right-of-way line will be parallel to and distant 45’ from the centerline of County Route #519 between the above two centerline stations. See attached Schedule ‘A’.

This right-of-way vacation shall be subject to all existing utility and other easements of record.

2. The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby sets October 24, 2007, at 7:30 PM in the Freeholder’s Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route #519 South, White Township, New Jersey, as the time and place for final consideration of an action upon this resolution when and where all persons interested therein may appear and be given an opportunity to be heard.

3. Within three (3) days of the passage of this resolution on first reading, the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders shall cause said resolution to be advertised verbatim in a newspaper published and circulated within the limits of the County of Warren, which publication shall be inserted once a week for three (3) weeks consecutively before the date of the meeting for second reading thereof.

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4. Upon second reading and passage by a vote of the majority of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, the above mentioned right-of-way area shall be deemed to be vacated and abandoned and shall cease to be a public road or highway and that title to the land which therefore was lying within the area of the sidelines or legal right-of-way of said roads or highways shall revert to and vest in the respective owners of the legal title thereto free and clear of any easement or right-of-way thereover or thereupon in favor of the public.
5. Upon passage of this resolution on second reading, the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders shall forthwith file a certified copy of this resolution in the office of the Warren County Clerk who shall record and index the same in the Book of Records in said office.
6. This resolution is made in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 27:16-28b.
First Reading - September 26, 2007
Published three (3) times in the Star Ledger - **September 28, 2007**

- **October 5, 2007**
- **October 12, 2007**

Second Reading - October 24, 2007

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 598-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH HARMONY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 TO CONVERT THE 1979 USDA SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICES' SOIL SURVEY OF WARREN COUNTY SOIL MAPS INTO A USEFUL GIS DATABASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELINEATING AND PROTECTING THE SPECIAL RESOURCE WATERS OF HARMONY TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Harmony Township Environmental Commission, having its office at 3003 Belvidere Road, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, 07825, and the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, 165 County Route 519, Belvidere, NJ 07823-1949, hereafter referred to as the "County,

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders created the Warren County Environmental Commission and permitted the Commission to seek grant applications from municipalities and non-profit organizations for an environmental project; and,

WHEREAS, Harmony Township Environmental Commission has made the application to the County for financial assistance in the fiscal year 2007, and,

WHEREAS, Harmony Township Environmental Commission has submitted an application and the Commission has reviewed said application and found it to be in conformance with the intent of the Commission, and recommends to the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the project be awarded funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders confirmed the findings of the Commission and approves the project titled Converting the 1979 USDA Soil Conservation Services' Soil Survey Of Warren County Soil Maps Into A Useful GIS Database For The Purpose Of Delineating And Protecting The Special Resource Waters Of Harmony Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in consideration of the award for funding, and in accordance with the application heretofore filed, and hereby incorporated in this Agreement, Harmony Township Environmental Commission and the County agree to perform in

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accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Grant Agreement, hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 599-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON THE PARKS FARM IN WHITE TOWNSHIP PROVIDING COUNTY FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED WHITE TOWNSHIP'S SHARE OF THE PURCHASE

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that the property known as the Parks Farm located on Block 18, Lot 13, in White Township, consisting of approximately 45 acres, has available for purchase a development easement in accordance with the requirements of the farmland preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, preliminary approval for the purchase of development rights on this farm has been granted by the State Agriculture Development Committee and final approval by the Warren County Agriculture Development Board; and

WHEREAS, the property is part of an approved Planning Incentive Grant application; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the development easement on the property will encourage the survivability of productive agriculture in Warren County.

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

1. The Board hereby grants permission for the purchase of the development easement on the above described property based on an easement value of \$4,800.00 per acre as certified by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC). Cost to be shared with the SADC and White Township as follows: SADC \$3,280.00, Warren County \$760.00, White Township \$760.00 plus the additional amount they have contracted with the applicant.
2. This approval includes the following conditions:
 - a. One (1) non-severable exception of one (1) acre
 - b. No non-agriculture use on the premises
3. The County's share in regard to the purchase of said easement shall be no greater than the share that the Township of White provides, the County's share is estimated at \$33,300.00. The Freeholder Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the Assignment of Deed of Easement, the Cost Share Agreement, and any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of the development easement on the above property in the Township of White, County of Warren, State of New Jersey under the terms outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adequate funds in the amount of \$33,300.00 in

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account #03895-5067-8950741-5067 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 600-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY (PCFA) FOR OFFICE SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE THE OPERATIONS OF THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAND PRESERVATION

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Land Preservation requires office space to accommodate operations; and

WHEREAS, the PCFA of Warren County has forwarded a lease agreement to provide this office space for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012 at a cost of \$1.00 annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the lease agreement between the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the PCFA of Warren County for office space at 500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue, Oxford, NJ is hereby approved and the Freeholder Director is authorized to execute said agreement.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 601-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WARREN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF HEPATITIS B IMMUNIZATION VACCINES BY THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AGENCY TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY BELVIDERE HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide Hepatitis B inoculations to certain personnel employed by Belvidere High School, 809 Oxford Street, Belvidere, NJ 07823; and

WHEREAS, the local office of Belvidere High School has requested that the Warren County Health Department, through the Public Health Nursing Agency provide such inoculations pursuant to contract; and

WHEREAS, the contract permits efficient and economical administration and performance of inoculation services by the county health department for the benefit of certain personnel of Belvidere High School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the freeholder director be and hereby is authorized to execute the attached agreement providing for Hepatitis B inoculations by the Warren County Health Department, Public Health Nursing Agency, to relevant personnel of Belvidere High School.

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 602-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (FOR OCTOBER 25, 2007 OPEN HOUSE AT WARREN HOME PROJECT SITE)

WHEREAS, the County of Warren is in the process of reconstructing an historic building to serve as the future offices of the Warren County Health Department, said building being located on the Warren Haven Campus, Oxford Road, (Route 625), Mansfield Township; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren contracted with A.B. Designs Contracting Corporation to provide reconstruction services for said building; and

WHEREAS, the County has scheduled an Open House for Thursday, October 25, 2007, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. to allow the public to tour said building before A.B. Designs Contracting Corporation completes its work; and

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to indemnify and hold A. B. Designs Contracting Corporation harmless for any claims or demands of personal injury or death to any person resulting from the negligence or actions of the County or the County's employees, arising from the Open House at said building on October 25, 2007; and

WHEREAS, A.B. Designs Contracting Corporation has agreed to indemnify and hold the County harmless for any claims or demands of personal injury or death to any person resulting from the negligence or actions of the A.B. Designs Contracting, its Employees, Agents or Servants, arising from the Open House at said building on October 25, 2007; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the County of Warren is authorized to indemnify, defend and hold harmless A. B Designs Contracting Corporation from all claims and demands arising out of or resulting from the death or injury to any persons resulting from the negligence or actions of the county of the County's employees arising from the Open House on Thursday October 25, 2007, at 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the reconstructed historic building which will serve as the future home of the Warren County Health Department, located at the Warren Haven Campus, Oxford Road, (Route 625) Mansfield Township, and further, that A. B. Designs Contracting shall execute a reciprocal indemnification and hold harmless agreement in favor of the County, in accordance with the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 603-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR THE MORRIS CANAL GREENWAY

WHEREAS, the Morris Canal Committee was created by the Board of Chosen

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Freeholders in 1981 to review historical data, promote its preservation, and promote its significance as a national historical landmark in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the Morris Canal was targeted in the County's Open Space Plan and is identified as a high priority in the current Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Recreation Commissioners was created by the Board of Chosen Freeholders in 1986 to acquire land areas in accordance with the County Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has acquired approximately 5.25 miles of the 33 miles long Canal in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, an additional 2.0 miles of the Canal are owned by the state and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, notable sites in county ownership such as Incline Plane #9W, and Lock#7W (Breadlock) are overseen by volunteers and volunteer groups to help promote the historical and engineering value of the properties' features, and open them for public visitation and tours one weekend per month; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation plans have been prepared for Incline Plan#9 and Lock#7; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, responsibility for the Morris Canal Greenway in Warren County has been shared by the Department of Land Preservation, which staffs the BRC, and the Department of Planning, which staffs the Morris Canal Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Morris Canal Greenway has the potential of becoming a major tourist attraction in Warren County and serving as a regional recreational amenity for residents to enjoy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Chosen Freeholders recognizes that a course of action needs to be prepared to establish the 25 Year Action Plan and vision for the Morris Canal Greenway, that will establish goals and milestones, propose projects necessary to meet the goals, define the strategies and methods to be employed, project the costs and the funding sources, propose the organizational structure and interrelationships of public and private entities needed to meet the vision, and to project the economic and public benefits that will be realized when the Action Plan is completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that the Department of Land Preservation and the Department of Planning. is directed to put together a Request for Proposals for consulting services to prepare 25-year Action cooperation with the Board of Recreation Commissioners, the Morris Canal Committee, the Planning Board, and the Warren County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 604-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE NEXT FILM PRODUCTIONS INC. d/b/a PSYCHIC INVESTIGATORS, TO FILM AT THE WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

WHEREAS, the County of Warren received a request from Next Film Productions Inc., d/b/a Psychic Investigators, to film a production on the premises of the Warren County Courthouse

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on October 24, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Next Film Productions Inc., d/b/a Psychic Investigators, has provided proof of insurance and further, has submitted proof that Next Film Productions, Inc., has named Warren County as an additional insured on its policy of insurance; and

WHEREAS, the proof of insurance, as well as proof that Next Films Productions, Inc., has named Warren County as an additional insured on its insurance policy, has been submitted to and reviewed by legal counsel for the County and counsel has found the proofs of insurance submitted to be satisfactory; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Warren County and the public in general to allow Next Film Productions, Inc. d/b/a Psychic Investigators, to film a production on the premises of the Warren County Courthouse on October 24, 2007; and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the County of Warren hereby authorizes, nunc pro tunc, Next Film Productions, Inc., d/b/a Psychic Investigators, to film a production on the premises of the Warren County Courthouse on October 24, 2007.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 605-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC0789C AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING MODEL FOR WARREN COUNTY PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC0789C for Personal Assistance Services Program for the Warren County Department of Senior Services 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.

Funding for this contract will be provided in grant account S8355 5312 – Personal Assistance Services Program.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 606-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC0790 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE NURSES CALL SYSTEM UPGRADE AT WARREN HAVEN

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC0790 for the Nurses Call System Upgrade at Warren Haven 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 capital account 0407A401/5054 – Upgrade

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Nurses Call System

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 607-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC0791 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AT WARREN HAVEN

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC0791 for Replacement of the Water Distribution System at Warren Haven 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 capital account 0407A501/5062 – Water Distribution System at Warren Haven.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 608-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0777-1 WITH AMERICAN LEGION BERNARDINE-MAY POST FOR A NUTRITION SITE ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750.00 PER MONTH

BE IT RESOLVED that this contract is awarded to American Legion Bernardine-May Post 457 to provide a nutrition site in Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

The contract is to be on a month to month basis at a monthly rental of \$750.00 per month January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Funding for this contract is provided in account F8352 5303 085303-M 5080 – Area Plan Grant Nutrition Space Rental.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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RESOLUTION 609-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0777-4 WITH WASHINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH FOR A NUTRITION SITE IN WASHINGTON ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,165.00 PER MONTH

BE IT RESOLVED that this contract is awarded to Washington Assembly of God Church to provide a nutrition site in Washington, New Jersey.

The contract is to be on a month to month basis at a monthly rental of \$1165.00 per month January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Funding for this contract is provided in account F84352 5303 085303-M 5080 – Area Plan Grant Nutrition Space Rental.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 610-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0782FO FOR JAIL MANAGEMENT DOCUMENT CAPTURE & MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE WARREN COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT TO CHENOA INFORMATION SERVICES, INC. IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$110,000.00, YEARLY MAINTENANCE \$38,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0782FO for Jail Management Document Capture & Management system for the Warren County Information Systems Department is hereby awarded

to . . . Chenoa Information Services, Inc., Edison, New Jersey
in the amount of . . . \$110,000.00, yearly maintenance \$38,000.00
as per their proposal submitted . . . October 4, 2007

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 the services listed above under the direction of the Warren County Information Systems Department, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds will be provided in grant account S61405377/5029 – 2006 PARIS Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen

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Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 611-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0783FO FOR RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MAINTENANCE, DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT, PHASE II FOR THE WARREN COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT TO CHENOA INFORMATION SERVICES, INC. IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$110,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0783FO for Records Management System Maintenance, development & Support for the Warren County Information Systems Department is hereby awarded

to . . . Chenoa Information Services, Inc., Edison, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$110,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . October 9, 2007

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 the services listed above under the direction of the Warren County Information Systems Department, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds will be provided in grant account S71405377/5029 – 2007 PARIS Grant

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 612-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT #WC0720 WITH UNDERGROUND UTILITIES CORPORATION, INC. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY CULVERT #04024, COUNTY ROUTE #607 OVER A TRIBUTARY TO THE PAULINS KILL, BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP FOR A NET DECREASE OF \$6,760.92 AND A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$237,716.63

WHEREAS, Contract #WC0720 was awarded to Underground Utilities Corporation for the Reconstruction of County Culvert #04024, County Route #607, over a tributary to the Paulins Kill, Blairstown Township in the contract amount of \$244,477.55; and

WHEREAS, final as-built quantities resulted in a net decrease of \$6,760.92; and

WHEREAS, said changes were recommended by the County Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve change order #1 for the above project with Underground Utilities Corporation for a net decrease of \$6,760.92 and a final contract

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amount of \$237,716.63.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 613-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT #WC0721 TO CARO CORPORATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WARREN COUNTY CULVERT #11088, HONEY RUN ROAD OVER A TRIBUTARY TO HONEY RUN, HOPE TOWNSHIP, FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$1,120.50 AND A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$185,811.50

WHEREAS, Contract #WC0721 was awarded to Caro Corporation for the Reconstruction of Warren County Culvert #11088, Honey Run Road over a Tributary to Honey Run, Hope Township in the contract amount of \$184,691.00; and

WHEREAS, final as-built quantities resulted in a net increase of \$1,120.50; and

WHEREAS, said changes were recommend by the County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds have been established in account S71655302 5063 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve change order #1 for the above project with Caro Corporation for a net increase of \$1,120.50 and a final contract amount of \$185,811.50.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 614-07

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 October 24, 2007.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT WC0718-7 WITH WARREN MATERIALS (DIV. LEHIGH VALLEY SITE CONTRACTORS, INC.) FOR THE 2007 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL FOR THE ROAD, BRIDGE AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENTS FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$4,725.50 AND A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$53,169.25

WHEREAS, Contract #WC0718-7, for various hot mix asphalt types was awarded to Warren Materials (Div. Lehigh Valley Site Contractors, Inc.) for Maintenance, Repair and Construction Materials in the contract amount of \$48,443.75; and

WHEREAS, an increase of 100 tons hot mix asphalt types is needed for pavement repairs anticipated until the end of the contract on April 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the additional 100 tons of hot mix asphalt types will require a net increase of \$4,725.50 and a revised contract amount of \$53,169.25; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds have been established in account 2007 Capital Road Material (0407A203 5063) and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve Change Order #1 for the above project

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for a net increase of \$4,725.50 and a revised contract amount of \$53,169.25.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Under Reports and Comments, no reports were submitted by County Counsel Joe Bell, County Planner Dave Dech or County CFO Charles Houck.

County Engineer Dave Hicks informed the Board that the County will be receiving \$200,000 in historic preservation bridge funds for the Finesville Bridge connecting Hunterdon and Warren Counties.

County Administrator Steve Marvin had been in contact with the Courts to inquire as to when would be a convenient time to hold a Work Session Meeting with the Assignment Judge to discuss upcoming Court House renovations.

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, **WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007 IN THE FREEHOLDERS' MEETING ROOM IN THE WAYNE DUMONT, JR., ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 165 COUNTY ROUTE 519 SOUTH, BELVIDERE, NEW JERSEY 07823 WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

Mr. Marvin informed the Board that the State will be open for business the day after Thanksgiving, meaning the Court House will have to be open. Three County Sheriff's Officers will have to be on duty at three times their usual pay rate, plus a to-be-determined number of maintenance workers at two and a half times their regular salary. The Board Members were not happy, but had no choice in the matter.

Mr. Marvin then said he had received a letter from Christopher Guida, Executive Director of the Warren County Pequest River Municipal Utilities Authority. At some point earlier this year, Mr. Guida had written to County Engineer Dave Hicks that they have identified a problem, much as they did with the A&P Center in White Township, with grease and other undesirables flowing into the plant down the road here. They want to put a system in to intercept undesirable intrusion of matter, primarily from the Correctional Center, on the line flowing from this complex down to the PRMUA Plant to the tune of \$80,000. Mr. Marvin said he suggested to Guida that they incorporate into the 2008 Budget since we hadn't budgeted this \$80,000 in 2007. Currently, the PRMUA Board would like the Freeholders to memorialize the motion. "My suggestion to Guida and to you would be to move and second and vote on the concept that they should include this in their annual

assessment," said Mr. Marvin, "Or direct me to find \$80,000 somewhere in some undesignated fund."

Mr. Chamberlain asked, "The annual assessment – are we billed quarterly for that?" Mr. Marvin said we are billed quarterly and he had suggested to Mr. Guida they just put it in the first quarter billing.

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, **AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE PRMUA FOR ACTUAL COSTS UP TO, BUT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00 FOR A PRE-TREATMENT FACILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRMUA CORRESPONDENCE OF AUGUST 30 AND OCTOBER 19, 2007, SAID PAYMENT TO BE MADE WITH THE QUARTERLY ASSESSMENTS RECEIVED FROM PRMUA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.**

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

Under Freeholder Comments, Mr. DiMaio held up a photo of the latest progress on the Warden's House. The roof is all shingled to look like slate. "It's shaping up," he said.

Mr. Gardner said the old Warden's House looks like a new building with the new roof. The refurbishment of the Court House is "well in hand," he said. Regarding editorial comments in the Express-Times stating projects are not progressing, Mr. Gardner said he respectfully disagreed. This project is being done within the budget in an appropriate and professional manner and is a good start on the Court House.

An Open House will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Warren Home Project site, continued Mr. Gardner, saying he expects many people to attend and "the place looks absolutely gorgeous." He had high praise for the contractor, who managed to get back on schedule after some delays early on. This building not only has enormous historical significance, but is coming back to life to serve the public, said Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Gardner also wanted to thank his fellow Board Members for passing the resolution for the 25 Year Action Plan for the Morris Canal Greenway. Mr. Gardner had collaborated with County Planner Dave Dech to put the Action Plan into a resolution that gives us some latitude and he expressed his appreciation. The Board of Recreation Commissioners and the Morris Canal Committee should be pleased.

Mr. Chamberlain noted that the Environmental Health Department will be moving in to the Warren Home site, saving the County \$150,000 in yearly lease expenses. He invited everyone to come out for the Open House to view this "wonderful old structure."

Regarding the Warden's House, this project is moving forward very rapidly, said Mr. Chamberlain. The Prosecutor's Office will be moving to this facility and to the Barry House, freeing up their wing in the lower part of the Court House for renovations. This Freeholder Board has been very aggressive in resolving space issues in the County in general and the Court House in particular.

Mr. Gardner said he would be remiss if he did not thank the County Projects Committee as well. A group of volunteers, they have been a substantial aid to this Board.

RESOLUTION 615-07

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Gardner, at 8:42 p.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders to discuss

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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.

(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 October 24, 2007 that an Executive Session closed to the Public shall be held on October 24, 2007 at 8:42 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

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Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 24, 2007.

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 9:30 p.m. and returned to open session.

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 9:32 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board