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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, 2008 at 4:05 p.m.

Director Chamberlain read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2008 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.”**

After Mr. Chamberlain thanked everyone for coming, the invocation was led by Father David Pekola of the Church of the Assumption in Hackettstown.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Chamberlain.

The Certification of Election of John DiMaio, Freeholder, was read by County Clerk Patricia J. Kolb.

The meeting was then called to order by outgoing Freeholder 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 Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

Mr. Chamberlain took this opportunity to make his remarks. He began by saying the Year 2007 has been a challenge. “ I was attacked by an attorney with less than ethical motivations, lied about by a disgruntled employee who perjured himself under oath and survived a heart attack,” Mr. Chamberlain said. Happy to still be standing, Mr. Chamberlain vowed to continue to expose abuse and misappropriation of public funds and implement good government.

Accomplishments over the past year include exposing and correcting abuse of power and financial mismanagement at a public authority; a historical building known as the Warren County Home, left to decay by prior Freeholder Boards, was renovated to its original grandeur and an agreement was reached to expand Warren County Community College.

The Warren Home now provides 10,000 square feet of office space for the Warren County Health Department, decreasing the County’s dependency on expensive rental properties. This was accomplished at no additional cost to the taxpayers of Warren County, said Mr. Chamberlain.

The college expansion will be funded through an agreement in which the bond issuance is based on a shared payment obligation, Mr. Chamberlain said. The State will be responsible for 50 per cent of the debt with the County and College each paying 25 per cent.

Mr. Chamberlain said the preservation of Warren County farmland is on target to reach the goal of 20,000 preserved acres by 2010. Currently, there are more than 16,000 acres in the program.

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Interlocal Agreements between government entities became a reality in 2007, saving thousands of dollars in shared services while creating accountable oversight and improved efficiency, according to Mr. Chamberlain.

The final renovations to the Warden's Home are currently being completed. This space will then house certain divisions of the Prosecutor's Office. This movement will free up room to embark on renovations to the Court House. An architect has been appointed and is already working toward developing a design for the first phase. As these projects progress, this Freeholder Board has still continued to reduce the tax rate year after year, said Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. Chamberlain expressed sincere gratitude to the Projects Committee for their valued assistance and guidance in resolving the County's space issues. Special thanks were extended to Committee Chairman Joe Houston.

Volunteers appointed to various Boards, Committees and Commissions were personally thanked by Mr. Chamberlain for their service. Special thanks were extended to Laurel Napolitani and Angelo Accetturo for "standing tall and persevering" through "unfounded and vicious attacks by less than ethical individuals while doing what is right, honest and representative of good government," Mr. Chamberlain said.

Challenges for 2008 are many, continued Mr. Chamberlain. Plans for new construction to house the Library Headquarters and Department of Human Services will continue to progress. Continued renovations to the Court House, upgrades to the 911/Emergency Management Center and improvements to Warren Haven will be addressed.

In closing, Mr. Chamberlain thanked the many department heads and employees who have taken on more responsibility to help make these goals a reality. Cited for special recognition were County Engineer Dave Hicks, County CFO Pete Houck, Warden Byron Foster, County Administrator Steve Marvin, Human Services Director Karen Kubert, Library Director Richard Moore and Technology Director Barry Smith. "And the list goes on," said Mr. Chamberlain, extending his sincere thanks to all.

Mr. DiMaio then took the Oath of Office of Freeholder administered by Senator Leonard Lance. Mr. DiMaio's wife, Gina and daughters, Brittani and Sierra, held the Bible.

RESOLUTION 01-08

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, 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, 2008.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN DIMAIO AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2008

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that John DiMaio is appointed Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2008.

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 January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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The Oath of Office of the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders was administered by Senator Lance to Mr. DiMaio, who was again accompanied by his wife and daughters.

The Oath of Office of the Warren County Sheriff was administered by Senator Lance to Sal Simonetti, whose granddaughter, Kellie Smigel, held the Bible.

The Oath of Office of the Warren County Clerk was administered by Senator Lance to Patricia Kolb while her father, Patrick Fusci, held the Bible.

RESOLUTION 02-08

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, 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, 2008.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD D. GARDNER AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2008

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Richard D. Gardner is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2008.

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 January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 03-08

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, 2008.

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
Trustee Warren County Legal Services	Mosquito Commission
Planning Board	Prosecutor
Solid Waste	Superintendent of Schools
Surrogate	War Veterans

Freeholder John DiMaio

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W.C. Community College	Corrections Department
Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center	Housing Program
Medical Examiner	Mental Health Board
North Jersey Trans. Planning Authority	Police Chiefs Association
Public Safety	Public Works
Sheriff's Office	Transportation Committee
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	Warren County 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 of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 04-08

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, 2008.

RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2008

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

District No. 1: Freeholder Everett A. Chamberlain

Belvidere
 White Township
 Oxford Township

Knowlton Township
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Hardwick Township

District No. 2: Freeholder John DiMaio

Liberty Township
 Mansfield Township
 Allamuchy Township
 Hope Township

Independence Township
 Frelinghuysen Township
 Hackettstown

District No.3: Freeholder Richard D. Gardner

Phillipsburg
 Alpha Borough
 Pohatcong Township
 Franklin Township

Lopatcong Township
 Harmony Township
 Greenwich Township

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 January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 05-08

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, 2008.

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2008

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 2008. 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	23 at 7:30 pm R	August	13 at 7:30 pm R
January	26 at 9:00 am B	August	27 at 7:30 pm R
January	30 at 7:30 pm B	September	10 at 7:30 pm R
February	2 at 9:00 am B	September	24 at 7:30 pm R
February	13 at 7:30 pm R	October	8 at 7:30 pm R
February	27 at 7:30 pm R	October	22 at 7:30 pm R
March	12 at 7:30 pm R	November	12 at 7:30 pm R
March	26 at 7:30 pm R	November	25 at 7:30 pm R*
April	9 at 7:30 pm R	December	10 at 7:30 pm R
April	23 at 7:30 pm R		
May	14 at 7:30 pm R		
May	28 at 7:30 pm R		
June	11 at 7:30 pm R		
June	25 at 7:30 pm R		
July	9 at 7:30 pm R		
July	23 at 7:30 pm R		

R= Regular Meeting
 B = Budget Meeting

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

* Please note that the second meeting in November is being held on Tuesday, November 25th instead of Wednesday, November 26th.

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 January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 06-08

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, 2008.

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 of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 07-08

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, 2008.

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 of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 08-08

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, 2008.

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.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 09-08

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, 2008.

PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,116,794 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2008 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 2008 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 \$95,683,025 and

WHEREAS, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2008 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund in said

2008 budget is the sum of \$25,116,794.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations in the total amount of \$25,116,794 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 of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 10-08

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, 2008.

PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$4,077,963 TO FUND THE PERMANENT DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2008 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, 2007; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, 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, 2008 to December 31, 2008 inclusive:

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DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY OF WARREN, NJ

Principal Payment of bonds	\$ 3,175,000.00
Interest Payment on Bonds	801,245.64
Principal Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00
Interest Payment on Notes	0.00
Green Trust Loan Payments	<u>101,717.58</u>
Total Debt Service	<u>\$ 4,077,963.22</u>

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 11-08

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, 2008.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOSEPH J. BELL, ESQ. AS WARREN COUNTY COUNSEL
AND AUTHORIZING A RETAINER AGREEMENT AND APPOINTING ERIK HASSING AS
WARREN COUNTY ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL**

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43, Joseph J. Bell, Esq., an Attorney-at-Law of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 150 Mineral Springs Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866 is hereby reappointed as Warren County Counsel for a three (3) year term of office commencing January 1, 2008 and until December 31, 2010.
2. The Retainer Agreement between the Board and Mr. Bell, setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation which Retainer 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 Retainer Agreement on behalf of the Board.
3. Erik Hassing, a member of the firm of Bell & Gage, is hereby appointed as Assistant Warren County Counsel.
4. Contract WC07123FO for County Counsel for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded
to . . . Joseph J. Bell, Rockaway, New Jersey
in the amount of . . . \$75,000.00
as per their proposal submitted . . . December 24, 2007
5. This proposal was 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

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 12-08

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, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC07117FO 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, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008 AT THE RATE OF \$145.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC07117FO 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 amount of . . . \$145.00 per hour

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 10, 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 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 of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 13-08

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, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC07117FO 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, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC07117FO 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 amount of . . . \$125.00 per hour

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 10, 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 legal services under the direction of the Warren County

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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 of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 14-08

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, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC07117FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – B. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO FLORIO PERRUCCI STEINHARDT & FADER, L.L.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008 AT THE RATES OF \$145.00 PER HOUR OR \$165.00 PER HOUR DEPENDENT UPON ATTORNEY ASSIGNED

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC07117FO for Legal Services – B. Special Counsel for Labor Related Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Fader, L.L.C., Phillipsburg, New Jersey
in the amount of . . . \$145.00 per hour or \$165.00 per hour dependent upon
attorney assigned

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 10, 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 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 of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 15-08

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, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC07117FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – C.

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SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO LAVERY & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC07117FO for Legal Services – C. Special Counsel for Land Preservation Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . Lavery & Associates, L.L.C., Hackettstown, New Jersey
 in the amount of . . . \$125.00 per hour
 as per their proposal submitted . . . December 10, 200
 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 Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 16-08

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, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC07117FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – D. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE WARREN COUNTY ADJUSTER FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOUSTON AND PALMER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC07117FO 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 amount of . . . \$125.00 per hour
 as per their proposal submitted . . . December 10, 200
 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

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 17-08

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, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC07117FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT LEGAL SERVICES TO HUESTON MCNULTY, P.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC07117FO for Legal Services – E. Special Counsel for Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to . . . Hueston McNulty, PC., Florham Park, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$125.00 per hour as per their proposal submitted . . . December 10, 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 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 of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 18-08

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, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC07117FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – F. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY AND DESIGNATED AS PRIMARY LEGAL COUNSEL TO HOUSTON AND PALMER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC07117FO for Legal Services – F. Special Counsel for General Legal Services to be provided to the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County and designated as Primary Legal Counsel is hereby awarded

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to . . . Houston and Palmer, Hackettstown, New Jersey
 in the amount of . . . \$125.00 per hour
 as per their proposal submitted . . . December 10, 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 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 of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 19-08

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, 2008.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC07117FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – F.
 SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE
 POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY FOR THE WARREN
 COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO BRUCE A. JONES FOR THE PERIOD OF
 JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR**

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC07117FO for Legal Services – F. Special Counsel
 for General Legal Services to be provided to the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren
 County for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . Bruce A. Jones, Phillipsburg, New Jersey
 in the amount of . . . \$125.00 per hour
 as per their proposal submitted . . . December 10, 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 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 012900/5029 – Freeholders –
 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 of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 20-08

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, 2008.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC07117FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – F.
 SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE**

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POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO BELL & GAGE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008 AT THE RATE OF \$145.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC07117FO for Legal Services – F. Special Counsel for General Legal Services to be provided to the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to . . . Bell & Gage., Rockaway, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$145.00 per hour as per their proposal submitted . . . December 10, 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 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 of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 21-08

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, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC07117FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – F. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO FLORIO PERRUCCI STEINHARDT & FADER, L.L.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008 AT THE RATES OF \$145.00 PER HOUR OR \$165.00 PER HOUR DEPENDENT UPON ATTORNEY ASSIGNED

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC07117FO for Legal Services – F. Special Counsel for General Legal Services to be provided to the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to . . . Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Fader, L.L.C., Phillipsburg, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$145.00 per hour or \$165.00 per hour dependent upon attorney assigned

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 10, 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 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.

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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 January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 22-08

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, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC07117FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – G. BOND COUNSEL FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO GIBBONS P.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008 AT THE BASE FEE \$3,500.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC07117FO for Legal Services – G. Bond Counsel Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . Gibbons P.C., Newark, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . Base Fee \$3,500.00 plus \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of bonds issued

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 10, 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 bond counsel legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds are or will be provided for this purpose upon adoption of Bond Ordinances as required by N.J.S.A.40A:2-20.

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 January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 23-08

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, 2008.

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

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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 2008,

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, 2008 through December 31, 2008, 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.
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 of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 24-08

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, 2008.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the resolution of the County of Warren, entitled "Resolution Creating the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren", adopted August 14, 1974, has become and is fully effective and the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders has filed a certified copy thereof in the Office of the Secretary of State of New Jersey as provided in Section 4 (e) of the New Jersey Industrial Pollution Control Financing Law, and there has been duly created and there is validly existing the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County, a body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey, pursuant to said New Jersey Industrial Pollution Control Financing Law; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders must file with the Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey a resolution reappointing or replacing members of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the term of David K. Dech, duly appointed to the authority, will expire February 1, 2008.

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

Section 1. The following person is appointed as a member of the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County to serve for a term expiring on the first day of February of the year set opposite his name:

Richard A. Mach Term to expire: February 1, 2013

Section 2. A copy of this resolution, duly certified by the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren shall forthwith be filed by said Clerk in the Office of the

Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey.

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Section 3. This resolution shall take effect February 1, 2008.

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 January 5, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. DiMaio took a moment to recognize the following mayors in attendance and thanked them for coming: John Inscho of Liberty Township, Bob Resker of Allamuchy, Doug Steinhardt of Lopatcong who also serves as Republican Chairman, Sam Race of White Township, Harry Wyant of Phillipsburg, Michael Lavery of Hackettstown and Ellen Nerback of Mansfield.

Also publicly acknowledged were Warren County Community College President Will Austin; Prosecutor Scott Ferguson; David Boone, Chairman of the Warren County Community College Board of Trustees; Hunterdon County Freeholder William Mennen; former Warren County Freeholder and Assemblyman Chuck Haytaian; former Warren County Freeholders Frank Seney and Ken Miller; former Warren County Freeholder and current Surrogate Susan Dickey; Sheriff Sal Simonetti; Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow and Senator Leonard Lance.

Assemblyman Michael Doherty was unable to attend, but his Chief of Staff Ed Smith read a prepared statement in which Mr. Doherty apologized for his absence, explaining that he was taking his son to the airport to return to active duty in the USMC. Mr. Doherty congratulated Mr. DiMaio, Ms. Kolb and Mr. Simonetti and wished God's blessings and continued success to all those in service to the public.

Mr. Gardner then took the podium and welcomed everyone. Realistic and practical objectives were achieved in 2007, a banner year in Warren County Government, he said.

The Warren County Home Project was begun and completed in approximately 18 months. "This building represents the pride of our heritage," said Mr. Gardner. The second building to be constructed by one of the first Freeholder bodies in Warren County, the structure has now been put back into appropriate use while saving the taxpayers \$150,000 annually. The old jail and residence on the north side of this Court House is now near completion. This project is also progressing on schedule and in an economical manner.

Mr. Gardner formed the Warren County Projects Committee in 2005 and much has been accomplished since then due to the hard work and diligence of the members and Chairman Joe Houston. Mr. Gardner thanked them all collectively. The Committee was structured in such a way that all three Freeholders would have equal input into the final recommendations.

Looking forward to 2008, a groundbreaking is expected to be held in the next two months signifying the beginning of long-anticipated renovations to the historic Court House. The first phase will be the northwest quadrant from the roof to the basement. In the spring or summer, ground will be broken for a new Library Headquarters and Human Resource Center.

These projects have been approached after a thorough needs assessment, Mr. Gardner said. Two key elements are always of the utmost concern to this Freeholder Board as we

approach any project: keeping expenses low and achieving an optimum level of service to the public. Mr. Gardner said he was pleased to work with municipal leaders throughout the county as they focus their attentions in much the same way. "We wish we could say this all over the state," he said.

Mr. Gardner noted that Warren County's net indebtedness is the lowest of every county in the state. He thanked the department heads for doing their part by economizing as best they can.

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Regarding New Jersey State Government, Mr. Gardner expressed concern over unfunded mandates and the condition of the State's finances. Depending on different analysts, the State's debt is anywhere from \$2.5 billion to \$3.5 billion which is cause for great concern. Mr. Gardner did convey confidence that Senator Lance would continue to provide a voice of fiscal integrity on behalf of Warren County.

In closing, Mr. Gardner congratulated Mr. DiMaio and wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. "I think we have an awful lot to be proud of in this great county," he said. He pledged to keep on working as there is still much to do. "Let's get to it," said Mr. Gardner.

Mr. DiMaio took the podium and recognized Boy Scout Troop 141 from Belvidere. "It's great to see young people here," he said, noting government needs the involvement of young citizens.

Truly humbled by the tremendous honor and responsibility of being a member of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, "I am really very grateful for the opportunity to serve," said Mr. DiMaio. He conveyed special thanks to his wife, Gina, for her support as he had pursued his passion for public service.

Mr. DiMaio pointed out other members of his family in attendance including daughters Brittani and Sierra, whom he had held in his arms as a baby at his first swearing in; his parents, Shirley and Alphonse DiMaio, a former Councilman in Hackettstown; his uncle, Gerry DiMaio, former Hackettstown School Board President; his mother-in-law, Carol Scott and father-in-law, Ainsworth Scott, former Mayor of Belvidere; his cousin, Gerry DiMaio, now embarking on a term as Hackettstown Councilman; his brother-in-law Morris Scott, Belvidere Councilman and his cousin, Bob Jewell, a Mansfield Township Committeeman.

All of us have grown up here, said Mr. DiMaio and we have a deep interest in our communities and our county. "We love it here and are all trying to offer our services and help out," he said. While we each have our own individual perspectives, it is not about us as individuals, said Mr. DiMaio. "It's about all of us as partners in this great county."

This Freeholder Board is dedicated to working hard for the taxpayers while delivering the services that our residents need, said Mr. DiMaio. "We have been and will continue to be, very prudent with your money as we make the decisions that affect all of us." As had been previously mentioned, Warren County currently has the lowest debt of any county in the State of New Jersey and with the right choices, perhaps Warren County can be debt-free and meet all of our capital needs without the need to borrow.

Mr. DiMaio congratulated Mr. Chamberlain on his "many successes" during his two years as Director of the Freeholder Board, citing the Warren Home and Warden's House as examples. Proud to have served as Deputy Director during Mr. Chamberlain's tenure, Mr. DiMaio said he hoped to keep the ball rolling and continue to do the right things for Warren County.

Saying he was humbled to have been selected by his colleagues to be Director for 2008, Mr. DiMaio assured Mr. Gardner and Mr. Chamberlain he would do his very best to work cooperatively with them to continue the progress made for the residents of Warren County. "We must continue to challenge each other to bring about consensus for the best policy," said Mr. DiMaio.

The many challenges that lie ahead include balancing the budget, moving forward on capital projects, pursuing open space and farmland preservation goals, tackling transportation

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issues such as establishing a passenger rail extension to Phillipsburg and much more.

While campaigning last fall, Mr. DiMaio said he had an opportunity to go door-to-door to talk with residents. It was a good way in which to become more informed of the concerns of the citizens and a reminder of "who the boss is". Mr. DiMaio recommended taking the Freeholder Board Meeting on the road four times in the coming year.

Much is accomplished in Warren County Government through the work of the various boards, committees and staff members, Mr. DiMaio said. He called Steve Marvin a marvelous administrator with a great grasp of the institutional knowledge of what it takes to run the County. "When we need information, we can call Steve and he's got it," said Mr. DiMaio.

Mr. DiMaio then singled out former Freeholder and Assemblyman Chuck Haytaian for special recognition, saying he is a great friend to Warren County. Mr. DiMaio credited Mr. Haytaian with initiating the resolution to form Warren County Community College and said he had worked tirelessly in the Assembly to get things done.

Mr. Haytaian responded by thanking Mr. DiMaio for the fine recognition. This Freeholder Board is doing a good job, Mr. Haytaian said and it is important to the county that they continue.

Mr. DiMaio extended an invitation to a gathering at Architects Golf Club immediately following the meeting before wishing everyone health, happiness and good fortune in the new year. He thanked the audience for coming. "God bless all of you," he said.

Father David Pekola conducted the benediction.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Gardner, at 4:45 p.m., and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.
Recorded Vote: Mr. Chamberlain yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board