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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 March 12, 2008 at 7:32 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director DiMaio and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder John DiMaio, Freeholder Richard Gardner and Freeholder Everett Chamberlain. 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 DiMaio.

Director DiMaio read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF MARCH 12, 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.”**

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Minutes of the Budget Session held on February 20, 2008 were approved.  
Recorded Vote: Mr. Chamberlain yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the Minutes of the Budget Session held on February 23, 2008 were approved.  
Recorded Vote: Mr. Chamberlain yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Minutes of the Regular Session held on February 27, 2008 were approved.  
Recorded Vote: Mr. Chamberlain yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the Minutes of the Executive Session held on February 27, 2008 were approved.  
Recorded Vote: Mr. Chamberlain yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes

Election Board Members Gloria Decker and Robert Stead approached the Board along with Administrator Mary Meyers for a session that would last approximately 45 minutes. A number of personnel requests had been submitted in December along with the department's annual budget, but very few personnel upgrades were recommended given the current budget climate.

Ms. Decker said operations have changed tremendously in recent years due to HAVA (Help America Vote Act) and new equipment. In some ways, the new technology has made things easier, but in other ways, more difficult. A Presidential Primary and Presidential Election Year produces a lot of work and more than 3,000 absentee ballots are expected in the fall. Five elections are scheduled this year; possibly more if additional school elections

are held. While Ms. Decker said she understood this is a difficult time budget-wise, the Election Board is faced with statutory mandates that have to be carried out.

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

**DUE TO A RECORDING MALFUNCTION, THE FIRST FOURTEEN (14) MINUTES OF TAPE ONE (MARCH 12, 2008 FREEHOLDER MEETING) ARE MISSING.**

**THE AUDIO OF THE FREEHOLDER MEETING RESUMES DURING THE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ELECTION BOARD.**

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Three current employees – Administrator Mary Meyers, Assistant Administrator Sharon Meglic and Sandra Woodbridge – are expected to retire in 2010. A competent person needs to be in place to train for Meyers' job. Although the Freeholders had granted a prior request for the starting salary of this trainee be increased to \$30,000/year, this is not enough to attract an individual with the level of competency required for the position. Roughly 75 resumes were received, but only a few were suitable. The candidate they would like to hire requires a salary of \$42,000/year.

Other requests were to upgrade a current employee's status from permanent part-time to full-time; to add a new part-timer and a two percent raise in salary for Meyers, Meglic and Woodbridge in addition to the customary raises for unclassified employees.

There is currently a Manpower person working in the office part-time. It was also revealed that the permanent part-time employee has actually been working full-time hours, much to the dismay of Mr. Marvin. Benefits have to be provided for those working 33 hours or more.

Mr. Marvin calculated an increase of approximately \$32,000/year in the Election Board's S&W line if all requests were granted. Mr. DiMaio said it seems this department has been running lean for a long time and was in favor of increasing the pay scale for a new trainee. Mr. Chamberlain said he didn't have a problem with that and noted there must be extra money in the OE since the Manpower wages are being paid.

The Board agreed to increase the salary range for the to-be-hired trainee to \$35,000-\$40,000 and to grant full-time status to the permanent part-timer. The other requests required further consideration.

The topic of warehouse duties and voting machine maintenance was touched upon. Mr. Chamberlain said he was disturbed by the list of job duties which included things like cleaning bathrooms and checking for roof leaks. We're paying a lot of money to store those machines, he said and we shouldn't have to pay twice. Ms. Decker said the description was inaccurate and would furnish a new one.

Mr. DiMaio then invited Hardwick Mayor Kevin Duffy to address the Board. Mr. Duffy said the intersection of Spring Valley Road and Stillwater Road, both County roads, is dangerous. A vacant, dilapidated house obstructs the view of drivers and there have been a number of accidents there. The township was denied Warren County Open Space Trust Funds and the local historical society has no interest in the property. The property is now in private hands, but the township is interested in acquiring it to tear the house down, removing any beams or other materials of historical nature and relocating them to the Vass Farmstead. Mr. Duffy thought the 2.43 acre property was contiguous to the White Lake Natural Resource Area and hiking trails could be extended. Mr. Marvin asked if the house had been condemned by a building code official; it had not. County Engineer Dave Hicks agreed to measure the sight distance and confirm the proximity to the White Lake property.

Under Public Comments (Agenda Items Only), Diane Barker of Hope Township questioned why nothing appeared on the agenda regarding the Environmental Commission when it had been reported the topic was to be discussed at this meeting. She was told each Freeholder has an opportunity to make comments toward the end of the meeting which was Mr. Gardner's intention. There was no resolution for consideration at this meeting.

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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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS**

**Be and it is hereby resolved** that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2008-9 and 2008-10 dated March 12, 2008** in the amount of **\$ 3,514,170.31** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2008-9	5-Mar-08	\$	633,334.62	
2008-10	12-Mar-08		1,323,382.15	
TOTAL				\$ 1,956,716.77
Payroll	28-Feb-08	\$	1,555,633.54	
Subsistance	28-Feb-08		1,820.00	
TOTAL				<u>1,557,453.54</u>
GRAND TOTAL				<u><u>\$ 3,514,170.31</u></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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 144-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**TRANSFER IN THE 2007 BUDGET RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS****TRANSFER IN THE 2007 BUDGET RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS:**

TO:

VARIOUS S&W	\$130,600.00
VARIOUS OE	<u>85,020.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$215,620.00</u>

FROM:

HUMANS SERVICES S&W	\$ 9,970.00
PROVISION FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	<u>\$205,650.00</u>

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TOTAL

\$215,620.00

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 states that transfers can be made after November 1, and

**WHEREAS**, by unforeseen demand there has arisen the necessity for expenditures to fulfill the purposes of the appropriations as stated in the 2007 Budget and Tax Levy in the following accounts:

VARIOUS S&W	\$130,600.00
VARIOUS OE	<u>85,020.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$215,620.00</u>

and there being an excess in appropriations heretofore made as follows:

HUMANS SERVICES S&W	\$ 9,970.00
PROVISION FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENTS	<u>\$205,650.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$215,620.00</u>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that by a Majority Vote of this Board that the following transfer in the 2007 Budget Reserve Appropriations be made:

## FROM:

013550 R5011	HUMAN SERVICES S&W	\$ 9,970.00
014250 R5011	PROVISION FOR SALARY ADJ	<u>205,650.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 215,620.00</u>

## TO:

011050 R5011	PERSONNEL S&W	\$ 1,800.00
011250 R5011	ELECTIONS BOARD S&W	600.00
011300 R5011	TREASURER S&W	500.00
011400 R5011	INFO SYSTEMS S&W	200.00
011751 R5011	CULTURE & HERITAGE S&W	3,200.00
012000 R5011	WEIGHTS & MEASURES S&W	2,300.00
012800 R5011	CORRECTIONS S&W	110,000.00
012900 R5011	ROADS S&W	12,000.00
012800 R5029	CORRECTIONS OE	19,000.00
013570 R5029	ADJUSTER OE	1,200.00
013605 R5626	LEGAL SERVICES	3,220.00
014300 R5071	UTILITIES – ELECTRIC	25,000.00

014600 R5074	UTILITIES – GASOLINE	35,000.00
013552 R5029	MENTAL HEALTH & HOSP	<u>1,600.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 215,620.00</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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 145-08**

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 March

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**RESOLUTION AMENDING 2008 TEMPORARY COUNTY BUDGET**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Chosen Freeholders approved the 2008 temporary county budget on January 5, 2008 stating:

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE  
UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$25,116,794 THROUGH THE  
DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2008 BUDGET**

and;

**WHEREAS**, the total 2008 temporary county budget appropriations, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, in said 2008 budget is the sum of \$25,116,794;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to delay the date of final adoption of the 2008 county operating budget and extend the timeframe under which the county will operate under the temporary county operating budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the delay in the date of final adoption necessitates that additional appropriations be included in the temporary budget to allow the continuation of county administered programs and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, New Jersey that additional temporary appropriations in the amount of \$25,116,794 be added to the temporary operating budget for a total temporary operating budget appropriation amount of \$50,233,588 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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 146-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FEDERAL AID AGREEMENT NO. 2008-DTBLA1=04 BETWEEN  
THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE COUNTY OF WARREN  
FOR THE COUNTY ROUTE #517 SIGNS AND PAVEMENT MARKING UPGRADE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the County Route #517 Signs and Pavement Marking Upgrade Project, in Hackettstown, Independence and Allamuchy Townships, has received Federal Authorization to proceed with the construction phase; and

**WHEREAS**, an agreement is necessary with NJDOT for the disbursement of federal funds to finance the construction phase of this project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve Federal Aid Agreement No. 2008-DTBLA1=04 and authorizes and directs the Freeholder Director to execute said agreement.

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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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 147-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING FUNDING TO THE KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC COMMISSION FOR STABILIZATION OF THE RAMSAYSBURG HOMESTEAD IN KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren (BCF) has, by resolution, established the "Warren County Open Space Farmland, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Procedures and Rules;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee (MCCTFC) has reviewed and considered an application from the Knowlton Township Historic Commission for stabilization of the Ramsaysburg Homestead in Knowlton Township; and

**WHEREAS**, The Knowlton Township Historic Commission has demonstrated its eligibility and that of the proposed project to the satisfaction of the MCCTFC; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds in the amount of \$299,000 are available in account 03893-5065- 8930801- 5065.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at its regular meeting on March 12, 2008 that such a grant be approved.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 148-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2008, Governor Jon S. Corzine proposed the FY 2009 New Jersey State Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Budget, Governor Corzine has proposed to eliminate the New Jersey Department of Agriculture as a cost-cutting measure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture provides many important services to the almost \$3.5 billion agricultural industry and the citizens of the state including:

1. Food safety
2. Emergency food distribution to 500,000 residents (food banks, soup kitchens)
3. School nutrition programs (Healthy Choices, Healthy Kids)
4. School lunch programs for 145,000 children statewide
5. Soil/Water conservation and environmental programs (Green Energy Initiatives for farmers, Garden State Ethanol)
6. Farmland preservation (160,000 acres statewide)
7. Aquaculture (seafood harvesting and distribution)

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8. Equine industry, including racing
9. Livestock and poultry disease monitoring (mad cow, avian influenza)
10. Plant pest control (e.g. gypsy moths, Asian Longhorn Beetle)
11. Commodity promotion (the Jersey Fresh Program)
12. Urban planning and forest protection (Smart Growth Planner's Toolkit, programs to halt urban forest devastation by the Asian Longhorn Beetle)
13. Cooperation with academic and research institutions
14. Seed and fertilizer testing
15. Pet food and livestock feed testing

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's diverse agriculture industry (produce, horticulture, livestock, seafood, equine) relies on the services of the Department of Agriculture to remain viable, contributing almost \$3.5 billion to our state economy while also providing jobs, generating sales tax receipts and maintaining our state's history and identity as the "Garden State"; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J. Agriculture provides uniquely fresh, healthy food to local communities at a reduced cost to the consumer while utilizing shorter distribution routes than national providers, thus minimizing the environmental damage caused by long distance transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Farm Bill of 2007 was named "The Farm *Nutrition and Community Investment* Act: in recognition of the critical role agriculture plays in providing a better quality of life as well as feeding our population; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) within the Department of Agriculture administers the New Jersey Farmland Preservation Program; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has invested close to \$1.1 billion since 1982 to permanently preserve over 160,000 acres of farmland; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey voters have shown overwhelming support for the Farmland Preservation Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Farmland Preservation Program includes over 150 farms and over 15,000 acres permanently preserved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders opposes the Governor's proposal to eliminate the Department of Agriculture and urges the Governor to reconsider his proposal.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be provided to each New Jersey legislator representing Warren County, the Department of Agriculture, the SADC, the New Jersey Farm Bureau, every Board of Chosen Freeholders and every County Agriculture Development Board in the State of New Jersey.

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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 149-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IN THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE SAKELE FARM IN HARMONY TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that a farmland preservation easement on the property known as the Sakele Farm Block 45 Lots 3 & 24 in Harmony Township consisting of approximately 108 acres is available for purchase in

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accordance with the requirements of the farmland preservation program, and

**WHEREAS**, Harmony Township has included the Sakele Farm in it's Planning Incentive Grant Program as a targeted farm and has entered into a contract to purchase said farmland preservation easement, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders has, by resolution, indicated its support of Harmony Township's Planning Incentive Program (PIG) and pledged conditional financial support of same and has specifically approved this project by Resolution 668-07, and

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

**WHEREAS**, funding for the Harmony PIG from the State Agriculture Development Committee is not adequate to complete this project and Harmony Township has requested additional assistance in the approximate amount of \$316,000, and

**WHEREAS**, Harmony Township is under contract to acquire this farm fee simple and will sell it at auction after it is preserved and will reimburse the county from the proceeds of that auction based on the percentage of this additional contribution

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the request of Harmony for additional assistance in the acquisition of a preservation easement on the property known as the Sakele Farm Block 45 Lots 3 & 24 in Harmony Townships is hereby approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that adequate funds in the amount of **\$316,000** in account #03895-5067-8950738-5067 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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 150-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A SPENDING PLAN FOR A SOLID WASTE SERVICES TAX FUND ENTITLEMENT FOR 2006 AND 2007 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 13:1E-136 ET SEQ.**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-136 et. seq. provides for the awarding of Solid Waste Services Tax Entitlements by the Department of Environmental Protection to designated solid waste management districts to assist them in the preparation, revision and implementation of comprehensive solid waste management plans; and.

**WHEREAS**, The Warren County Solid Waste Management District desires such financial assistance to fulfill its responsibilities under the Solid Waste Management Act.

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

1. That a spending plan be submitted to the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste for the 2006 and 2007 Solid Waste Services Tax Entitlement in the amount of \$224,073
2. That the Chief Financial Officer of Warren County is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such Entitlement Spending Plan with the Administrator of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Program, to provide additional information and furnish such documents as may be required; to execute such contracts as are required, and to act as the authorized correspondent of the County Solid Waste Management District.

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3. That the County of Warren and the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County are designated by the Warren County Chosen Freeholders as the implementing agencies to perform the tasks contained in the Solid Waste Services Tax entitlement Spending Plan.
4. That the Warren County Solid Waste Management District does hereby hold the State of New Jersey, and its departments and agencies harmless from any damages, losses and claims which may arise directly or indirectly from the execution of the entitlement.
5. That the Warren County Solid Waste Management District hereby accepts the terms and conditions set forth in the Act and the guidelines promulgated under it.

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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 151-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM (NJCEP) FOR A GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY SYSTEM FOR THE NEW WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY & HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING**

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that it may benefit the County of Warren, New Jersey to purchase and install a photovoltaic system on the proposed County Library & Human Services Building for the purpose of generating electric power by solar energy; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP) has rebates which are intended to reduce the costs for new renewable energy systems, while encouraging investment in the technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed County Library & Human Services Building has been identified as an excellent candidate for a photovoltaic energy system; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJCEP guidelines require public sector projects to solicit bids for installation of such photovoltaic energy systems in order to apply for rebates and so that they can determine the final costs associated with their projects; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the County to solicit bids for the Photovoltaic Electric Generation System within 180 days after notification by NJCEP that the County has received said grant and to have construction completed within one year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, New Jersey, that the application to NJCEP for a grant for the construction of a Photovoltaic Electric Generation System for the proposed County Library & Human Services Building is hereby approved, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Engineer is hereby authorized to execute said application of behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALARY REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren and Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, executed a Memorandum of Understanding on June 25, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, salary reimbursement agreements for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 are required for memorialization of the parties agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Director of the Board is hereby authorized to execute the salary reimbursement agreements on behalf of the County of Warren; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this agreement shall become effective January 1, 2008 and will continue until December 31, 2008 as per the terms and conditions in the agreements incorporated herein by reference.

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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

As an amendment to the resolution opposing the dissolution of the NJ Board of Agriculture (E3), Mr. Gardner requested a letter also be sent to the New Jersey Farm Bureau.

**RESOLUTION 153-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE SUPPLY OF A GLUE LAMINATED WOOD SUPERSTRUCTURE FOR WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE #13085, QUARRY ROAD OVER A BRANCH OF STONY BROOK, KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP, CONTRACT #WC0817**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the plans and specifications for Contract #WC0817 for the Supply of a Glue Laminated Wood Superstructure for Warren County Bridge #13085, Quarry Road over a branch of Stony Brook, Knowlton Township are hereby approved.

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

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papers printed in the County.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE  
ADVERTISING DATE - THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008**

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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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 154-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE COUNTY ROUTE #517, SIGNS AND PAVEMENT  
MARKING UPGRADE, HACKETTSTOWN, INDEPENDENCE AND  
ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIPS, CONTRACT #WC0818**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the plans and specifications for Contract #WC0818 for the County Route #517 Signs and Pavement Marking Upgrade Project are hereby approved.

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

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**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE****ADVERTISING DATE - THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008****BIDS TO BE RECEIVED - TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008****AWARD DATE - WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 155-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROUTE #605  
AT NJ STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 94, KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP, CONTRACT #WC0820**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the plans and specifications for Contract #WC0820 for the Proposed Improvements to County Route #605 At NJ State Highway Route 94, Knowlton Township are hereby approved.

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

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**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**  
**ADVERTISING DATE - THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008**  
**BIDS TO BE RECEIVED - TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008**  
**AWARD DATE - WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 156-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC0822C AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING MODEL FOR INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, RECORDING AND CASH CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that specification WC0822C for Information Management, Recording and Cash Control System for the Warren County Clerk 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 budget accounts 011200/5029 – County Clerk Contracted Services, and 011200/5059 County Clerk DP Equipment.

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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Chamberlain asked why a laminated wood superstructure was being used for Warren County Bridge #13085 instead of steel (Agenda Item F1). Mr. Hicks said this is a low traffic bridge and this is a suitable, less expensive alternative in an effort to keep costs down.

**RESOLUTION 157-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0801 FOR HIGH PRESSURE COMPRESSOR, HYPRES MODEL HP6000-NA6-E1-VE, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER TO ADVANCED AIR SYSTEMS, LLC IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$20,720.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC0801 for a High Pressure Compressor for the Warren County Communication Center is hereby awarded to . . . Advanced Air Systems, LLC., Highlands, New Jersey in the contract amount of . . . \$20,720.00 as per their bid submitted . . . February 14, 2008 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract has been provided in grant account – F7252 5351 5058 – 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program.

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**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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 158-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0802 FOR LABORATORY TESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AGENCY TO ACCUMED DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY, INC. FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2008 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2009 IN THE APPROXIMATE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$44,270.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC0802 for laboratory tests for the Warren County Public Health Nursing Agency is hereby awarded

to . . . Accumed Diagnostic Laboratory, Inc., South Amboy, New Jersey  
in the approximate amount of . . . \$44,270.00

as per their bid submitted . . . February 26, 2008

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

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts 013302/5030 – Public Health Nursing Community Health services Operating Supplies and 013302/5046 – Public Health Nursing Community Health Service T.B. Program.

**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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 159-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0805, JANITORIAL SERVICE AT THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY LOCATIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2008 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2009 TO URUCORP MAINTENANCE & CONTRACTOR INC. IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$44,967.52**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC0805 for janitorial services at the Warren County Library Sites is hereby awarded

to . . . Urucorp Maintenance & Contractor Inc., Wharton, New Jersey  
in the amount of . . . \$44,967.52

as per their bid submitted . . . February 26, 2008

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

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Funding for this contract will be provided in budget account 153908/5024 – Library Facility Maintenance, Repair & Cleaning.

**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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 160-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0806 FOR AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE AT WARREN HAVEN TO CR SERVICE CO., INC. FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2008 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2009 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN A BASE AMOUNT OF \$938.00 WITH UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE TO BE BILLED AT FIXED LABOR CHARGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62.00, \$83.70 AND \$93.00 (REGULAR, OVERTIME AND HOLIDAY RATES) AND PARTS AT 18% ABOVE COST, APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT \$25,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC0806 for air conditioning maintenance and service at Warren Haven is hereby awarded

to . . . CR Service Co. Inc., Columbia, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . \$25,000.00

as per their bid submitted . . . February 26, 2008

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

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget account 013504/5024 – Warren Haven Maintenance Facility Maintenance Repair and Cleaning.

**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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 161-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0819FO FOR MEDICAL CONSULTING & EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES AND TASS TO MARK PERRIN, M.D. FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009 AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$160.00 AND \$320.00 FOR LEGAL TESTIMONY, NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC0819FO for Medical Consulting & Educational Services for the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior Services

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and TASS is hereby awarded

to . . . Mark Perrin, M.D., Newton, New Jersey  
in the amount of . . . \$160.00 per hour, not to exceed \$40,000.00  
as per their proposal submitted . . . March 4, 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 medical consulting services under the direction of the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior Services and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in grant accounts F8352 5303 085303-C 5029 – Area Plan on Aging, S83525348 5029 – APS DYFS Grant, and 38355 5100 – IDRC Trust.

**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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 162-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC0611 TO TUWAY WIRELESS FOR MICROWAVE RADIO MAINTENANCE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2008 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2009 FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$26,340.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Warren County Contract WC0611 for microwave radio maintenance for the Warren County Communications Center for a third and final year of a three year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(10) said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009

to . . . TuWay Wireless, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

In the approximate amount of . . . \$26,340.00

as per their bid submitted . . . February 28, 2006

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012500/5031 – Communications Center Repair and Maintenance.

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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 163-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC0703 TO GARY W. GRAY TRUCKING, INC. FOR PICKUP AND DISPOSAL OF TRASH FROM COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE**

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YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(3) IN  
THE APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$65,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Warren County Contract WC0703 for pickup and disposal of trash for a second year as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(3) said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 to . . . Gary W. Gray Trucking, Inc., Delaware, New Jersey in the approximate amount of . . . \$65,000.00 as per their bid submitted . . . March 20, 2007

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts 013100/5029 – Buildings & Grounds Contracted Services, 012900/5029 – Road Maintenance Contracted Services, 012770/5029 – Juvenile Detention Center Contracted Services, 013504/5029 – Warren Haven Maintenance Contracted Services, 153901/5029 – Library Administration Contracted Services.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 164-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC0711 TO JIORLE'S OFFICE SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES & ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2008 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2009 FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL YEAR OF A TWO YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15 AT THE DISCOUNT RATE OF 40% FOR FURNITURE, 25% ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER SUPPLIES, 55% GENERAL SUPPLIES AND 55% PAPER PRODUCTS IN THE APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$215,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Warren County Contract WC0711 for office supplies for County Departments for a second year as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15 said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 to . . . Jiorle's Office Supplies & Industrial Equipment, Inc., Phillipsburg, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . \$215,000.00  
as per their bid submitted . . . February 27, 2007

Funding for this contract has been provided in individual department budget accounts.

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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 165-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION RE: ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WC0717FO, LEGAL SERVICES – A.**

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**SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AND – F. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY, AWARDED JANUARY 5, 2008 WITH AN INITIAL AMOUNT ENCUMBERED OF \$145.00 PER HOUR FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008, CHANGE OF NAME FROM BELL & GAGE TO BELL & HASSING**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren awarded a contract to Bell & Gage, for Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Special Counsel for General Legal Services to be Provided to the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008;

**WHEREAS**, Bell & Gage is now practicing law as Bell & Hassing, effective March 1, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the service under this contract will continue uninterrupted by Bell & Hassing at the level of service required; and

**WHEREAS**, Bell & Hassing has agreed to ratify and assume the contract previously entered into with Bell & Gage, and to fulfill all obligations and to be bound by the terms herein;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders approves continuance of the contract for this service and authorizes the Director to sign an addendum to the contract reflecting the change in the name of the vendor to Bell & Hassing and its ratification and assumption of the existing 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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 166-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION MODIFYING CONTRACT TO DAWN CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR 2008 PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008; CONTRACT CEILING TO INCREASE TO \$55,000**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders approves the 2008 county contract modification with DAWN Center for Independent Living for an additional \$10,000; contract ceiling to increase to \$55,000 for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that funds will be available in county account S8355 5312 (Personal Assistance Services Grant).

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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 167-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION MODIFYING CONTRACT TO CEREBRAL PALSY OF NEW JERSEY, INC. OF**

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**HACKETTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY FOR 2008 PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR THE**  
**PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008; CONTRACT CEILING TO**  
**INCREASE TO \$400,385**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders approves the 2008 county contract modification with Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey, Inc. for an additional \$374,737; contract ceiling to increase to \$400,385 for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that funds will be available in county account S8355 5312 (Personal Assistance Services Grant).

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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 168-08**

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 March 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING FRANK WHEATLEY AS WARREN COUNTY EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR/DEPUTY PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR, UNCLASSIFIED,  
WITHIN THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE WARREN COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-42.1, Frank Wheatley is reappointed to the position of Warren County Emergency Management Coordinator for a three year term effective March 15, 2008 through March 14, 2011; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said reappointment term shall also be applicable to the position of Deputy Public Safety Director; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Freeholder Director is authorized to execute an Employment Agreement memorializing the terms and conditions of the reappointment herein described.

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 March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. DiMaio said Mr. Wheatley "does a magnificent job for us."

Under Reports and Comments, County Counsel Joe Bell announced that on March 26, the New Jersey Supreme Court will entertain oral argument and consideration of the matter of In Re: Taylor.

Neither County Engineer Dave Hicks nor County Planner Dave Dech had reports.

County CFO Pete Houck distributed the final version of the budget. There is still a procedural question as to how the adjustments will be made on the Technical School's end. Mr. Houck emphasized once again that the County has a "major, major, major CAP problem."

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County Administrator Steve Marvin provided the Freeholders with an updated Personnel Vacancy Report with his recommendations. A topic that hadn't been discussed is seasonal summer help. Departments that typically rely on students during the summer are Engineering, Planning, Roads and Bridges. Mr. Hicks said, "Dollar for dollar, they're very productive." The Personnel Department will be instructed to provide more detail on the positions. Those that are grant-funded will be filled. The Board will decide on the rest by early April.

Under Freeholder Comments, Mr. Gardner recognized National Girl Scout Day. Begun in 1912, he said it's a great organization that does very worthwhile work.

Regarding the proposed elimination of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Mr. Gardner said this is very alarming. This is a department that runs fairly lean, with only 70 out of 240 employees paid for by State taxpayers. Federally mandated programs will still have to be carried out and they currently run a beneficial school breakfast and lunch program. The department provides expertise and management. New Jersey is number two in blueberry production and number three in cranberry production – very significant for a state this size.

Mr. Gardner furnished his fellow Board Members with his own personal notes and recommendations for the composition and direction of the Warren County Environmental Commission (EC). Having been a former member, Mr. Gardner thought it was important to have a County Environmental Commission and suggested it continue. An Environmental Resource Inventory was put together in 1998 and is an asset that should be updated. Mr. Gardner envisioned nine members, three representatives each from the County's northern, central and southern regions, and proposed including one non-voting member each from the Departments of Planning and Environmental Health. Mr. Gardner said he had looked to Monmouth County as a guide. He thought our own Commission has lost some structure, but the people involved have not lost their passion. In his opinion, there was a need for improvement in some areas such as having a more proactive approach in terms of outreach

to the municipalities. The Richard Dunlap Memorial Grant is available for financial assistance. Mr. Gardner asked for feedback from his colleagues and hoped to have a resolution on the agenda for the Board's next Regular Session.

Mr. Chamberlain said he appreciated Mr. Gardner's suggestions. We're seeing this for the first time, he said and he wanted some time to look it over and digest the contents. He would like to have seen a bit more in terms of responsibilities and duties. He confirmed that out of New Jersey's 21 counties, about five or six have Environmental Commissions in place.

Mr. DiMaio said he would look at the proposal and give it consideration. Mr. Gardner noted there is a general movement toward getting more actively involved in ecology and the environment. He hoped to get beyond the negative rhetoric and move forward.

Reporting on developments in transportation, Mr. DiMaio said the NJTPA has been doing some rearranging of its Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Improvements to the intersection of Routes 57 and 519 had been "knocked off" the CIP, but the project is now back in due to further communication.

The changeover of dispatching equipment had taken place the prior day at the Communications Center. A good job is being done in terms of moving that project along, Mr. DiMaio said.

Mr. Chamberlain then mentioned the Open House at the Old Warden's Home scheduled

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for the following day. These new offices will free up space in the Court House, marking the first step in moving ahead with renovations.

Under Public Comments, Diane Barker again approached the Board. She thanked Mr. Gardner for his attempts to improve the Environmental Commission and said she liked what she heard. She especially liked the idea of adding an Environmental Health Representative and including the municipalities. At one time, said Ms. Barker, she thought the County EC should be comprised of one person from each Municipal EC. While only five or six County EC's exist in the state, in Ms. Barker's opinion, it was likely more would be created on the local level in light of DEP cutbacks. This is not time to cut back, she said, and keeping the Environmental Commission is a really good idea.

Next to speak was Bill Barker of Hope Township. Addressing Mr. DiMaio, he said in terms of budget, everything is supposedly tight and "gloom and doom", yet the Board has spent approximately \$400,000 on fighting the Highlands Act. "You're not gonna accomplish anything...You're wasting our money and you're not gonna win," he said.

Mr. Chamberlain said he thought Mr. Barker was way off base.

Mr. Gardner said the Highlands Legislation will be a failure because of the way it is constructed. There is no conservation. If this were a complete plan about water, there would be conservation assessments on the tap end of it and there would be a small amount of money derived to pay for this large insurance package.

Mr. Barker said he doesn't claim the plan is perfect, but it needed to be made and the Board is not going to win. "In your opinion," said Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. DiMaio said if the Highlands Act was really about water, why are they allowing projects in Jersey City of 1,000 units on 100 acres to use the water from this area of the state down there? If it was really about water, they should have a ban on development statewide and not penalize people who bought property up here. They should be paid for their land. Mr. DiMaio said he had suggested a user fee on water – start a fund so people can be paid for their land. "The way they did the law is wrong," said Mr. DiMaio. People have been hurt by this, he said, and cited Bob Best as an example. This is someone who grew up in Warren County, worked hard as a farmer all his life and lost his farm. "People have been hurt. That's why we're doing this," Mr. DiMaio said.

"Why didn't you put it on a referendum?" said Ms. Barker from the back of the room.

Mr. DiMaio said we're a representative republic here. If we put things on a referendum, we might as well go vote on everything and not sit up here. "We're elected to make decisions," he said.

Walt Menegus of White Township came forward and said he also did not understand where the Board was going with the Highlands. The Environmental Commission ideas proposed were good ones, said Mr. Menegus and he really thought it should be kept intact. He cited the landfill, incinerator, power plants across the river in Pennsylvania and the White Township-Belvidere health survey that even included animals as examples. Mr. Menegus said the EC did a good job along with the locals, on these issues.

A teacher at Warren County Technical School, Mr. Menegus then spoke of still being without a contract. The Freeholder Board appoints the School Board Members. We're doing what we're supposed to be doing in educating these kids, he said, but we're at a stalemate with no end in sight. He thought the Freeholders should look at the School Board President and some of its

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members. Mr. Bell interjected that since the matter is currently before PERC, it would be inappropriate to comment and may constitute unfair practice. Mr. Menegus said School Board Members try to micromanage the school, telling teachers what to do. That's the job of the Chief School Administrator, not the School Board, said Mr. Menegus and this is what's going on.

Next to come forward was Kevin Lippincott, a resident of Harmony Township and member of its Environmental Commission. He said Harmony was fortunate to have been awarded grant funds to update maps among other things. Harmony has a seven member commission and Mr. Lippincott said he had reservations about decreasing the County EC from thirteen to nine members. The 13 member Warren County EC does "a hell of a job", said Mr. Lippincott. On a personal note, he said he was disappointed that nine members of the County EC had not been reappointed.

Mr. Gardner said he would encourage citizens interested in volunteering to serve on subcommittees. Mr. Chamberlain asked for examples of projects coordinated between the County and Harmony EC's. Mr. Lippincott mentioned the PP&L fly ash spill and upgrades to Harmony's Geographic Information System.

Bud Allen of White Township then approached the Board. Mr. Allen had been a past member of the Warren County EC who was not reappointed, but continued to offer his assistance. He said he had been exposed to a number of local and regulatory agencies due to his involvement in several environmental issues including those involving DSM, Roche and BASF. Mr. Allen served as Chairman of Air CAP for five years. There is a lot of passion about the environment among the citizenry, Mr. Allen said and the Warren County EC is a valuable asset. The health surveys conducted in White and Belvidere with the cooperation of Roche drew public attention and in Mr. Allen's opinion, this caused the DEP taking more action resulting in \$1.2 million coming back to the area in supplemental projects. Having a County EC facilitates a good relationship with the EPA and DEP and provides opportunities for public comment. Mr. Allen credited the actions of George White and the Warren County EC in the spring of 2000 led to the closure of the two coal-fired power plants across the river in Pennsylvania.

Mr. DiMaio said no one person is responsible. He himself had testified in Nazareth, but when Brad Campbell became DEP Commissioner, he sued and negotiated the settlement. He did not deny the awareness was there, but it was really "put to bed by Brad Campbell", said Mr. DiMaio. Mr. Chamberlain said Mr. Campbell was able to enter into a suit due to the air monitoring stations that were part of the Air CAP Program which provided background data.

When Mr. Allen had first gotten involved in these issues, he said there was a strong organization here and he had been impressed with the relationship between the Freeholders and the EC. He thought the Commission should be maintained at thirteen members and commended Mr. Gardner. Mr. Allen would like to serve on the County Commission, but would also be content to act as a liaison with White Township.

Mr. Chamberlain pointed out that a national study is currently being conducted on children's health. Warren County is in that study and part of the reason is probably due to some of the work Air CAP did in bringing forth some of the prior studies.

Next to approach the Board was Henry Dinger of Belvidere. He was glad of attempts to resolve the EC issues. He thought a lack of communication was to blame as with the Board of

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Recreation Commissioners. He suggested two-way communication and clear directions.

Regarding some of the Governor's budget proposals, Mr. Dinger said he thought a lot of people were not happy with some of the things he's doing. It's okay to argue with the Governor and fight for what you want to keep in the budget, said Mr. Dinger, but you also have to say what you can do without. Somebody is going to get pinched, he said.

Mr. Dinger said it was a great idea to pursue alternative energy sources for the proposed new building, although he thought the Board should "get going" on the building as it is long overdue. You don't only have to pay cash, Mr. Dinger said. He thought the project needed to get started and if it required borrowing some money, so be it. "I don't have any problem paying my share of that building and I don't think future residents of Warren County should have a problem paying their share," said Mr. Dinger.

Alternative energies Mr. Dinger suggested the Board consider included solar power, geothermal, wind power, compressed natural gas for heavy equipment and buses and hybrid vehicles. Once the new building is done, Mr. Dinger advised retrofitting other County facilities. Mr. Gardner said it was already under consideration.

Nancy Mason of Belvidere then came forward and thanked Bud Allen for his recap of events over the past ten years. Ms. Mason serves on the Belvidere EC and had been on Air CAP for a while. People who serve on these commissions are volunteers who possess knowledge and expertise in certain fields. When these people get together and present research or recommendations to boards, Ms. Mason said she thought the boards should listen and take the advice they are given to heart.

Under Press Comments and Questions, Mike Frassinelli of the Star-Ledger reminded the Board they should speak more closely into their microphones.

Mr. Chamberlain said we have a green energy project at the landfill that's been a problem so far. Hopefully, we can work things out and make it more productive than it is right now.

Mr. DiMaio thanked everyone for coming out.

**RESOLUTION 169-08**

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Gardner, at 9:34 p.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 12, 2008.

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

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

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

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

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(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 March 12, 2008 that an Executive Session closed to the Public shall be held on March 12, 2008 at 9:34 p.m. in the Freeholders Conference Room located at the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823 for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 12, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Board adjourned executive session at 10:35 p.m. and returned to open session.

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

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Gardner, and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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

**ATTESTED TO:**

**Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board**