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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 August 27, 2008 at 7:03 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, Assistant County Counsel Erik Hassing 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 AUGUST 27, 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. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the Minutes of the Regular Session held on August 13, 2008 were approved.

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

Architect James Guerra was invited to update the Board on the status of design of the new Library/Human Services/PHNA/Election Board Building. Mr. Guerra began by saying he is “very, very close” to having approved plans for the new building. A few changes will be incorporated to the layout of TASS interview rooms, but it won’t slow us down, he said. The main thing now is to make some decisions on the building’s exterior. Mr. Guerra distributed booklets illustrating different options with cost estimates for roofing, walls and windows.

Although a couple of roof manufacturers were cited, Mr. Guerra said bids will not specify any manufacturer, but rather, certain grades, thicknesses, types of metal, etc. After the Board asked a few questions regarding warranties, Mr. Guerra explained these refer to finishes only. What we are more interested in is a warranty on installed assembly to avoid leaks. Mr. Marvin asked, don’t certain manufacturers have registered contractors? And that would be part of the bid specs? Mr. Guerra answered yes to both questions.

Mr. DiMaio asked how long we can expect these ridged roofs to last. Mr. Guerra thought more than 30 years. They could just be repainted when needed. Mr. DiMaio wondered why asphalt shingles were not among the recommendations. Mr. Guerra explained that if the Board decides in the future to install solar panels, they could be clamped to the ridges. The roof would not have to be penetrated with bolts as it would with shingles. Agreeing that it’s good to have options, it was decided to obtain bids for asphalt shingles as well.

Regarding exterior walls, one of the options presented was a brick veneer, the same material on the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building. When asked for a preference, Mr. Guerra said this choice probably makes the most sense since the Board is cost-conscious.

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As for windows, while wood is aesthetically pleasing, metal is virtually maintenance free and would match the Administration Building. The Board liked the idea of at least one operable window being installed in each office.

In terms of the roof design, two options were presented. Scheme A was a simple roof; Scheme B was more interesting, but also more complicated. Mr. DiMaio thought Option A was "fine".

After a few more questions and answers, there seemed to be a general consensus to pursue the following: the roofing option closest to the Follansbee steel one pictured; the brick veneer exterior; metal windows, some of which can be opened; the simpler roof design and to obtain bids for an asphalt shingle roof. This portion of the meeting concluded at 7:38 p.m.

Next to approach the Board was Insurance Risk Manager Mike Grossmann. He reported that all applications for 2009 insurance quotes on property, liability, auto, Worker's Compensation and umbrella coverage are complete and ready to go out for bid. Quotes are expected by late September/ early October.

The three year commitment to the Statewide Insurance Fund will end at the end of this year. A letter reserving the right to withdraw from the fund will be sent to them pending approval by the Board this evening. Mr. Grossmann said he had detected a few omissions in coverage including Library contents, communications equipment at the 911 Center, the new voting machines, the new 911 garage and a Housing Department property.

Regarding the Housing Department, Mr. Houck said the property is covered under a separate policy. Mr. Grossmann said the Housing Director had no record of this. Mr. Houck seemed doubtful.

Sold or donated equipment and ECHO Housing Units were removed from coverage.

Mr. Grossmann said his main goal is to obtain true blanket coverage, meaning there would be a block of coverage for buildings and another block for contents. Now, every single thing has to be listed. He complimented the Finance Department and was grateful to various Department Heads for their cooperation in gathering this information.

This portion of the meeting concluded at 7:50 p.m.

Under Public Comments (Agenda Items Only), AFSCME Local 3287 President Catherine Wojtowicz asked the Board to table Agenda Items F1 and F2, authorizations to advertise for proposals for competitive contracts for housekeeping/laundry and dietary services at Warren Haven. She wanted time to gather information in an effort to compare costs.

Assuming this was a cost-cutting measure, Ms. Wojtowicz argued that the Board spends money on other things. She spoke of a position being created in the Planning Department during a hiring freeze. Mr. DiMaio clarified that a vacancy will be filled due to a resignation. No new positions have been created.

Ms. Wojtowicz mentioned expenses associated with lawsuits such as the Highlands and the Juvenile Justice commission (JJC). Mr. DiMaio noted that the Board did not start the JJC lawsuit. Ms. Wojtowicz said more than \$390,000 was spent on attorneys' fees for the Highlands suit. Warren Haven hasn't been experiencing that kind of loss, she said. Perhaps employees

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could offer suggestions on cost savings. In her opinion, the quality of care will decline if outsourced. Ms. Wojtowicz pointed out that a recent audit stated that the County was financially stable. She again urged the Board to table the resolutions while the workers try to come up with a solution other than privatization.

Mr. Gardner asked how long it would take the group to gather information; Ms. Wojtowicz didn't know.

Mr. DiMaio clarified that no decision is being made at this time. The Board is merely seeking proposals. There is no obligation to accept same. You're doing your job, he said to Ms. Wojtowicz and it's our job to run this business. I appreciate your comments, but we have to look at options to cut costs. This is not personal, Mr. DiMaio said.

Mr. Marvin told Ms. Wojtowicz that if she wants to submit a proposal, she is welcome to do so, but between the collective bargaining agreement and the State statute in terms of mandatory days off, her hands are somewhat tied in that regard. Ms. Wojtowicz requested a copy of the proposal specifications.

Mr. Chamberlain said we don't know what other options are out there and this is the only way to find out. Once proposals are received, we can intelligently make comparisons. With Warren Acres, there was an obvious substantial cost savings; here it is unknown. Ms. Wojtowicz asked if the Board would be willing to work together on the issue. Mr. Chamberlain said he had no problem with that. Ms. Wojtowicz said her group may have information on certain companies likely to respond.

Mr. Gardner said the situation with the JJC is entirely different than this. We're not prepared to make a decision at this time. We have to compare apples to apples. We want to be included before any decision is made, Ms. Wojtowicz said. Mr. Marvin advised her to pay particular attention to Article 40 AFSCME's Collective Bargaining Agreement. Ms. Wojtowicz will be succeeded by Tracy Smith when she retires in a few days. Mr. Chamberlain assured Ms. Wojtowicz that he reads everything given to him.

Sandy Vargo of Phillipsburg then approached the Board. She appeared very alarmed by the possibility of a decline in the quality of care provided at Warren Haven. Mr. DiMaio said this does not pertain to personal care, but to food preparation, housekeeping and laundry.

"Did you ever go through Warren Haven?" Ms. Vargo asked. All three Freeholders said they have and agreed it is a great facility. It really is, Ms. Vargo said, "It's number one." Mr. DiMaio said we want to make sure it's maintained properly. We're not going to allow

service to do down, he said.

Next to speak was Dale Mullikin, a Warren Haven employee. He said these employees do more than cook, wash and pass out trays. For example, he said meals are uncovered and rolls are buttered for the residents. These three departments go above and beyond their duty call, said Mr. Mullikin. The crowd applauded.

A Warren Haven Dietary employee came forward to say long-term care residents deserve proper treatment. At Warren Haven, we give it to them, she said. If they don't like the food, something special is made for them. I've seen the way it is at other places, she said and it can be bad.

Christine Howard, both of whose parents reside in Warren Haven, was next to speak. I've

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been to a lot of places, she said and I've never seen one as well run as Warren Haven. If nothing's wrong, why change it? Ms. Howard said from its fresh smell to friendly atmosphere, the entire staff demonstrates loving care. It is probably the top long-term care facility in the state, she said. The employees are well selected. Cross this off the list and forget about it, Ms. Howard said. Nothing is broken and nothing needs to be done.

Joe Steele, Maintenance Supervisor of the Warren Haven Campus, approached the Board. He said since the 1800's when people resided at the working poor farm, they were cared for by County employees, not contractors. He hoped the Board could work together with Local 3287 to come up with a solution.

Another Warren Haven worker, Barbara Smith, came forward to speak. She described the individual care given to residents, from preparing special food to spending time with them; to making sure those with no relatives receive Christmas gifts. Ms. Smith said, we admit we have a very good benefits package, that's why you have quality people working there. If you privatize, you'll get younger people. That may not be bad, but they may not have mortgages and expenses like we have, she said.

Laura Beall then approached to say she is a Warren County taxpayer and "We've been down this road before." The people have spoken. Addressing Mr. DiMaio, she said, you sat on this Board and said you wouldn't privatize. By privatizing a couple of departments, you're privatizing the facility. Warren Haven is the pride and joy of Warren County.

Bonnie Tinsman identified herself as a taxpayer and employee of Warren County and said everything is about money. People's lives shouldn't be a business. You can't put a dollar amount on lives and families.

Warren County Road Department employee Robert Scott Corman said we live in Warren County and raise our children here. Privatizing Warren Haven is not the answer. Warren County residents taking care of Warren County residents – that's the way it's supposed to be, he said.

Laura Csordas-Opdyke of Oxford characterized Warren Haven as a family-oriented facility. People need to feel safe, she said.

Marjorie Martin of Pennsylvania introduced herself as a newcomer to Warren Haven. She also described it as a family-oriented facility. Each day, I walk in and out with pride, she said. While she could understand the lure of privatization to save money, she urged the Board to let the employees of Warren Haven stay a family to continue to provide loving care the residents deserve.

RESOLUTION 508-08

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 August 27, 2008.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2008-33 and 2008-34, dated August 27, 2008** in the amount of **\$ 4,998,195.49** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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2008-33	8/20/08	\$ 2,565,142.07	
2008-34	8/27/08	908,721.44	
TOTAL			\$ 3,473,863.51
Payroll	8/14/08		1,524,331.98
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$ 4,998,195.49</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 August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 509-08

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 August 27, 2008.

INSERTION INTO THE 2008 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERAN AFFAIRS, FOR VETERANS TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2008 in the sum of \$ 7,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Military & Veteran Affairs, For Veterans Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 7,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”

State of New Jersey, Department of Military & Veteran Affairs, For Veterans Transportation (administered by the Human Services Dept)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Military & Veteran Affairs.

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 August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 510-08

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 August

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INSERTION INTO THE 2008 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$314,058.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION FOR JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM (ROUTE 57 SHUTTLE)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2008 in the sum of \$ 314,058.00, which item is now available from the New Jersey Transit Corporation for Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (Route 57 Shuttle)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 314,058.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”

New Jersey Transit Corporation for Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (Route 57 Shuttle) (administered by the Human Services Dept)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

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 August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 511-08

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 August 27, 2008.

INSERTION INTO THE 2008 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT, SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT #08-2119-00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2008 in the sum of \$ 500,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing & Development, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant #08-2119-00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 500,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”

State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing & Development,

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Small Cities Community Development Block Grant #08-2119-00 (administered by the Housing Program)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing & Development.

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 August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 512-08

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 August 27, 2008.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING NEW JERSEY STATE CHARGES FOR RURAL POLICING BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Police was founded in 1921 for the express purpose of bringing law enforcement to rural towns that had no police departments of their own; and

WHEREAS, today, 89 municipalities rely on the State Police for either full-time or part-time protection; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of these 89 municipalities currently utilizing the service of the New Jersey State Police have relied on the integrity of the State Government's commitment to public safety for almost a century have structured their local spending plans on this long-standing practice; and

WHEREAS, the decision to charge municipalities for the costs of the New Jersey State Police represents an unfunded mandate which is contrary to the tenets and requirements of New Jersey State Law; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated August 12, 2008, the Office of Legislative Services stated that no municipality has the right to require that the State Treasurer or the State Police provide details of policing services prior to entering into any cost sharing agreement for State Police coverage, ultimately undermining the fiduciary responsibility of each of the 89 municipalities; and

WHEREAS, larger urban communities that benefit from coverage or special services of the State Police are not being charged; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities utilizing the State Police Marine Services Bureau to patrol the various waterways within the State to include five main stations and four substations are not being charged; and

WHEREAS, implementation of such a plan would impose a harsh penalty on those towns who accepted the State's long-standing commitment to them and would foster a hostile working relationship between State and Local government at a time when New Jersey's citizens need, more than ever, a cooperative and progressive approach to tax relief and tax reform.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby express its strongest opposition to the decision to impose a charge on the 89 rural communities of New Jersey for the direct costs of public safety as it relates to the New Jersey State Police; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders do hereby call upon Governor Corzine, Treasurer R. David Rousseau and the New Jersey State Legislature to rescind the policy of charging municipalities for the costs of State Police coverage.

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 August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 513-08

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 August 27, 2008.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION TO ACCEPT A MATCHING STATE/COUNTY LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,637 FOR FY 2009 FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33A-1, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted a Resolution creating the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission on October 11, 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission was designated as the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Block Grant Agency by Warren County Resolution dated October 23, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the development of the arts in Warren County is deemed a valuable cultural asset and will have a positive impact on the quality of life in Warren County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby authorize the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission to accept and administer the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Local Arts Program Grant funds in the amount of \$79,637 for FY 2009 in Warren County.

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 August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 514-08

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 August 27, 2008.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE NURSING SERVICES TO PHILLIPSBURG CHRISTIAN ACADEMY THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE SUM OF \$3,320.00 FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009

WHEREAS, Chapter 226 laws of 1991 provided that medical examinations, hearing screenings and other services may be provided to non-public schools as a board of health activity; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Health Department, Division of Personal Health Services has trained personnel to provide nursing services to Phillipsburg Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, the Lopatcong Board of Education is interested in continuing last year's agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the attached contract agreement between the Lopatcong Board of Education and the Warren County Health Department to provide nursing services to Phillipsburg Christian Academy through the Division of Personal Health Services of the Health Department for the sum of \$3,628.00 for the period of September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, be and is hereby approved, and further, that the Freeholder Director is hereby authorized and directed to

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execute said agreement.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 515-08

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 August 27, 2008.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATURE
CONSERVANCY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF BLOCK 901, LOT 4 IN
HARDWICK TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the County of Warren purchased Block 901, Lot 4, in Hardwick Township, known as White Lake Natural Resource Area as part of the County's Open Space Acquisition Program; and

WHEREAS, said property has been identified as having 86 species and communities of state, regional, national or global conservation concern; and

WHEREAS, the Nature Conservancy is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the diversity of life on earth which organization has the specific expertise required to manage stewardship activities at White Lake Natural Resource Area; and

WHEREAS, the Nature Conservancy has managed this site since August 30, 2005, and has presented a proposal to provide stewardship program for White Lake Natural Resource Area including an estimate of associated costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders have reviewed the AGREEMENT REGARDING WHITE LAKE with the Nature Conservancy and authorize the Freeholder Director to execute said Agreement upon return of the signed Agreement from the Nature Conservancy.

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 August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. DiMaio drew attention to Agenda Item E1, a resolution opposing the State's plans to charge for rural policing by State Police. Mr. Gardner said all our municipalities should reject this surcharge. How come Camden, Paterson and Newark get to use the State Police for free?

RESOLUTION 516-08

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 August 27, 2008.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC0871C AND AUTHORIZATION TO
ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING MODEL FOR
HOUSEKEEPING AND LAUNDRY SERVICES AT WARREN HAVEN**

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC0871C for Housekeeping and Laundry Services at Warren Haven is hereby approved.

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

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget account 013501/5029 – Warren Haven 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 August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 517-08

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 August 27, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC0872C AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING MODEL FOR DIETARY SERVICES AT WARREN HAVEN

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC0872C for Dietary Services at Warren Haven is hereby approved.

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

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget account 013501/5029 – Warren Haven 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 August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Chamberlain said he wanted to be completely clear; we are going out to receive proposals, we are not making a motion to privatize Warren Haven. Would the service be the same? It is incumbent upon us to be fiscally responsible by looking at proposals for these services. I have no problem working with the unions to investigate this, he said, but without receiving proposals, I can't make an intelligent decision. I want to make comparisons. We heard a lot of testimony tonight and it came from the heart. I take it very seriously. The care at Warren Haven is excellent and we don't want to jeopardize that care, but I do want to gather information.

Mr. Gardner agreed. We have to have all the information if we're going to work on this issue. Warren County has a stellar elder care facility. It's important to examine this.

Mr. DiMaio said there is no doubt the facility is run extremely well. Things change, State laws change. We're paying higher and higher taxes and the State made changes to its CAP Law. It is our business to examine not only this, but other areas to look for potential savings. Those concerned should contact the Governor and legislators and ask why a cap was placed on our tax levy. There are other things we're going to have to look at, continued Mr. DiMaio. In the long run, decisions have to be made to be in compliance with State law. We have to perform our due diligence as we tackle these issues.

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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 August 27, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0822C COMPETITIVE CONTRACT FOR COMPUTERIZED RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2009 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS TO INFO QUICK SOLUTIONS, INC. IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$110,000.00 FOR THE FIRST YEAR

WHEREAS, five proposals were received, opened and read in public on August 5, 2008, at 1:30 PM prevailing time for Computerized Records Management System for the Warren County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were reviewed by a committee and the Evaluation Report on file with the Clerk of the Board, and the committee has determined that the proposal submitted by Info Quick Solutions, Inc., best meets all requirements of the specification.

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in budget account 011200/5029 – County Clerk Contracted Services, and 011200/5059 County Clerk DP Equipment, and certified by the Warren County Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a contract is hereby awarded to Info Quick Solutions, Inc., of Liverpool, New York for Computerized Records Management System for the Warren County Clerk in the estimated contract amount of \$110,000.00 for the 1st year under the attached fee schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Director is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Info Quick Solutions, Inc., of Liverpool, New York.
2. A notice of this action shall be published in The Star Ledger, as required by NJSA:40A:11-4.5g.

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 August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 519-08

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 August 27, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0861 FOR DEER CARCASS REMOVAL FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 WITH ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO SPACE WILD ANIMAL FARM INC. IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$55.00 PER DEER, ESTIMATED TOTAL AMOUNT \$20,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0861 for deer carcass removal for the Warren County Road Department is hereby awarded

to . . . Space Wild Animal Farm Inc., Sussex, New Jersey
in the amount of . . . \$55.00 per deer, estimated total amount \$20,000.00
as per their bid submitted . . . August 12, 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 account 012950/5029 – Road Department Contracted Services.

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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 August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 520-08

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 August 27, 2008.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE (LACADA)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoint the following individual to the Warren County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to fill a term ending on December 31, 2008.

Colleen Baylor
941 Mill Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term to expire: 12/31/08

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 521-08

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 August 27, 2008.

RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SENIOR TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE WORKER/SIGN MAKER 2, CLASSIFIED AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SENIOR TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE WORKER, CLASSIFIED WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that a full-time position of Senior Traffic Maintenance Worker/Sign Maker 2, classified, is created in the Warren County Road Department by virtue of an order from the New Jersey Department of Personnel as a result of a classification audit ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a full-time position of Senior Traffic Maintenance Worker, classified, is abolished.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that a position of *Senior Traffic Maintenance Worker/Sign Maker 2* is created and established on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 1040 and made effective on September 4, 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 August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Under Reports and Comments, neither Assistance County Counsel Erik Hassing nor County Engineer Dave Hicks had reports.

County Planner Dave Dech informed the Board of changes pending at the DEP regarding Solid Waste Services grant funds. This money had paid for the Hazardous Waste Program and production of a recycling newsletter. The DEP is retooling the way the funds are distributed. The change in the funding formula will result in Warren County receiving about \$42,000 for the year as opposed to the \$110,000-\$114,000 we have gotten in the past. Previously, the funds were awarded based on the amount of waste each county generated and Mr. Dech thought it should stay that way. He asked permission to send a letter to the DEP opposing the new formula.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Gardner, **AUTHORIZE PLANNING DIRECTOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OBJECTING TO CHANGES IN THE FUNDING FORMULA OF THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES GRANT.**

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

So, we collect money at our landfill and the DEP gives it to somebody else, Mr. Houck summarized.

County CFO Charles Houck had no report; he said he was saving it all for the Budget Work Session scheduled for the following evening. Referring to his recent surgery, Mr. DiMaio said he was glad Mr. Houck was able to be here.

County Administrator Steve Marvin requested action on the Statewide Insurance Fund matter alluded to earlier by the Risk Manager.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Gardner, **APPROVAL OF LETTER TO STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND RESERVING THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.**

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

The latest Personnel Vacancy Report was then discussed. Mr. Marvin was inclined to approve two positions opening up in Temporary Assistance & Social Services (TASS) as "fairly convincing" cases were made, however, he is recommending a hold for the time being. Regarding a vacancy in the Prosecutor's Office, Mr. Marvin said as long as the department stays within its appropriation, no approval by the Board is required. There were no other comments or questions on the Vacancy Report.

Regarding the collaboration between the PCFA and Public Information Director on a

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recycling newsletter, Mr. Marvin said he did not see any point in pursuing an Interlocal Agreement as the majority of work is already completed.

The 6 County Coalition Meeting that had been scheduled for September 3, two days after Labor Day, was cancelled due to light RSVP. The meeting will be held October 1 at the Comfort Inn in Mansfield.

Under Freeholder Comments, Mr. Chamberlain had no further remarks.

Mr. Gardner said we've heard a lot of good dialog this evening. People do feel impassioned about the great elder care facility we have. We will weigh this very carefully.

Mr. DiMaio reported that he and Mr. Marvin had met with Morris County officials recently to discuss shared services and budget constraints. Mr. Marvin added that a draft document is in the works with 15 to 16 counties expected to sign on seeking legislative relief. The League of Municipalities is anticipated to follow suit.

Under Closing Public Comments, Lopatcong resident Fred Hamlin asked if he could obtain a copy of the proposal specifications for the Warren Haven services. He asked if there was an employer residency requirement. He was told to file an Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request through the Public Information Office. Purchasing Director Chris Pessolano said specs will be in accordance with statutes.

Information Systems Director Barry Smith came forward to provide an update on the potential modification of the Caretaker's House for Special Services School District (SSSD). The SSSD obtained an address for the building on its own. When it was suggested the Freeholders' counsel meet with SSSD's counsel to work out terms of a lease, Mr. Chamberlain said he thought we should just send them a lease.

Mr. Pessolano announced the County's Annual Public Auction will be held on September 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Previews will take place September 5 from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and September 6 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

RESOLUTION 522-08

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Gardner, at 9:10 p.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on August 27, 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby excludes the public in order to discuss such matters. The general nature of the subjects to be discussed are as follows:

(1) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements*: Items to be discussed include: PERC mediator Re: labor negotiations with CWA 1071-TASS; PERC Interest Arbitration (Mediation)

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with PBA 331-Prosecutor's Detectives.

(2) *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege*: Items to be discussed include: State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission v. County of Warren, et al.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board shall disclose to the public, as soon as practicable, the contents of the discussions after the final disposition of the matters discussed.

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 August 27, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Board adjourned executive session at 9:42 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. DiMaio, and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board