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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Regular Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on October 22, 2008 at 7:33 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 Assistant County Engineer James Bernaski, 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 OCTOBER 22, 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 October 10, 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 Executive Session held on October 10, 2008 were approved.
Recorded Vote: Mr. Chamberlain yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes

Land Preservation Director Robert Resker then presented an Annual Report that would last just under 20 minutes. He said the Land Preservation Department has now completed its sixth year with the same level of staffing as the prior year. The philosophy has been to combine functions of Farmland Preservation and Open Space with exposure to SADC (State Agriculture Development Committee) and Green Acres. We continually look at the way we're doing things to operate efficiently, Mr. Resker said, but working with State agencies can be challenging in that regard.

The Department has continued its expansion with conservation through the Heritage Conservancy and Musconetcong Watershed Association which have accomplished good programs. The CADB (County Agriculture Development Board) has also been productive and helpful.

A large map was put on display to illustrate County properties that have been preserved through the different programs. There has been a strong focus on Farmland Preservation in Warren County for a long time. In 2002, 64 farms encompassing 8,350 acres were in the program. Today, there are 162 farms and more than 16,000 acres. Mr. Resker thought the previously set goal of having 20,000 acres preserved in the Year 2010 was within reach.

Planning Incentive Grants (PIGs) for municipalities are continuing, said Mr. Resker. Additional funding can be obtained through this program. The following are amounts we have

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invested in Farmland Preservation: County, \$22 million; State, \$47 million and Municipal, \$5 million. The negative effect the Highlands Act has had on farmland values is well documented.

Regarding the Open Space Program, Mr. Resker referred to the White Lake Facility as the jewel in the crown. Morris Canal properties remain a focus for new acquisitions. There are hopes to link Port Colden to Port Murray, a five mile stretch of canal properties. This would be a great achievement.

The Municipal & Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund is a grant program that encompasses the Hoff-Vannatta Farmstead; project monitoring of Bread Lock Park by the Highlands Project and management of the White Lake area has been very successful under land conservancy.

Mr. Gardner said Mr. Resker and the rest of the staff – Sue Beall and Teresa Kaminski – are a pleasure to work with and accomplish a lot. This is a utilization of taxpayer dollars prescribed by the taxpayers themselves. Land Preservation is a great asset to the County and its citizens, he said.

The department's accomplishments exceeded expectations. Good partnerships have been formed with volunteers and nonprofits. The Board was delighted to hear that the 20,000 acre goal will likely be achieved.

PROCLAMATION 588-08

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

PROCLAMATION – VETERANS' AWARENESS WEEK, NOVEMBER 10-16, 2008

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the important work done by the **WARREN COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL CORPORATION MEMBERS**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby proclaim the week of November 10-16, 2008 as Veterans' Awareness Week and we urge all citizens to visit this Memorial and pay respect to the women and men whose names appear on this monument as well as to all veterans who served their country during all wars and in the hope that by remembering what the issues were in the past that they can be worked out in a peaceful manner for all future generations.

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I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

This group deserves more recognition than anyone, said Mr. Chamberlain. They have sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms. We owe a deep debt to our veterans and I can't say enough to praise what they've done. He advised citizens to visit the Warren County War Memorial for reflection.

Mr. Gardner said while November 11 is officially Veteran's Day, to him, every day is Veteran's Day. We owe them a debt of gratitude that can't be repaid. Our War Memorial Corporation has done an outstanding job and this proclamation is most appropriate.

Mr. DiMaio thanked Milly Rice who was in attendance to accept the proclamation and the rest of the War Memorial group for spearheading the effort to erect a monument in Warren County. He recommended children visit the site. It's important to remember our past to work things out peaceably in the future.

Ms. Rice thanked the Freeholders for their continued and past support of veterans and the Warren County War Memorial. She invited all to help commemorate its 10th anniversary at 2:00 p.m. on November 8 when a time capsule will be opened. Tickets are still available for a dinner dance at Belvidere Manor as well. Two more stones have been added to the memorial with three additional names, unfortunately.

PROCLAMATION 589-08

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

PROCLAMATION – MARTIN O. MAY DAY, APRIL 18, 2009

WHEREAS, U.S. Army Private First Class Martin O. May was born and raised in Phillipsburg, NJ, and attended Phillipsburg High School before entering the Army in December 1942 during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class May fought bravely in the invasions of Guam and Leyte, earning the Presidential Unit Citation and the Combat Infantry Badge, and was wounded in action; and

WHEREAS, after recuperating for several months, PFC May returned to action, and on April 17, 1945, landed on Ie Shima, a tiny island near Okinawa. On April 19, 1945, a day after his 23rd birthday, PFC May placed his heavy machine gun in an advantageous, yet

vulnerable, position on a ridge in support of U.S. riflemen, and became the target of fierce mortar and small arms fire from counterattacking Japanese soldiers. From this position he repulsed assaults and continued to maintain his post to cover the movement of American soldiers for three days, refusing to withdraw even after being wounded and his machine gun rendered useless by the burst of a mortar shell. PFC May fought on with his pistol and hand grenades until he was mortally wounded by another mortar shell on April 21, 1945; and

WHEREAS, PFC May was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on October 2, 1945, "for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity involving risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy" as his citation states, and due to his "extreme tenacity with which he held firm until death against overwhelming forces" he was "largely responsible for maintaining the

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American lines, and inspired his comrades to efforts which later resulted in complete victory" in that battle; and

WHEREAS, a Purple Heart Memorial placed on the grounds of Phillipsburg High School by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 700, is being dedicated on November 1, 2008, to PFC Martin O. May, who received the Purple Heart medal for his wounds received in action, and this organization also is seeking to honor PFC May by having his birthday, April 18, set aside to recognize his brave actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders proclaims that April 18, 2009, will be "Martin O. May Day" in Warren County, as the Board urges all citizens to reflect on PFC May's selfless heroism and the ultimate sacrifice he made for his country and for our freedoms.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Chamberlain said Mr. May showed courage far beyond the call of duty. We are pleased and happy to recognize this hero from Warren County.

Mr. Gardner said this young man was obviously extraordinary. I intend to be there on November first and will be pleased to read this proclamation.

Mr. DiMaio said this would have been quite a guy to have known; the type of person that is the subject of books or movies and he was from right here in Warren County.

RESOLUTION 590-08

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 October 22, 2008.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2008-41 and 2008-42, dated October 22, 2008** in the amount of **\$ 3,931,576.23** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2008-41	10/15/08	\$ 1,119,092.06	
2008-42	10/22/08	1,352,027.50	
TOTAL			\$ 2,471,119.56
Payroll	10/9/08	\$ 1,456,256.67	
Uniforms	10/9/08	4,200.00	
TOTAL			<u>1,460,456.67</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u><u>\$ 3,931,576.23</u></u>

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

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 591-08

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 October 22, 2008.

INSERTION INTO THE 2008 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,500.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION, STATE FACILITY EDUCATION ACT FUNDS FOR COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

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 \$ 49,500.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Juvenile Justice Commission, State Facility Education Act Funds for County Youth Detention Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 49,500.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Juvenile Justice Commission, State Facility Education Act Funds for County Youth Detention Center (administered by Warren Acres)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior 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 October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 592-08

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 October 22, 2008.

INSERTION INTO THE 2008 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$383,646.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, BIO-TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

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

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the year 2008 in the sum of \$ 383,646.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Bio-Terrorism Preparedness & Response.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 383,646.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Bio-Terrorism Preparedness & Response (Administered by the Health Dept)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Bio-Terrorism Preparedness & Response.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 593-08

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 October 22, 2008.

INSERTION INTO THE 2008 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,773.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY PROGRAM

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 \$ 143,773.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Work First New Jersey Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 143,773.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Work First New Jersey Program (administered by the Division of Temporary Assistance & Social Services)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Human 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 October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 594-08

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 October 22, 2008.

MINUTES**OCTOBER 22, 2008****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ACCEPT FROM THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$559,759.04 AS PART OF THE ONGOING EFFORT TO PROTECT AGAINST THREATS AND ACTS OF TERRORISM**

WHEREAS, there are monies being made available to the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, in its role as the State Administrative Agency (SAA), in the Federal Fiscal Year 2008 budget of the Homeland Security Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the State Office of Homeland Security, under Award #2008-GE-T8-0015, has allocated funding to the County of Warren, Office of Emergency Management, in the amount of \$559,759.04 to enhance this County's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the County states that it is in compliance with all federal NIMS requirements, and agrees that all expenditures shall be made solely for the purpose of implementing the projects set forth in the County's Spending Plan Template as approved by the SAA; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County of Warren to accept said monies,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, that the Director of the Board and the Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in order to effectuate with the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (et al), funding of a grant in the total amount of \$559,759.04

to the Warren County Office of Emergency Management.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 595-08

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 October 22, 2008.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2009 WARREN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOL AND DRUG PLAN AS PREPARED BY THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE WARREN COUNTY LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human Services has required the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration, to prepare the 2009 County Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Division has developed this Plan in cooperation with the Warren County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACA/DA).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders approves the 2009 Warren County Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Plan, as developed by the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration and approved by the LACA/DA.

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

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

RESOLUTION 596-08

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 October 22, 2008.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE SPENDING PLAN FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND FOR COORDINATION EXPENSES OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMS; FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NJ GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE FOR A TOTAL OF \$160,305

WHEREAS, the NJ Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug abuse has made available to Warren County a total of \$160,305 for substance abuse prevention and education programs provided by local municipal alliances and for coordination expenses of municipal alliance programs; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration, has prepared the 2009 Municipal Alliance Spending Plan for use of these funds, which has been approved by the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACA/DA) and the County Alliance Steering Subcommittee (CASS).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders approves the Calendar Year 2009 Municipal Alliance Spending Plan for anticipated funding of \$160,305 from the NJ Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for prevention and educational substance abuse programs by various municipal alliance programs and for coordination expenses of municipal alliance programs.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 597-08

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 October 22, 2008.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009 COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES PLAN AND NJ JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION FUNDING APPLICATION TOTALING \$309,221, FUNDS TO BE USED FOR PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES; SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission has made available to the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders a total of \$309,221 (\$199,228 State/Community Partnership funds, \$102,376 in Family Court Funds, and \$7,617 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds) for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration has prepared a comprehensive county youth services plan and grant application for program services, program administration and Family Court services, which was approved by the Youth Services Coordinating Council on 9/25/08 and the Warren County Mental Health Board on 10/21/08; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Director of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to sign the 2009 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and Juvenile Justice Commission funding application in the amount of \$309,221 (\$199,228 State/Community Partnership funds, \$102,376 Family Court funds; \$7,617 in Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Funds).

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 598-08

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 October 22, 2008.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENT 09-0198-00 WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR \$15,000 STATE FUNDS AND \$3,000 ANTICIPATED COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS THROUGH THE CY '09 RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES GRANT AGREEMENT, THEREBY REDUCING THE ORIGINAL GRANT APPLICATION TOTALING \$20,000 STATE FUNDS AND \$4,000 COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2008 the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved a grant application for \$20,000 state funds and \$4,000 county matching funds to the NJ Department of Community Affairs for anticipated 2009 Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Community Affairs has subsequently awarded Warren County a total of \$15,000 through the 2009 ROID Grant (09-0198-00) which requires a local match from the county of \$3,000; funds to be subcontracted as follows:

	<u>DCA ROID</u>	<u>County Match</u>
The Arc	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,000
DAWN CIL	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute grant agreement with the NJ Department of Community Affairs for a total of \$15,000 state funds and \$3,000 anticipated county matching funds for CY '09; funds to be used by The Arc and DAWN CIL.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 599-08

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 October 22, 2008.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION
 WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADDICTION SERVICES
 THROUGH THE 2009 CHAPTER 51 GRANT FOR \$229,843 ANTICIPATED STATE FUNDS
 AND \$29,048 ANTICIPATED COUNTY MATCH;
 SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Addiction Services, has notified the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders of the anticipated availability of \$229,843 from the Alcohol Beverage Tax (Chapter 51) Grant funds for Calendar Year 2009 to include a county match of \$29,048; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration has prepared an application for use of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute the 2009 Chapter 51 grant application for funds in the anticipated amount of \$229,843 from the NJ Department of Human Services, with a local county match of \$29,048; subject to

availability of funds.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 600-08

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 October 22, 2008.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT
 EASEMENTS WITH THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NJ FOR THE ROBERT SANTINI FARM
 IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, THE P. WOODCOCK FARM, THE POLOWY FARM AND THE
 MIDKIFF FARM, FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that farmland preservation easements on the properties known as The Robert Santini Farm located at Block 34, Lot 10 in Franklin Township consisting of approximately 85 acres, and the P. Woodcock Farm located at Block 602, Lot 3 in Frelinghuysen Township consisting of approximately 28 acres, and the Polowy Farm located at Block 1401, Lot 19 in Frelinghuysen Township consisting of approximately 135 acres and the Midkiff Farm located at Block 602, Lot 3.03 in Frelinghuysen Township consisting of approximately 30 acres are available for purchase within the requirements of the farmland preservation program, and

WHEREAS, the Land Conservancy of New Jersey (TLC-NJ), formerly known as the Morris Land Conservancy, has obtained a non-profit grant from the State Agriculture Development Committee and has targeted these farms for preservation using those grant funds; and

WHEREAS, TLC-NJ has proposed an agreement with Warren County to participate in the purchase of these development easements; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Township has also agreed to participate in the purchase of the development easement of the Robert Santini farm; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Agriculture Board has approved the purchase of development easements on these properties; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of development easements on these properties will encourage the survivability of productive agriculture in Warren County.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Warren County that the agreement with TLC-NJ for the purchase of development easements on the following farms is hereby approved as follows:

1) Robert Santini Farm at Block 34, Lot 10 in Franklin Township at an easement value of \$5,000 per acre as certified by the State Agriculture Development Committee. Cost to be shared as follows:

TLC-NJ - \$2,100 per acre

Franklin - \$400 per acre

County - \$2,500 per acre

2) P. Woodcock Farm at Block 602, Lot 3 in Frelinghuysen Township at an easement value of \$8,500 per acre as certified by the State Agriculture Development Committee. Cost to be shared as follows:

TLC-NJ - \$4,250 per acre

County - \$4,250 per acre

3) Polowy Farm at Block 1401, Lot 19 in Frelinghuysen Township at an easement value of \$6,100 as certified by the State Agriculture Development Committee. Cost to be shared as follows:

TLC-NJ - \$3,050 per acre

County - \$3,050 per acre

4) Midkiff Farm located at Block 602, Lot 3.03 in Frelinghuysen Township at an easement value of \$8,500 as certified by the State Agriculture Development Committee. Cost to be shared as follows:

TLC-NJ - \$4,250 per acre

County - \$4,250 per acre

This approval includes one (1) non-severable exception of one (1) acre for each of the applicants. There are no non-agriculture uses on any of the farms.

The county's share of the costs is estimated to be \$1,215,000 which includes normal "soft costs". The Freeholder Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the Agreement with TLC-NJ, Assignment Deed of Easements and any and all other documents necessary for the acquisition of the development easements on the above properties under the terms outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adequate funds in the amount of \$1,215,000 in account 03895-5065 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Agenda Item E8, a resolution approving a lease agreement with the Warren County Special Services School District, was tabled due to some remaining questions on their part.

RESOLUTION 601-08

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 October 22, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC0885C AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING MODEL FOR THE 2009 HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS & AREA PLAN ON AGING FUNDING

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BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC0885C for competitive contracts for 2009 Human Services Programs & Area Plan on Aging Funding is hereby approved.

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

Funds for and resulting contracts will be dependent upon funding and adoption of the 2009 County Budget and anticipated 2009 State Grant Funds.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 602-08

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 October 22, 2008.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT #WC0835 WITH TILCON NEW YORK, INC. FOR THE 2008 RESURFACING AND REHABILITATION OF COUNTY ROUTES #519, #521, #604, #608, #628, #631, #678 & #680, BLAIRSTOWN, FRELINGHUYSEN, HOPE, MANSFIELD, OXFORD, WASHINGTON & WHITE TOWNSHIPS & TOWNS OF HACKETTSTOWN & PHILLIPSBURG FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$102,037.91 AND A REVISED AMOUNT OF \$2,693,742.91

WHEREAS, Contract #WC0835 was awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc. for the 2008 Resurfacing and Rehabilitation of County Routes #519, #521, #604 #608, #628, #631, #678 & #680, Blairstown, Frelinghuysen, Hope, Mansfield, Oxford, Washington & White Townships & Towns of Hackettstown & Phillipsburg in the contract amount of \$2,591,705.00; and

WHEREAS, as-built quantities and asphalt adjustment costs resulted in a net increase of \$102,037.91, and;

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

WHEREAS, adequate funds have been established in account 0408A101 5063 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve change order #1 for the above project with Tilcon New York, Inc. for net increase \$102,037.91 and a revised contract amount of \$2,693.742.91

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 603-08

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 October 22, 2008.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR CONTRACT #WC0706 TO SPARWICK CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE REHABILITATION OF COUNTY BRIDGE #03002, HARDWICK/PROSPECT STREET OVER THE PEQUEST RIVER, BELVIDERE HISTORIC DISTRICT FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$10,736.86 AND A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$1,294,813.51

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WHEREAS, Contract #WC0706 was awarded to Sparwick Contracting, Inc. for the Rehabilitation of County Bridge #03002, Hardwick/Prospect Street over the Pequest River, Belvidere Historic District in the revised contract amount of \$1,284,076.65; and

WHEREAS, final as-built quantities and asphalt adjustment costs resulted in a net increase of \$10,736.86; and

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

WHEREAS, adequate funds have been established in account S81655302 5063 certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve change order #3 for the above project with Sparwick Contracting, Inc. for a net increase of \$10,736.86 and a final contract amount of \$1,294,813.51.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 604-08

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 October 22, 2008.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT #WC0826 WITH EMPCO CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE #05047, COUNTY ROUTE #632 OVER A TRIBUTARY TO THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FOR A NET DECREASE OF \$5,653.30 AND A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$179,198.70

WHEREAS, Contract #WC0826 was awarded to Empco Contracting, Inc. for the Reconstruction of Warren County Bridge #05047, County Route #632 over a Tributary to the Musconetcong River, Franklin Township in the amount of \$184,852.00; and

WHEREAS, final as-built quantities resulted in a net decrease of \$5,653.30; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve change order #1 for the above project with Empco Contracting, Inc. for a net decrease of \$5,653.30 and a final contract amount \$179,198.70.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 605-08

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 October 22, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0873 FOR SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY- COUNTY BRIDGE #04031 ON BLOCK 1601, LOT 8 IN BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP TO MARION RAMM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0873 for sale of county property – Warren County

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Bridge #04031 on block 1601, lot 8, in Blairstown Township is hereby awarded

to . . . Marion Ramm, Blairstown, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$1.00

as per their bid submitted . . . October 7, 2008

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the highest responsible and responsive bid submitted.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 606-08

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 October 22, 2008.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0877FO FOR GENERAL AUDITING SERVICES (INCLUDING STATUTORY OFFICERS, MOSQUITO COMMISSION AND LIBRARY AND THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO NISIVOCIA & COMPANY, LLP IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$119,850.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0877FO for General Auditing Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . Nisivoccia & Company LLP., Randolph, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . not to exceed \$119,850.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . October 1, 2008

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 auditing services to the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget accounts 011350/5029 – County Audit and 011350/5913 – Office of Temporary assistance Audit.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 607-08

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 October 22, 2008.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoint the following individuals to the Warren County Mosquito Control Commission:

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Dr. Anne Pierok
129 Bethlehem Avenue
Bloomsbury, NJ 08804

Term to expire: 10/18/10

William Mannon
39 River Road
Washington, NJ 07882

Term to expire: 10/18/11

Eileen Greason
224 Mountain Lake Road
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire: 10/18/11

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 608-08

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 October 22, 2008.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RESOLUTION OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2008 ADJUSTING THE SALARIES OF THREE (3) EMPLOYEES OF THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the salaries of three (3) Warren County Sheriff's Department employees as illustrated below be adjusted for 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that these salary adjustments are approved and made effective October 2, 2008.

	<u>Current Salary</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Adjusted</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>2008</u>
• Under Sheriff Vera Bunn	\$77,625	\$79,125
• Under Sheriff Frank Stettner	\$74,520	\$76,020
• Secretary Executive Officer, Sheila Sutton	\$37,778	\$38,278

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 609-08

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 October 22, 2008.

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CLASSIFIED IN THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that two full-time positions of Correction Officer, classified, are created within the Warren County Correctional Center for the purpose of providing transport services for Warren County juvenile offenders detained in other county detention centers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the newly created full-time positions of Correction Officer are created and made effective November 3, 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 October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 610-08

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 October 22, 2008.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY,
CLASSIFIED AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK,
CLASSIFIED WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that a full-time position of Administrative Secretary, classified, is created in the Warren County Road Department in response to a recent employee retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that a full-time position of Administrative Clerk is hereby abolished.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that a full-time position of Administrative Secretary is created and established on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 1240 and made effective retroactive to October 2, 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 October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 611-08

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 October 22, 2008.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF MAINTENANCE REPAIRER,
CLASSIFIED AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SENIOR MAINTENANCE
REPAIRER/CARPENTER, CLASSIFIED WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that a full-time position of Maintenance Repairer, classified, is created in the Warren County Buildings and Grounds Department to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of operations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a full-time position of Senior Maintenance

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Repairer/Carpenter, classified, is abolished in the Warren County Buildings and Grounds Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that a full-time position of Maintenance Repairer, is created in the Warren County Buildings and Grounds Department and established on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 0737 and made effective November 13, 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 October 22, 2008.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Under Reports and Comments, County Counsel Joe Bell and Assistant County Engineer James Bernaski had no reports.

County Administrator Steve Marvin asked if the Board had any questions on the latest Personnel Vacancy Report. Mr. Chamberlain asked if the two Corrections Officers to be assigned to transportation of juveniles were the same just approved by resolution. Mr. Marvin said yes, these positions are required in order to close Warren Acres.

Mr. Marvin submitted a draft of revisions to the County's Travel Regulations Policy as a reaction to the Board's concerns regarding out of state travel expenses. One of his suggestions was to require one month notice of any plans to the County Administrator. Mr. Chamberlain wanted more time to carefully read the proposed changes and expected to address the issue at the Board's next regular meeting.

County Planner Dave Dech showed two video public service announcements – one of which starred Mr. DiMaio – urging community involvement in the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) "Plan 2035" long range regional transportation plan. More information is available online at www.NJTPA.org. A public workshop meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on October 29 at the Warren County Technical School regarding current and future transportation needs in this 13 county region.

Mr. DiMaio, the Authority's Second Vice-Chairman, explained that the NJTPA receives billions of dollars in federal funding. We need more rail transportation, he said and we have a number of trouble spots in Warren County such as the intersections of Routes 22 & 519 and Routes 57 & 519; truck traffic on Route 78 and traffic volume on Route 80.

Mr. Gardner was curious as to a cost per mile basis to extend rail service. Such a figure was not available although Scranton to Port Morris is estimated to cost a total of \$550 million and extending to Andover would be \$30 million. Still only undergoing a feasibility study is an extension from High Bridge to Phillipsburg. Another idea is to re-establish freight rail across New Jersey.

CFO Charles Houck reported that the Department of Community Affairs awarded a Community Development Block Grant to The Arc. The County had originally earmarked funds for a Phillipsburg property intended for a rail museum, but once that project fell through, we have been struggling to find a use for the funds that fits the criteria, said Mr.

Houck. The Arc proposal represents \$900,000 in County funding that is essentially a no interest loan. Were the building to be sold, the County would get the money back.

Mr. Houck had attended a meeting of County CFO's the prior week. All counties are in the same boat with the CAP Law, he said. Some have CAP problems in excess of \$20 million. Mr.

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Houck said he picked up a few interesting ideas that he will share with the Board at the next Budget Workshop and will distribute the meeting's minutes once he receives them.

Under Freeholder Comments, Mr. Chamberlain declined comment.

Mr. Gardner was pleased to announce that the State Council on Local Mandates had quashed the movement for rural towns to pay for State Police coverage. He said this is a win for our rural municipalities.

Mr. Gardner said he would like to bring forth a couple of names to recommend as appointments to the Board of Recreation Commissioners at the next meeting.

Concerning budget matters, Mr. Gardner said at least 95% of our Department Heads met the demand of five percent cuts. "Hats off to them", he said. While the CAP Law casts a "statutory shadow", Mr. Gardner said he would like to explore possibilities other than privatizing Warren Haven to address the issue. Perhaps the Dietary Division could be expanded to serve more citizens, for example. I would like to make a motion to suspend for 2009, any privatization of any division of Warren Haven, Mr. Gardner said. That institution takes care of our fragile population.

Mr. Chamberlain said he agreed with much of what Mr. Gardner expressed. We wanted to come up with comparisons, but with only one proposal having been submitted, we did not have the opportunity to do that. This proposal claimed to be able to achieve \$1.2 million in savings. Mr. Chamberlain was skeptical that that level of care could be maintained after that deep of a cut, but he continued, we do have to operate more efficiently. This used to be a break-even facility, but it now costs the taxpayers money. Administration has to take leadership. We should look into providing dietary services to the Senior Nutrition Program.

Mr. DiMaio inquired about the status of Warren Haven's budget. Mr. Houck said the 5 percent reduction goal has been met due to approval of an increase in the per diem funding rate for Medicaid. However, Mr. Houck stressed this problem is not going to go away. We have to reduce spending, period.

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, **RESOLUTION REJECTING THE PROPOSAL FOR CONTRACTING HOUSEKEEPING, LAUNDRY AND DIETARY SERVICES AT WARREN HAVEN AND TO REFRAIN FROM ADVERTISING FOR PROPOSALS THROUGH THE YEAR 2009.**

Recorded Vote: Mr. Chamberlain yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio no

Under Closing Public Comments, numerous people approached the Board to voice their opposition to any move toward privatization of Warren Haven.

John Sozanski of Washington Borough alleged that \$119,000 in cuts had been recommended by the Housekeeping Manager, but were never presented to the Board by the Administrator of Warren Haven. He had also obtained a copy of the proposal for contracted services and disputed the savings projections therein.

Shirley Richline of Belvidere said she did not approve of privatizing Warren Haven and chided the Board for planning to spend millions of dollars on a library Belvidere residents can't use.

Other individuals to address the Freeholders on the subject included Elaine Reichart of

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White Township, Jim Lalley of White Township, Amy Collins of Belvidere, Christine Howard of Belvidere, Ray Lalley, George Ilsesser of White Township and Larry Collins.

Barbara Smith, a Warren Haven employee, thanked the Freeholders. She asked, does this mean we're safe for 2009? She was told the proposal was being rejected and would not be revisited for the 2009 Budget. Mr. DiMaio said he hoped she would devote as much time as she has attending these meetings recently to contacting her New Jersey Legislators to object to the CAP Law restrictions.

Ms. Smith thought there were a lot of ways to make cuts, starting at the top as opposed to the bottom, where all the physical work and contact is. She thought the Administrator's Assistant really should be looked at. This would put us in a better position for 2010, she said.

John Maxman of Blairstown, whose mother resides in Warren Haven, drew a comparison between the NJTPA video and privatization of Warren Haven. What we decide today will have impact for years to come, he said. Mr. DiMaio suggested Mr. Maxman form a foundation.

Tracy Smith, Acting President of AFSCME 3298, stated that union members are willing to work with the Freeholders. Some issues were addressed with the administration at Warren Haven, but did not come to the Board's attention. We advocate open door communication, she said. Mr. Chamberlain said rising healthcare costs have to be examined as well.

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 9:50 p.m.
Recorded Vote: Mr. Chamberlain yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. DiMaio yes

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board