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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Reorganization Session in Court Room #1 at the Warren County Court House, Belvidere, New Jersey on January 3, 2009.

Director DiMaio read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2009 WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR-LEDGER, AND DAILY RECORD AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.”**

After Mr. DiMaio thanked everyone for coming, the invocation was led by Rev. Dennis Chung of the Belvidere United Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. DiMaio.

The Certification of Election of Richard D. Gardner, Freeholder, was read by Elizabeth Wilson, Deputy County Clerk.

Mr. Gardner then took the Oath of Office of Freeholder administered by Christopher J. Christie, Esq. as daughters Kristen and Stephanie held the Bible. Mr. Gardner noted that his son, Daniel, was home with the flu.

The meeting was then called to order at 4:19 p.m. by outgoing Freeholder Director DiMaio and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Everett Chamberlain, Freeholder Richard Gardner and Freeholder John DiMaio. Also attending were County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

**RESOLUTION 01-09**

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2009**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Richard D. Gardner is appointed Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2009.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

The Oath of Office of the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders was administered by Christopher J. Christie, Esq. to Richard D. Gardner, accompanied once again by his daughters.

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Prior to voting on the following resolutions, Mr. DiMaio congratulated Mr. Chamberlain on becoming Deputy Director of the Board.

Mr. Chamberlain thanked Mr. DiMaio for having been Director for the past year. The meetings were run in a functional manner for which Mr. Chamberlain was grateful.

Mr. Gardner concurred. He complimented Mr. DiMaio on being proactive in dealing with financial issues in the midst of the economic downturn.

**RESOLUTION 02-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2009**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Everett A. Chamberlain is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2009.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 03-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO APPOINT SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS BOARD OR WHICH THE DIRECTOR MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND APPOINTING FREEHOLDERS AS LIAISON OR MEMBER OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to appoint such committees as may be required by law or authorized by this Board or which the Director may deem appropriate and that the appointment of Freeholders as liaison or member of various boards and committees is hereby approved:

	<u>Freeholder Everett A. Chamberlain</u>
Audio Visual Aids	Board of Elections
Board of Taxation	County Adjuster
Dept. of Human Services	Health Services
Trustee Warren County Legal Services	Mosquito Commission
Planning Board	Prosecutor
Solid Waste	Superintendent of Schools
Surrogate	War Veterans
	<u>Freeholder John DiMaio</u>
W.C. Community College	Corrections Department
Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis	Center Housing Program
Medical Examiner	Mental Health Board

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North Jersey Trans. Planning Authority      Police Chiefs Association  
 Public Safety      Public Works  
 Sheriff's Office      Transportation Committee  
 W.I.B. (Workforce Investment Board) of Morris/Sussex/Warren

Freeholder Richard D. Gardner

Agriculture Development Board	Board of Agriculture
Cooperative Extension Service	County Clerk
Cultural and Heritage	Dept. of Long Term Care Services
Library Commission	Morris Canal Committee
Municipal & Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Comm.	Planning Board
Board of Recreation Commissioners	Shade Tree Commission
Soil Conservation	Special Services School District
Warren County Technical School	Weights and Measures

**ALL THREE FREEHOLDERS**

Freeholders' Office  
 Personnel Division  
 CFO/Treasurer's Office  
 Purchasing Department  
 County Counsel  
 Information Systems  
 Department of Public Information and Tourism  
 Planning Department  
 Boards of School Estimate

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 04-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2009**

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

<u>District No. 1:</u>	<u>Freeholder Everett A. Chamberlain</u>
Belvidere	Knowlton Township
White Township	Washington Borough
Oxford Township	Washington Township
Blairstown Township	Hardwick Township

<u>District No. 2:</u>	<u>Freeholder John DiMaio</u>
Liberty Township	Independence Township
Mansfield Township	Frelinghuysen Township
Allamuchy Township	Hackettstown

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Hope Township

District No.3:  
 Phillipsburg  
 Alpha Borough  
 Pohatcong Township  
 Franklin Township

Freeholder Richard D. Gardner  
 Lopatcong Township  
 Harmony Township  
 Greenwich Township

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 05-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2009**

**TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren for the year 2009. All regular meetings shall be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	14 at 7:00 pm R	July	8 at 7:30 pm R
January	21 at 7:00 pm B	July	22 at 7:30 pm R
January	28 at 7:00 pm R	August	12 at 7:30 pm R
February	4 at 7:00 pm B	August	26 at 7:30 pm R
February	11 at 7:00 pm R	September	9 at 7:30 pm R
February	25 at 7:00 pm R	September	23 at 7:30 pm R
March	11 at 7:00 pm R	October	14 at 7:00 pm R
March	25 at 7:00 pm R	October	28 at 7:00 pm R
April	8 at 7:00 pm R	November	10 at 7:00 pm R*
April	22 at 7:00 pm R	November	24 at 7:00 pm R*
May	13 at 7:30 pm R	December	9 at 7:00 pm R
May	27 at 7:30 pm R	December	23 at 7:00 pm R
June	10 at 7:30 pm R		
June	24 at 7:30 pm R		

R= Regular Meeting

B = Budget Meeting

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

\* Please note that the meetings in November are being held on Tuesdays, November 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> instead of Wednesdays, November 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 06-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, 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

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**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE STAR LEDGER AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND THE DAILY RECORD AS THE ALTERNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER IN WHICH SHALL BE PUBLISHED ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that The Star Ledger is hereby designated as the official newspaper and the Daily Record as the alternate official newspaper in which shall be published all advertisements and notices required by law to be published on behalf of the County of Warren. This action is taken pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:23-13 and N.J.S.A. 35:1-2.2 et seq.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 07-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION IN NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Association of Counties requires official designation of voting and alternate members for each county;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby reappoint, for representation in the New Jersey Association of Counties, Richard D. Gardner as the Voting Member and Everett A. Chamberlain as the 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Voting Member and Steve Marvin as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Voting Member.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 08-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN DESIGNATING OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO INVEST AND DISBURSE FUNDS, AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES, PERMITTED INVESTMENTS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC MONIES**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of The County of Warren that, pursuant to N. J. S. A. 40A: 5-14, the annual Cash Management Plan prepared by the Chief Financial Officer of the County of Warren, is hereby approved and adopted.

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

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

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Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 09-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,245,106 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2009 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2009 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty days of January, and

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the prior year budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$99,245,106 and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2008 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and public assistance in said 2008 budget is the sum of \$26,245,106.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appropriations in the total amount of \$26,245,106 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer's Department for their records.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 10-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$4,034,863.21 TO FUND THE PERMANENT DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2009 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 20 of the year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 inclusive:

DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY OF WARREN, NJ

Principal Payment of bonds

\$ 3,205,000.00

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Interest Payment on Bonds	728,145.63
Principal Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00
Interest Payment on Notes	0.00
Green Trust Loan Payments	<u>101,717.58</u>
Total Debt Service	<u>\$ 4,034,863.21</u>

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 11-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

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

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43, Joseph J. Bell, Esq., an Attorney-at-Law of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 150 Mineral Springs Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866 was reappointed as Warren County Counsel for a three (3) year term of office commencing January 1, 2008 and until December 31, 2010.

2. The Retainer Agreement between the Board and Mr. Bell, setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation which Retainer Agreement is made a part of this resolution by reference is incorporated herein as if set forth verbatim, is hereby approved and the Freeholder Director is authorized to execute said Retainer Agreement on behalf of the Board.

3. Erik Hassing, a member of the firm of Bell & Hassing, is hereby reappointed as Warren County Assistant County Counsel.

4. Contract WC07123FO for County Counsel for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby extended to . . . Joseph J. Bell, Rockaway, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$75,000.00 as per their proposal submitted . . . December 24, 2007

5. This proposal was reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 12-09**

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On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC08108FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO BELL & HASSING FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009 AT THE RATE OF \$145.00 PER HOUR**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC08108FO for Legal Services – A. Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . Bell & Hassing, Rockaway, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$145.00 per hour

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 9, 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 legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 13-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC08108FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOUSTON AND PALMER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC08108FO for Legal Services – A. Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . Houston and Palmer, Hackettstown, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$125.00 per hour

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 9, 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 legal services under the direction of the Warren County

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Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 14-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC08108FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – B. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO FLORIO PERRUCCI STEINHARDT & FADER, L.L.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009 AT THE RATES OF \$145.00 PER HOUR OR \$165.00 PER HOUR DEPENDENT UPON ATTORNEY ASSIGNED**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC08108FO for Legal Services – B. Special Counsel for Labor Related Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Fader, L.L.C., Phillipsburg, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$145.00 per hour or \$165.00 per hour dependent upon attorney assigned

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 9, 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 legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 15-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC08108FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – C. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO COURTER, KOBERT & COHEN, P.C.**

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**\$125.00 PER HOUR**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC08108FO for Legal Services – C. Special Counsel for Land Preservation Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . Courter, Kobert & Cohen, PC., Hackettstown, New Jersey  
 in the amount of . . . \$125.00 per hour  
 as per their proposal submitted . . . December 9, 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 legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in trust account 03895/5067 – Open Space Trust Farmland Acquisitions and 01894/5065 – Open Space Trust, Recreation and Conservation Acquisitions.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 16-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC08108FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – D. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE WARREN COUNTY ADJUSTER FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO HOUSTON AND PALMER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC08108FO for Legal Services – D. Special Counsel for Legal Services for the Warren County Department of Human Services, its Divisions and the Warren County Adjuster is hereby awarded

to . . . Houston and Palmer, Hackettstown, New Jersey  
 in the amount of . . . \$125.00 per hour  
 as per their proposal submitted . . . December 9, 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 legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget accounts 013450/5029 – TASS Contracted Services and 013570/5029 – WC Adjuster Contracted Services

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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 January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 17-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC08108FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY AND DESIGNATED AS PRIMARY LEGAL COUNSEL TO HOUSTON AND PALMER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC08108FO for Legal Services – E. Special Counsel for General Legal Services to be provided to the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County and designated as Primary Legal Counsel is hereby awarded to . . . Houston and Palmer, Hackettstown, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$125.00 per hour as per their proposal submitted . . . December 9, 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 legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget accounts 011550/5850 – County Counsel PCFA Legal Services.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 18-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC08108FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO FLORIO PERRUCCI STEINHARDT & FADER, L.L.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009 AT THE RATES OF \$145.00 PER HOUR OR \$165.00 PER HOUR DEPENDENT UPON ATTORNEY ASSIGNED**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC08108FO for Legal Services – E. Special Counsel for General Legal Services to be provided to the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren

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County for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to . . . Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Fader, L.L.C., Phillipsburg, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$145.00 per hour or \$165.00 per hour dependent upon attorney assigned as per their proposal submitted . . . December 9, 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 legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5850 – County Counsel PCFA Legal Services.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 19-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC08108FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO BRUCE A. JONES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC08108FO for Legal Services – E. Special Counsel for General Legal Services to be provided to the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to . . . Bruce A. Jones, Phillipsburg, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$125.00 per hour

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 9, 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 legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5850 – County Counsel PCFA Legal Services.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 20-09**

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On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC08108FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – F. BOND COUNSEL FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO GIBBONS P.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009 AT THE BASE FEE \$4,000.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC08108FO for Legal Services – F. Bond Counsel Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to . . . Gibbons, P.C., Newark, New Jersey in the approximate amount of . . . Base Fee \$4,000.00 plus \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of bonds issued as per their proposal submitted . . . December 9, 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 bond counsel legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds are or will be provided for this purpose upon adoption of Bond Ordinances as required by N.J.S.A.40A:-2.20.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 21-09**

On motion by Mr. DiMaio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, WITH VALCO CAPITAL LTD., SEWELL, NEW JERSEY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500.00**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for specialized financial consulting services in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds and notes by the County of Warren (the "County"), a body corporate of the State of New Jersey, including the preparation of a comprehensive plan to finance the County's multi-year capital improvement needs, negotiating ratings, terms and approvals with the financial community and the preparation of financial documents acceptable to the financial community; and

**WHEREAS**, such financial advisory services can be provided by a recognized financial consultant and the firm of VALCO Capital Ltd., Sewell, New Jersey, is so recognized by the financial community; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are appropriated for this purpose in account 0404C701-5060 and/or will be appropriated by ordinance(s) approved throughout 2008,

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

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County of Warren, New Jersey as follows:

1. The financial consulting firm of VALCO Capital Ltd., Sewell, New Jersey, is hereby retained for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, to provide financial advisory and professional services in connection with the financing of the County in accordance with the proposal dated and submitted to the County.
2. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement.
4. A copy of this resolution as well as the Contract shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.
5. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR LEDGER as required by law within ten (10) days of its adoption.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 3, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed appreciation to the large crowd for taking the time to attend. He then invited former U.S. Attorney Chris Christie to speak.

A former Freeholder and Freeholder Director in Morris County, Mr. Christie said he understood the day-to-day responsibility of the office. In the U.S. Attorney's Office, all too often we would hear about the worst in public service, but Mr. Christie has been traveling throughout the state to numerous Reorganization Meetings to witness elected officials take the Oath of Office. He said this is a time of rebirth and renewal; a reminder of what the office is supposed to be about. When you say the words in the oath, Mr. Christie said, you should mean those words. You will be making decisions on behalf of the people and must do them justice.

Today, I come to see the best of what public life has to offer, he continued. He urged the citizens to hold these men and the people that work for them, accountable. Government can work and should work if people have faith in their elected officials. Speaking to the audience, Mr. Christie said this is your government, not theirs.

Mr. Gardner then introduced Leonard Lance and invited him to say a few words. Mr. Lance said this was an emotional day for him as he had just resigned from the State Senate at noon in order to assume his new seat as Congressman. In resigning from his seat in the Legislature, he recalled his 18 years of service in Trenton and service to the people of Warren County who have been so generous. He was following in the footsteps of prior New Jersey Senators Robert B. Meyner, who later became Governor, Wayne Dumont, Jr., Robert E. Littell and Bill Schluter.

Mr. Lance reminisced how he had first been employed as a law clerk in this very Court House a generation ago. He saw in the audience, many people who have campaigned for him, signed petitions and voted for him over the years. I suppose I should say good-bye or farewell, he said. Instead, he chose to say "au revoir", which he loosely translated to "I shall see you again."

Mr. Lance received a standing ovation and departed.

Mr. DiMaio was next to speak. Although this is the ninth time I've stood here, he said, I still get a little excited. Here we are in another new year and I feel 2009 will be better than 2008. Looking back, we faced challenges due to budget CAPs imposed by the State. We began the budget process in May, much earlier than usual. We asked many of our departments to cut operating expenses by five percent and we worked together cooperatively.

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Even in these times, continued Mr. DiMaio, Warren County's financial picture is strong. This Freeholder Board believes in a pay-as-you-go philosophy. When our surplus doubled back in 2000-2001, we put that money aside. We closed Warren Acres because it made sense to pursue shared services with Morris County. This action will save the County \$1.2 million this year.

Mr. DiMaio said renovations to the Court House will begin in 2009 and we continue to make improvements to the Communications Center.

We'll come up against a lot of issues, but I have confidence in my colleagues, said Mr. DiMaio. He closed by saying, God bless you all and best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2009.

Mr. Chamberlain then took to the podium, saying, it was "great to be here". He said it will be interesting to see how the Year 2008 will historically be viewed. We saw the election a new President, historic stock market losses, the collapse of financial institutions, government bailouts and a depressed housing market. All this in the face of overregulation, tax increases and a "march toward socialism", said Mr. Chamberlain.

We can no longer do things as we have in the past. We have analyzed insurance programs, coverage and costs, Mr. Chamberlain said, and thanked Mike Grossmann, the County's Risk Manager, for identifying savings opportunities. An estimated total savings of \$550,000, encompassing health and property & casualty insurance costs are expected, said Mr. Chamberlain, but there is still much more to be accomplished. In 2009, we will negotiate with unions to enroll in the State Health Benefits Plan, similar to that of our teachers and State Troopers. This effort should result in a savings of \$1.5 million while helping us preserve jobs and comply with budget CAP requirements.

Mr. Chamberlain closed by thanking all of the County's department heads, employees and many volunteers for their service. He wished all a happy and prosperous New Year. "I look forward to continuing to serve as Freeholder," he said.

Mr. Gardner then took the opportunity to speak, thanked Mr. Christie for coming and welcomed everyone to the 2009 Reorganization Meeting of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

He publicly recognized the following dignitaries: Hunterdon County Freeholders Will Mennen and George Melick; Assembly Members Mike Doherty and Marcia Karrow; Sheriff Sal Simonetti; Surrogate Susan Dickey; former Freeholders Frank Seney, Ken Miller and Chris Maier; Deputy County Clerk Betty Wilson; Doug Steinhardt, Warren County Republican Committee Chairman and Mayor of Lopatcong Township; Melvin Warren of the NAACP; Allamuchy Mayor Robert Resker and his wife; Greenwich Mayor Elaine Emiliani; Hackettstown Mayor Mike Lavery; Liberty Township Mayor John Inscho and wife Jodee and Warren County Community College President Will Austin and his wife.

Considering the state of the State of New Jersey, we are going to be as parsimonious with your money as we possibly can, Mr. Gardner said. While not attempting to reinvent the wheel, we must fine-tune operations and pursue public-private partnerships for mutual benefit. A good example is the relationship forged last year between the County, Musconetcong Watershed Association and the Heritage Conservancy.

I have made a commitment to listen and respond to your concerns, Mr. Gardner continued. While somewhat skeptical of and disillusioned by our State Government, Mr. Gardner said he

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believes in a practical, common sense approach to governance. He thanked Assemblyman Mike Doherty and Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow for their service to the district.

Recent accomplishments include the completion of renovations to the Warren County Home, former Warden's residence and Prosecutor's Bank Building. All three projects were paid for upon completion of the work. No further indebtedness was incurred.

Next in terms of capital improvement projects will be internal renovations and external refurbishment to the Court House. Mr. Gardner said this endeavor will be completed in phases and will take several years to complete. Later in the year, we should break ground on the new building that will function as our Library Headquarters in addition to housing the Departments of Human Services, Public Health Nursing Agency and Board of Elections. Voting machine storage will also be on site.

Mr. Gardner said he was pleased with the team he had assembled back in 2005 to evaluate the County's space needs. These volunteers have spent hundreds of hours ascertaining the most fiscally prudent solutions to benefit the County taxpayers and the depth of detail required is considerable. He was grateful and mentioned each Projects Committee Member by name: Chairman Joe Houston, Richard Moore, Dave Hicks, Terry Lee, James Durburow, Jane Primerano, Laurel Napolitani, Steve Marvin, Alex Lasorisak and the late Ralph Coppersmith.

New additions are underway at Warren County Community College and Mr. Gardner expressed appreciation to President Will Austin for his commitment and dedication.

Dismayed that commerce is being "pushed out of the Garden State" with businesses trying to make advances being hampered, Mr. Gardner nonetheless said he believes in the Constitution and the protection of the rights of the individual.

Regarding finances, Mr. Gardner said he believed in 2009, we will be under our 2008 Budget. He thanked professionals and department heads for their understanding and cooperation.

An outstanding achievement in 2008 was the County's public transportation system being one of only five counties in the entire country to receive the Federal Transit Administration's Administrator's Award for Outstanding Rural Program. Transportation Coordinator JanMarie McDyer does an excellent job with the program.

In closing, Mr. Gardner thanked his wife, Janette, daughters Kristen and Stephanie and son Daniel, for their love and support. A happy, healthy and prosperous 2009 was wished to all. He extended an invitation to the crowd to join him at Top of the Green Restaurant for some socializing and refreshments.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. DiMaio, at 5:00 p.m., and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

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

**ATTESTED TO:**

**Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board**

