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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Special Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on December 2, 2009 at 9:11 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Gardner and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Richard Gardner, Freeholder Everett Chamberlain and Freeholder Angelo Accetturo. Also attending were County Labor Counsel Andrew Kinsey, Personnel Director Jerry Coyle and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Gardner.

Director Gardner read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2009 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.”**

Mr. Marvin brought to the Board's attention, a few hiring requests, two of which were critical and should be acted upon right away. The Library IT position being vacated is problematic because there is no back-up technology person on staff. There is no Civil Service List current for this particular job. Someone will have to be hired on a provisional basis. Additionally, the departing employee is also a librarian. The Library Director is going to do some research on how many certified librarians are required to be employed by a Library System the size and scope of ours.

Mr. Chamberlain asked if the position could be contracted out through the Information Systems Department. Maybe, said Mr. Marvin, but it would probably end up being just as expensive if not more so. The Library uses specific software – Dynix – which the County's IT Department has nothing to do with.

After a few more questions on other hiring requests, the Freeholders voiced no objections to Mr. Marvin's recommended course of action.

Warren County Community College President Will Austin had requested an opportunity to come in for a Budget Session to discuss Chapter 12 funding in pursuit of property in Phillipsburg. Mr. Gardner wanted to speak to Mr. Austin before scheduling the meeting. There was concern that the Chapter 12 funds would have to be guaranteed-any cost to the County taxpayer would be unacceptable. Mr. Marvin said rock solid leases would have to be in place at the site for 15 years for such a guarantee. Mr. Chamberlain was apprehensive about the very dim financial state of the State of New Jersey. If we're the bond issuer, we're obligated to pay, he said. It would be nice if we could craft an agreement so that the college is obligated to pay. Will Austin is a great president, said Mr. Chamberlain, but he could leave someday.

Mr. Accetturo asked how the bond structures differ when dealing with authorities such as the PCFA and PRMUA versus the college. Mr. Marvin said in the case of a complete financial

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collapse of the PRMUA, the bonds are backed by the County. With the County College, normally 50 percent is the responsibility of the State and the remaining 50 percent goes to the County, but W.C. Community College said they would pick up the County's cost share. Given the upheaval in the State Budget, however, who knows what could happen. Mr. Marvin thought we were in uncharted territory as far as the State is concerned.

Mr. Chamberlain did not want to deny a meeting with Mr. Austin. If he still wants to meet after the Board's position is communicated, a meeting should be entertained. Mr. Gardner agreed.

RESOLUTION 649-09

On motion by Mr. Accetturo, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, at 9:27 a.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on December 2, 2009.

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

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

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

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

(1) Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on December 2, 2009.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

On motion by Mr. Accetturo, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, the Board adjourned executive session at 11:00 a.m. and returned to open session.

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

On motion by Mr. Accetturo, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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