

MINUTES**JANUARY 2, 2010**

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Reorganization Session in Court Room #1 at 4:08 p.m. at the Warren County Court House, Belvidere, New Jersey on January 2, 2010.

After thanking everyone for coming, Freeholder Director Gardner read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2010 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.”**

The invocation was provided by Pastor Stephanie Farley of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Gardner.

The Certification of Election of Everett A. Chamberlain, Freeholder, was read by County Clerk Pat Kolb.

Mr. Chamberlain then took the Oath of Office of Freeholder administered by Joseph G. Houston, Esq. as wife, Judith, held the Bible along with their son, Chad.

The meeting was then called to order by Freeholder Director Gardner at 4:14 p.m. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Angelo Accetturo, Freeholder Everett Chamberlain and Freeholder Richard Gardner. Also attending were County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

RESOLUTION 01-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2010

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 2010.

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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

The Oath of Office of the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders was administered by Joseph G. Houston, Esq. to Richard D. Gardner as his daughter, Kristen, held the Bible.

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On motion by Mr. Accetturo, 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 January 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2010

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 2010.

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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 03-10

On motion by Mr. Accetturo, 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 2, 2010.

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:

Freeholder Everett A. Chamberlain

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

Freeholder Angelo Accetturo

W.C. Community College	Corrections Department
Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center	Housing Program
Medical Examiner	Mental Health Board
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

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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. Accetturo yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes, Mr. Gardner yes

RESOLUTION 04-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2010

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
Hardwick Township	Washington Township
Blairstown Township	
<u>District No. 2:</u>	<u>Freeholder Angelo Accetturo</u>
Liberty Township	Independence Township
Mansfield Township	Frelinghuysen Township
Allamuchy Township	Hackettstown
Hope Township	Oxford Township
<u>District No.3:</u>	<u>Freeholder Richard D. Gardner</u>
Phillipsburg	Lopatcong Township
Alpha Borough	Harmony Township
Pohatcong Township	Greenwich Township
Franklin Township	

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 05-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2010

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 2010. 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	13 at 7:00 pm R	June	23 at 7:30 pm R
January	16 at 9:00 am B	July	14 at 7:30 pm R
January	20 at 7:00 pm B	July	28 at 7:30 pm R
January	23 at 9:00 am B	August	11 at 7:30 pm R
January	27 at 7:00 pm R	August	25 at 7:30 pm R
January	30 at 9:00 am B	September	8 at 7:30 pm R
February	10 at 7:00 pm R	September	22 at 7:30 pm R
February	24 at 7:00 pm R	October	13 at 7:00 pm R
March	10 at 7:00 pm R	October	27 at 7:00 pm R
March	24 at 7:00 pm R	November	10 at 7:00 pm R
April	14 at 7:00 pm R	November	23 at 7:00 pm R*
April	28 at 7:00 pm R	December	8 at 7:00 pm R
May	12 at 7:30 pm R	December	22 at 7:00 pm R
May	26 at 7:30 pm R		
June	9 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 second meeting in November is being held on Tuesday, November 23rd instead of Wednesday, November 24th.

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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 06-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

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

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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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 07-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

**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 appoint, for representation in the New Jersey Association of Counties, Richard D. Gardner as the Voting Member and Angelo Accetturo as the 1st Alternate Voting Member and Steve Marvin as the 2nd 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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 08-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

**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 Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 09-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY
APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,909,292 THROUGH THE DATE OF**

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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 2010 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 \$98,702,063 and

WHEREAS, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2010 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and public assistance in said 2010 budget is the sum of \$25,909,292.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations in the total amount of \$25,909,292 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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 10-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$3,203,547.60 TO FUND THE PERMANENT DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2010 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, 2009; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, 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, 2010 to December 31, 2010 inclusive:

DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY OF WARREN, NJ

Principal Payment of bonds	\$ 2,500,000.00
Interest Payment on Bonds	601,830.02
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>\$ 3,203,547.60</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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 11-10

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On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH AND REAPPOINTING
JOSEPH J. BELL, ESQ., 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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 12-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0996FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A.
SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY**

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BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO BELL & HASSING FOR THE PERIOD OF
JANUARY 1, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010 AT THE RATE OF \$145.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0996FO 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 8, 2009 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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 13-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0996FO 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, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0996FO 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 8, 2009 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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0996FO 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, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010 AT THE RATES OF \$145.00 PER HOUR OR \$165.00 PER HOUR DEPENDENT UPON ATTORNEY ASSIGNED

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0996FO 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 8, 2009

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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 15-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0996FO 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. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0996FO 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 8, 2009

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

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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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 16-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0996FO 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, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0996FO 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 8, 200

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing 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.

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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 17-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0996FO 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, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

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BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0996FO 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 8, 2009 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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 18-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0996FO 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, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010 AT THE RATES OF \$145.00 PER HOUR OR \$165.00 PER HOUR DEPENDENT UPON ATTORNEY ASSIGNED

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0996FO 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 . . . 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 8, 2009 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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0996FO 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, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0996FO 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 8, 2009

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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 20-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC0996FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – F. BOND COUNSEL FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO GIBBONS P.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010 AT THE BASE FEE \$3,500.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC0996FO for Legal Services – F. Bond Counsel Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to . . . Gibbons, PC., Newark, New Jersey in the approximate amount of . . . Base Fee \$3,500.00 plus \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of bonds issued as per their proposal submitted . . . December 8, 2009

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

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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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 21-10

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Accetturo, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 2, 2010.

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 \$16,950.00

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 2010.

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

1. The financial consulting firm of VALCO Capital Ltd., Sewell, New Jersey, is hereby retained for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, 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 letter of Agreement by signing same.
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. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger, as required by law, within ten 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 2, 2010.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner welcomed everyone, acknowledging certain special guests and inviting them to say a few words.

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Congressman Scott Garrett said he always appreciates visiting Warren County; the Court House in particular due to its historic nature. He thought our founding fathers would be proud of the past and future accomplishments of this Freeholder Board. It's a shame the country and the state aren't run more like Warren County.

Assemblyman and former Warren County Freeholder John DiMaio wished the crowd a happy and healthy new year, saying he was glad to be back. These are interesting times, he said, with a new governor coming in to give balance. We're going to take on some challenges and make sacrifices. We're very excited to move forward. Mr. DiMaio agreed with Mr. Garrett's assessment that this Freeholder Board continues to do great work and the State would benefit from leadership such as this.

Assemblyman Erik Peterson also offered his best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. Along with the hope that comes with the new year, Mr. Peterson said he hoped for prosperity for our state, Warren County and all of its municipalities. If we all work together, he said, we can overcome challenges to make 2010 better than 2009 was.

Former State Senator Bill Schluter extended his congratulations and best wishes to the Board.

Warren County Surrogate Susan Dickey congratulated Mr. Chamberlain on his re-election as well as all elected officials in attendance, some of whom are beginning their first terms in elected office.

Warren County Sheriff Sal Simonetti said while he will no longer serve as Sheriff after next year, he wished the Freeholders all the best.

Others offering their good wishes for the new year included County Clerk Pat Kolb and former Freeholders Chris Maier and Ken Miller.

Mr. Gardner publicly acknowledged the presence of the following: Doug Steinhardt, Warren County Republican Committee Chairman and Mayor of Lopatcong Township; Will Austin, Warren County Community College President; Sam Race and Holly Mackey, White Township Committee Members; John Inscho, Ron Petersen and Dan Grover, Liberty Township Mayor and Committeemen respectively; Dick Mach, Blairstown Township Mayor; Linda Stettler and Howard Thompson, Belvidere Committee Members; Betty Schultheis, Allamuchy Township Committeewoman and Vic Camporine, Lopatcong Township Committeeman.

Mr. Chamberlain then stepped up to the podium to address the audience. He said it was great to be here and personally thanked the voters of Warren County for re-electing him. I take the responsibility of being a custodian of taxpayer dollars very seriously, he said, and I appreciate your faith in me.

Looking back on his accomplishments of 2009, Mr. Chamberlain said the County switched from its own self-insured healthcare plan to the State's plan, saving about \$1 million. The renovation of this Court House is underway. The plans were finalized, bids were awarded and now we're being sued over it, he said, adding that he had faith in County Counsel to resolve the matter.

One of the most significant accomplishments of the Board was the reduction of the tax levy by more than \$500,000 for the first time since 1992. Mr. Chamberlain pledged to lower it again by the same amount for 2010.

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A new location was purchased to accommodate the Northeast Branch of the County Library System which will enhance services.

The possibilities of solar energy use are currently being evaluated. Potential opportunities are being examined that we hope may reduce costs by 25-30 percent at no cost to the taxpayers.

In 2010, Mr. Chamberlain continued, our challenges are many. We expect to achieve a previously set goal of 20,000 acres of preserved farmland in 2010 which will be a landmark for the County. We will cut the tax levy again. We will continue to resolve space and facilities needs including the matter of our Library Headquarters. Our goals will be accomplished through a pay-as-we-go philosophy as we continue to reduce the County's debt.

Mr. Chamberlain said there is real hope on the horizon. He was optimistic that the new governor would inject some good old fashioned common sense back into government. We have to get our priorities straight across the country.

In conclusion, Mr. Chamberlain said we should remember those less fortunate than ourselves. We should especially take time to appreciate men and women in harm's way, serving in the military.

Mr. Accetturo then addressed the audience and wished a Happy New Year to all. This time a year ago, he said, I was in the audience getting ready to serve Oxford for another year. I never thought I would be up here alongside Everett Chamberlain and Rick Gardner, following in the footsteps of John DiMaio. I'm honored to be here, he said. The Year 2009 brought a chain of events that was interesting and unexpected. He thanked his wife, Carrie, for her support, saying he couldn't have done it without her. He also expressed appreciation to others who helped him along the way.

The staff and workers of Warren County are some of the best, said Mr. Accetturo. It has been great working with these professionals. Their wisdom and decision making skills are impressive. Other counties were not prepared for the economic downturn, but Warren County is poised to move forward.

Mr. Accetturo said he was also impressed with the County's volunteerism. From emergency services to aid for domestic abuse victims to various committees, particularly the Projects Committee, we owe a debt of gratitude. He recently recognized a husband and wife for having delivered meals at Home for 25 years. Our strength lies in our belief in helping our neighbors, said Mr. Accetturo.

Mr. Gardner then took to the podium and said a lot of what we do is for our youngsters. What kind of legacy are we going to leave? We need to preserve our way of life. He echoed Mr. Accetturo's sentiments regarding volunteerism. This county is so blessed, he said. Our committees and commissions are moving ahead in service to our citizenry.

We took advantage of a great opportunity to acquire new property for the Northeast Library Branch. The larger space will enhance the educational benefits for our public.

We're pursuing shared services with our municipalities.

Mr. Gardner complimented Supervisor of Roads Tom Kitchen and Public Safety Director Dave Gallant for going after things in the right manner.

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The public should be proud of where we are, said Mr. Gardner. Warren is the least indebted county in the state.

Saying he has been fielding a lot of questions regarding the Library Headquarters, Mr. Gardner said this is going to be addressed; but if we can save millions of dollars, we must examine different options.

We have to stay in a conservative state of mind, Mr. Gardner said. There are still challenges out there.

In closing, Mr. Gardner thanked everyone for coming, wished the crowd a happy, healthy and prosperous new year and invited all to join him at Apple Mountain Golf & Country Club after the meeting for refreshments and mingling. He also thanked Pastor Stephanie Farley, who then conducted the benediction.

On motion by Mr. Accetturo, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, at 4:49 p.m., and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board