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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Reorganization Session in Court Room #1 at 4:05 p.m. at the Warren County Court House, Belvidere, New Jersey on January 1, 2011.

After leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, Freeholder Director Gardner read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF JANUARY 1, 2011 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 Betty Schultheis, Allamuchy Township Committeewoman.

The Certification of Election of Jason J. Sarnoski, Freeholder, was read by County Clerk Pat Kolb.

Accompanied by his wife, Tammi, and their children, Jason and Skyler, Jason J. Sarnoski then took the Oath of Office of Freeholder administered by Senator Michael J. Doherty.

The meeting was then called to order by Freeholder Director Gardner at 4:10 p.m. Upon roll call, the following members were present, Freeholder Jason Sarnoski, Freeholder Everett Chamberlain and Freeholder Richard Gardner. Also attending were County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

RESOLUTION 1-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING EVERETT A. CHAMBERLAIN AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2011

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Everett A. Chamberlain is appointed Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2011.

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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

The Oath of Office of the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders was administered by Joseph G. Houston, Esq. to Everett A. Chamberlain as his wife, Judith, held the Bible and son, Chad, looked on.

The Oath of Office of the Warren County Sheriff was administered to David P. Gallant by the Honorable Yolanda Ciccone, A.J.S.C. Mr. Gallant was joined by his wife, Dawn, son Michael and daughter Nicole.

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Sheriff Gallant said he was grateful to the citizens of Warren County for this opportunity to serve and will do so to the best of his ability. He said he was humbled by the honor, does not take it lightly and eagerly accepts the challenge.

Mr. Gallant thanked his supporters, friends, colleagues and most importantly, his family. He said he and his wife, Dawn, make quite a team and he could not have done this without her. The new Sheriff expressed appreciation to all those in attendance for coming, including public officials from Senator Doherty on down.

He looks forward to working with the Freeholders as renovations continue at the Court House while ensuring a safe and secure environment. The plans include relocation of the Sheriff's Office as well.

Sheriff Gallant recognized his newly appointed Undersheriff and former colleague from the State Police, Ken McCarthy. "I assure you he's going to be a great asset in the leadership of the future Sheriff's Office," said Mr. Gallant.

Lastly, Mr. Gallant thanked outgoing Sheriff Sal Simonetti for being a true gentleman and asset during this transition. He wished him well in his retirement.

Judge Ciccone then administered the Oath of Office of Warren County Surrogate to Kevin M. O'Neill as his wife, Lenee, held the Bible.

Mr. O'Neill wished everyone a happy and prosperous new year and congratulated Mr. Gallant and Mr. Sarnoski. We begin anew, he said, and pledged that he would be ever ready and willing to perform the duties of Surrogate with the utmost care and compassion.

RESOLUTION 2-11

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD D. GARDNER AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2011

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Richard D. Gardner is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2011.

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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 3-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO APPOINT SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS BOARD OR

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**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

Board of Elections	Prosecutor
Board of Taxation	Public Safety
Corrections Department	Public Works
County Adjuster	Sheriff's Office
Dept. of Human Services	Solid Waste
Health Services	Surrogate
Planning Board	

Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center	Superintendent of Schools
Fire Chiefs Association	Transportation Committee
Housing Program	Trustee-Warren County Legal Services
Mental Health Board	War Veterans
Mosquito Commission	Warren County Community College
N.J.A.C. 1 st Alternate	W.I.B. (Workforce Investment Board)
North Jersey Trans. Planning Authority	of Morris/Sussex/Warren
Police Chiefs Association	

Freeholder Richard D. Gardner

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

ALL THREE FREEHOLDERS

Freeholders' Office
Personnel Division
CFO/Treasurer's Office
Purchasing Department
County Counsel
Information Systems
Department of Public Information
Planning Department

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Boards of School Estimate

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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 4-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2011

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 Jason J. Sarnoski</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

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

RESOLUTION 5-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2011

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 2011. 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:

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January	5 at 7:00 pm B	June	8 at 7:30 pm R
January	8 at 9:00 am B	June	22 at 7:30 pm R
January	12 at 7:00 pm R	July	13 at 7:30 pm R
January	15 at 9:00 am B	July	27 at 7:30 pm R
January	19 at 7:00 pm B	August	10 at 7:30 pm R
January	22 at 9:00 am B	August	24 at 7:30 pm R
January	26 at 7:00 pm R	September	14 at 7:30 pm R
February	9 at 7:00 pm R	September	28 at 7:30 pm R
February	23 at 7:00 pm R	October	12 at 7:00 pm R
March	9 at 7:00 pm R	October	26 at 7:00 pm R
March	23 at 7:00 pm R	November	9 at 7:00 pm R
April	13 at 7:00 pm R	November	22 at 7:00 pm R*
April	27 at 7:00 pm R	December	14 at 7:00 pm R
May	11 at 7:30 pm R	December	28 at 7:00 pm R
May	25 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 22nd instead of Wednesday, November 23rd.

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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 6-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 7-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION IN NEW JERSEY

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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 Jason J. Sarnoski 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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 8-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

**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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 9-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY
APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,922,347 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION
OF THE 2011 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 2011 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 \$102,561,322 and

WHEREAS, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2011 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and public assistance in said 2011 budget is the sum of \$26,922,347.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations in the total amount of \$26,922,347 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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 10-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$2,934,505.68 TO FUND THE PERMANENT DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2011 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, 2010; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, 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, 2011 to December 31, 2011 inclusive:

DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY OF WARREN, NJ

Principal Payment of bonds	\$ 2,165,000.00
Interest Payment on Bonds	667,788.08
Principal Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00
Interest Payment on Notes	0.00

Green Trust Loan Payments **101,717.60**

Total Debt Service **\$ 2,934,505.68**

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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 11-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH AND REAPPOINTING JOSEPH J. BELL, ESQ., COUNTY COUNSEL AND REAPPOINTING PATRICIA MELIA 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 is reappointed as Warren County Counsel for a three (3) year term of office commencing January 1, 2011 and until December 31, 2013.
2. The Retainer Agreement between the Board and Mr. Bell, setting forth the terms and

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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. Patricia Melia, a member of the firm of The Bell Law Group PC is hereby reappointed as Warren County Assistant County Counsel.

4. Contract WC10110FO 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 . . . \$70,000.00
as per their proposal submitted . . . December 2, 2010

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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 12-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC10109FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE BELL LAW GROUP FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011 AT THE RATE OF \$145.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC10109FO for Legal Services – A. Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to . . . the Bell Law Group, P.C., Rockaway, New Jersey
in the amount of . . . \$145.00 per hour
as per their proposal submitted . . . December 2, 2010

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

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 13-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC10109FO 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, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC10909FO 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 2, 2010

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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 14-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC10109FO 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, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011 AT THE RATES OF \$145.00 PER HOUR OR \$165.00 PER HOUR DEPENDENT UPON ATTORNEY ASSIGNED

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC10109FO 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 2, 2010

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest

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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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 15-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC10109FO 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, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC10109FO 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 2, 2010

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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 16-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC10109FO 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, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011 AT THE RATE OF

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BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC10109FO 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 2, 2010

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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 17-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC10109FO 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, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC10109FO 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 2, 2010

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

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Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 18-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC10109FO 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, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011 AT THE RATES OF \$145.00 PER HOUR OR \$165.00 PER HOUR DEPENDENT UPON ATTORNEY ASSIGNED

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC10109FO 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 2, 2010 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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 19-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC10109FO 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, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC10109FO 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 2, 2010

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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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 20-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC10109FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – F. BOND COUNSEL FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO GIBBONS, P.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011 AT THE BASE FEE \$3,500.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC10109FO 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 2, 2010

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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 21-11

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2011.

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”,

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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 2011,

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, 2011 through December 31, 2011, 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 1, 2011.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

The Freeholders then presented a plaque to Angelo Accetturo in recognition of his tenure as Freeholder. Mr. Chamberlain said it is very fitting to present this memento to our colleague. This is not an easy job and difficult decisions must be made. Mr. Accetturo brought a lot of expertise to the Board, having served on Oxford Township Committee for many years and also as a businessman. We appreciate his service, said Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. Accetturo responded by saying it was his pleasure to serve the residents of Warren County. My term was short, he said, but I made decisions that I'm proud of. He thanked his wife for all of her support.

Mr. Accetturo said he has made a new friend in Jason Sarnoski who he thought was going to do an excellent job as Freeholder. Today is his day as well as that of Kevin O'Neill and Dave Gallant as the new leadership of Warren County. He thanked everyone and wished a Happy New Year to all.

Mr. Sarnoski then took the podium. He thanked everyone for coming with special thanks to his fantastic wife without whom he could not have made a successful bid for Freeholder and his beautiful children. To his family, friends and supporters, he said: we worked hard and you put faith in my vision. He thanked Senator Doherty for swearing him in noting that he was one of the first people from whom he sought counsel. Mr. Sarnoski recognized Betty Schultheis as a trusted friend and guide.

He also expressed appreciation to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, County employees and Angelo Accetturo. Characterizing Mr. Accetturo as quite a gentleman whose main concern

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was the health of the County, Mr. Sarnoski thanked him for ensuring a smooth transition of power.

Mr. Sarnoski also took a moment to acknowledge the recent passing of Ron Reese, a good friend and supporter. He hoped to live up to the high expectations Ron had of him.

One of the things Mr. Sarnoski hoped to accomplish was to help strengthen the power of citizens to shape their own community and to achieve prosperity they work so hard to earn. People should have a greater say in how public money is spent and the power to vote on the debt their governments take on. The success of citizens of Warren County translates into the prosperity of all of Warren County. Mr. Sarnoski said this is why he will work hard on economic development and job opportunities.

This Freeholder Board prides itself on fiscal conservatism and Mr. Sarnoski said he planned to continue this tradition. He pledged to utilize his experience as an engineer to make sure we're doing the right things for the right reasons and move forward with directions and goals for the benefit of all.

In three years, Mr. Sarnoski said, whether I am able to accomplish any or all of the aforementioned and whether or not I am still an elected official, "The one power that is entirely in my hands is to be there for you." He pledged to attend as many meetings as he could as often as he could. "I will pick up the phone whenever it rings and I will reply to your letters for help with whatever help I can give." In conclusion, he said, "Thank you for allowing me to serve you."

Next to speak was Mr. Gardner. He said 2011 is not unlike last year; things are tough to a lot of folks out there. In a time of economic woes, it is important for any government entity to react appropriately and this Board has. We will continue with our pay-as-you-go philosophy, keep things conservative, yet still accomplish what we need to.

He hailed Assignment Judge Ciccone as a shining example of the spirit of cooperation. "This is our number one building in the County," he said and was pleased to say renovations are running on track. The west wing of the Court House should be done by March of this year. Thanks are due to many for their collaborative efforts including the County Projects Committee headed by Joe Houston. We have that spirit of cooperation in Warren County. The center phase of the renovations will be toughest and we hope to embark on that in about a year to 18 months. He concluded by wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Senator Doherty was then invited to speak. He congratulated Mr. Chamberlain on his directorship, Mr. Gardner as Deputy Director and Mr. Sarnoski as the newest Freeholder. Noting he himself had been sworn in as Freeholder ten years ago today, Mr. Doherty said things have progressed rapidly. Now, a completely different team is in place. The three individuals being sworn in today got out there and met the voters to listen to what their concerns were. Mr. Doherty was confident that the people who put these gentlemen in office are going to be well served.

We are in different times now than we were ten years ago. People are tightening their belts and have real financial concerns. The Warren County Freeholders have been careful with money and have trimmed debt. Senator Doherty said he believes we will have better days in the future, but we're prepared for the lean times we are now experiencing. Regarding positive action in Trenton over the past year, Mr. Doherty was pleased with the two percent property tax cap; public employees now contribute 1.5% of their salaries toward their health benefits and an arbitration cap of two percent is now in place. There are a lot of positive developments in New Jersey moving forward, according to Senator Doherty.

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With a nod to the outgoing officials, Senator Doherty said we have been well served by Sal Simonetti, Susan Dickey and Angelo Accetturo. In closing, he wished everyone a happy, healthy Year 2011.

Aside from the legislation already mentioned by Senator Doherty, Assemblyman John DiMaio characterized the State as being kind of helpless. The State of New Jersey should look to Warren County Government as a model of how to efficiently operate. This County has cut the tax levy. If New Jersey Government had done anywhere near the work that's been done in Warren County, it wouldn't be in its current condition. Mr. DiMaio was thankful that Governor Christie is now in office. He looked forward to continuing to work with Senator Doherty and Assemblyman Erik Peterson.

Mr. DiMaio noted that Sal Simonetti was his own running mate back in 2001 and personally thanked the outgoing Sheriff for all the work he has done for Warren County. He also expressed thanks to Mr. Accetturo for his service, wished Mr. Sarnoski good luck and hoped everyone would have a great new year.

Assemblyman Erik Peterson also wished the crowd a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. He said we are witnessing a smooth, peaceful transition of power and this is something that we take for granted in the country. The names of David Gallant, Kevin O'Neill and Jason Sarnoski will now be inscribed in history. When we look back over the years what really matters is how history views what we have done. The new year is a time of hope. It is our hope that history will reflect favorably on these gentlemen for their achievements and that they will be remembered as honorable and hard-working.

Next to speak was Everett Chamberlain. He asked all the mayors and committee members in attendance to stand and be recognized and welcomed all three gentlemen newly sworn in and looked forward to working with them. He wished good luck to Mr. Simonetti in his retirement. Mr. Chamberlain also took a moment to thank our troops serving overseas; we hope they stay out of harm's way.

Ongoing capital projects include this Court House. The phase currently underway will yield two new Court Rooms and a Jury Assembly Area and Judge Ciccone has been great to work with. In the future, plans include reopening the front entrance to this grand building and restoring its façade. The new Northeast Branch of the Warren County Library will soon be finished so we look forward to having a new library facility near Hackettstown.

Mr. Chamberlain said this Freeholder Board has cut the tax levy for the last two years and we intend to do it again. He emphasized this is the tax levy – what citizens actually pay in taxes as opposed to the tax rate. This is not only very positive for the people of Warren County, but is historic.

Mr. Chamberlain concluded his remarks by thanking everyone for coming, recognizing County Clerk Pat Kolb for her service and joined his colleagues in wishing everyone a happy, prosperous and healthy new year.

Mr. Sarnoski invited all in attendance to come celebrate at a reception being held at the Belvidere Manor immediately following the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, at 4:50 p.m., and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board