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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Regular Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on March 28, 2012 at 7:02 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Chamberlain and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Everett Chamberlain, Freeholder Richard Gardner and Freeholder Jason Sarnoski. Also attending were County Engineer Dave Hicks, CFO Charles Houck, County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Chamberlain.

Director Chamberlain read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2012 WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR-LEDGER, AND DAILY RECORD AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.”**

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the Minutes of the Regular Session held on March 14, 2012 were approved.

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

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Minutes of the Executive Session held on March 14, 2012 were approved.

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

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, **PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY TAX LEVY LIMITS** was opened at 7:05 p.m.

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

County CFO Charles Houck explained that this is done every year; it allows us to bank the additional one percent County tax levy we are authorized to raise under the statute. It gives us the flexibility in future years and if we do not take this action, it actually harms us.

There were no comments from the public.

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, **PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY TAX LEVY LIMITS** was closed at 7:07 p.m.

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

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On motion by Mr. Sarnoski , seconded by Mr. Gardner, **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 COUNTY OF WARREN ANNUAL BUDGET** was opened at 7:08 p.m..

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

Susan Cullen of Independence Township inquired about the six cent Open Space Tax. She asked if the Board had considered a moratorium on collecting it temporarily. Mr. Chamberlain said six cents is in the current budget. While eliminating it was not considered, the Board did discuss a reduction. Mr. Chamberlain's opinion was that this is one tax that the public had an opportunity to vote on and any change should come from a public vote.

Mr. Gardner agreed with Mr. Chamberlain, noting that the public voted in favor of Open Space three separate times. He thought an analysis and true assessment had to be done. He didn't think it was wise to get too much land off the tax rolls and other issues to consider included the impact on businesses and what lands are smart to preserve.

Mr. Sarnoski said he agreed somewhat with both of his colleagues. He did think it was time to put the issue back on the ballot to lower the Open Space Tax permanently to provide some relief, but he was not opposed to the idea of the Freeholders proactively lowering the rate themselves. He said we are seeing an increase in the tax rate this year due to the loss of ratables and there is quite a bit of surplus in that account.

But Mr. Sarnoski also agreed with Mr. Gardner that there needs to be a real assessment of what's out there and what future needs will be in terms of Open Space, Farmland Preservation and Historic Preservation. While it's not something to "jump into blindly", Mr. Sarnoski thought the time had come to lower that tax and the Board should put the issue on the ballot proactively without a referendum to see if the public agrees.

Mr. Gardner said another important caveat is that there is still not a permanent funding source from the State for preservation, yet the majority of the money for preservation does come from the State. Mr. Chamberlain thought an important consideration was that if the Freeholders did lower the tax and the State did not continue its funding, that would probably be the end of the program.

Ms. Cullen thought a lot of towns and townships have been "forcibly" preserved due to the Highlands Act. Mr. Chamberlain informed her that owners of property located in the Highlands are eligible to apply for Preservation funds.

Mr. Sarnoski added that the Open Space Tax cannot be completely eliminated because we are still paying some debt service on that bond and also, most Warren County municipalities still collect their own Open Space Tax.

The next member of the public to comment on the budget was Ed Smith of Asbury. He wanted clarification: he thought the Board's position was that since the County Purpose Tax is staying the same, it is not raising taxes this year. Mr. Chamberlain said the tax levy, the amount

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being collected in taxes, is the same as last year. Mr. Smith said he had read about an overall decrease in the County's ratables which translates to a tax rate increase.

Mr. Chamberlain said a former Freeholder – Mr. Smith's employer, Michael Doherty, used the County surplus for several years to reduce the tax rate. With Warren County having lost about \$900 million in ratables mainly due to decrease assessments, the tax rate will increase, but the tax levy stays the same. Mr. Chamberlain said he thought it was more important for the tax levy to stay the same because we're not growing government.

Mr. Smith said, "If my tax bill is going up, then as far as I'm concerned, you're raising my taxes and apparently (the Freeholders) have not been able to control costs consistent with the decreasing ratables." Mr. Smith was critical of the Board's decision to fund building projects in this economic climate, citing a building purchase in December. Mr. Smith objected to his taxes going up and requested the Board go back and trim some more out of the current budget.

Mr. Chamberlain said the reason the two buildings were purchased in December was because it was an opportunity to take advantage of reduced property values and acquire a very good buy for the County. The action resolves the Library Headquarters situation, having been in an insufficient "temporary" location since 1973 and other issues. The Board received a multitude of letters requesting action on the Library Headquarters matter. Mr. Chamberlain said the purchase was a very efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

Some debate followed regarding assessed values, the tax rate and ratables. Mr. Smith reproached the Board for being unable to control costs relative to the reduction in the value of properties though most of his remarks were directed to Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. Chamberlain said among other things, he wanted to cut \$400,000 out of the Prosecutor's budget, but the other two Freeholders did not agree. "It's not my budget, Mr. Smith; it's a Board budget," said Mr. Chamberlain.

No other members of the public came forward to comment.

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 COUNTY OF WARREN ANNUAL BUDGET** was closed at 7:23 p.m.

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

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, **PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE 2012-A** was opened 7:23 p.m.

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

There were no public comments.

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, **PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE 2012-A** was closed at 7:24 p.m.

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

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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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2012-11 and 2012-12, dated March 28, 2012,** in the amount of **\$3,092,886.00** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2012-11	3/21/12	\$	907,345.67	
2012-12	3/28/12		719,210.63	
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TOTAL		\$		1,626,556.30

Payroll	3/22/12	\$	1,466,129.70	
Subsistence	3/22/12		200.00	
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TOTAL				<u>1,466,329.70</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$		<u><u>3,092,886.00</u></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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 160-12

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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX LEVY CAP TO BE APPLIED TO THE 2012 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the County has introduced its 2012 County Budget which is scheduled for adoption by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders on March 28, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the County's Budget has to be reviewed and approved by the Division of Local Government Services within the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Division has reviewed the County's Budget, has determined that the 1977 and 2010 maximum allowable amount to be raised by taxation is the same and is

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requiring that the County signify adoption of a tax levy cap by Resolution of its Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

WHEREAS, a careful review of the New Jersey Local Budget Law which governs the formulation, approval and adoption of a County Budget, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45a(1) requires that the amount to be raised by taxation in the case of a County shall not exceed the amounts permitted under the 1977 Tax Levy Cap Law; and

WHEREAS, based upon a review of the Local Budget Law provisions, the County Counsel and County Chief Financial Officer believe that the law requires the County to adhere to the tax cap levy provisions established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.4 and 40A:4-45.45;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the County does hereby adopt the 1977 tax levy cap provisions provided for in the aforementioned statutes and that said provisions shall govern the enactment and enforcement of Warren County's 2012 Budget.

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION161-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

**RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY TAX LEVY LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH
A CAP BANK AS PER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a county shall limit any increase in its county tax levy to 2.5% unless authorized by resolution to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's county tax levy, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a county may, when authorized by resolution, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual county tax levy and the 3.5% percentage rate , subject to certain exceptions, as an exception to its final county tax levies in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2012 budget by up to 3.5%, subject to certain exceptions, over the previous year's final county tax levy, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby determines that a one percent increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ **492,127** in excess of the increase in final county tax levy otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

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WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not levied as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final county tax levy in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2012 budget year, the budget of the County of Warren shall, in accordance with this resolution and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by one percent, amounting to \$ **492,127**, and that the CY 2012 county budget for the County of Warren be approved and adopted in accordance with this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not levied as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final county tax levy in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such 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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 162-12

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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2012 COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 AND THAT THE BUDGET SHALL BE READ BY ITS TITLE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8. provides that the county budget may be read by its title at the public hearing if, at least one week prior to the date of the hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget is available for public inspection in each free municipal and county public library and the public officer delegated the responsibility for delivering copies of the approved budget to such libraries provides to the governing body an attestation that each such delivery was made, and copies are made available to each person requesting the same, during said week and during the public hearing; and

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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8. also provides that the governing body shall, by resolution passed by not less than a majority of the full membership, determine that the budget shall be read by its title and declare that the conditions set forth above have been met; and

WHEREAS, the public officer delegated the responsibility for delivering copies of the approved budget to such libraries has provided to the governing body an attestation that each such delivery was made, and copies were available to each person requesting the same, during said week and during the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby declare that the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 subsections 1.a and 1.b have been met; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by virtue of the fact that the prerequisite conditions have been met, the budget shall be read by its title.

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 163-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the budget herein set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$66,900,786.00 dollars for the county to be raised by taxation and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues	
Surplus Anticipated 40003-10	\$ 8,318,239.09
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated 40004-10	\$ 30,748,569.00
Receipts for Delinquent Taxes 41419-10	0.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR COUNTY PURPOSES (Item 6, Sheet 9) 41417-10	<u>\$ 66,900,786.00</u>
Total General Revenues 40000-10	<u>\$105,967,594.09</u>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

3. General Appropriations	
(a&b) Operations Including Contingent	\$ 89,989,152.00
(c) Capital Improvements	\$ 5,130,732.00

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(d) County Debt Service	\$ 2,932,100.09
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures-County	\$7,915,610.00
(f) Judgements	\$ 0.00
(g) Cash Deficit	\$ 0.00
Total General Appropriations	<u>\$ 105,967,594.09</u>

It is hereby certified that this summary is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders on the 28th day of March, 2012. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2012 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Sarnoski said he was going to make the same comment he had made repeatedly throughout the whole budget process which was his concern about sustainability. To balance the budget, \$1.3 million was taken from the Medical Surplus account which is declining and cuts to make up for that have not been made elsewhere. While there has been discussion on the problems with declining revenues in Warren Haven and Public Health Nursing, we have taken no action. Mr. Sarnoski said this is something that's been put off by many Freeholder Boards; declining reimbursement rates of Medicare and Medicaid have been a problem since 2001.

Regarding the widening budget gap with Warren Haven, Mr. Sarnoski said we talked about it last August. We talked about it in January when Warren Haven Administration made a presentation to us with suggestions. I brought it up again in February when we were finalizing the budget and yet, we still have not made decisions. "Unless I see some decisions, I don't feel comfortable supporting a budget that does not address the future," Mr. Sarnoski said.

As President of NJAC (New Jersey Association of Counties), Mr. Gardner said discussions there indicate that the Legislature wants it both ways: there may be a potential of a dedicated tax for counties that operate public nursing homes, but the Legislature will not allow it to be put up for referendum. Mr. Gardner said we've always prided ourselves on taking care of our own, but he felt the State was relinquishing its responsibility by reducing Medicaid reimbursements. "I think we will have to have discussion in some manner in the coming months on certain facets of it," Mr. Gardner said.

Mr. Sarnoski said he agreed, but that it cannot be put off any longer. We do have a 5-6¢ rate increase. We lost ratables. This fund won't be there forever and attrition won't do it. If this is not addressed now, we will be faced with major service cuts that will hurt our seniors.

Mr. Sarnoski identified Warren Haven and Public Health Nursing as the operations requiring action in order to maintain sustainability. They came to us with ideas about privatization

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and it is up to us to make some decisions. Any changes will take months and months to implement.

Mr. Chamberlain talked about an article he had read about a company that evaluates all the options and makes recommendations. One thing that privatization may not address is how many administrators to lay off.

Mr. Chamberlain was bothered by laws not allowing increased privatization in jails, but seniors who have worked all their lives are not being provided for. Mr. Gardner said seniors who have paid their taxes all along; now we're talking about giving them the boot?

Mr. Sarnoski said he wasn't talking about giving anyone the boot. "I want to make sure that they can stay in Warren Haven or have the best facilities we can provide," he said. He thought if we continue in our current direction, we're not going to be able to provide those services. We've already seen that with our nutrition and transportation programs that have been cut due to lack of funding.

Mr. Gardner said before we make a move, we want to research it out thoroughly. The last thing we want is a decline in the quality of care, but he agreed that sustainability was significant. Mr. Sarnoski reiterated his position that the Board should not delay in taking action. If Mr. Chamberlain knows of a company to consult on the matter, that's fine. Mr. Sarnoski said he supported the budget last year even though he foresaw the decline in rates. Until there is a commitment to take action, he felt "we're leaving something on the table". Mr. Chamberlain said he would have liked to have cut a lot more and keep the tax rate where it was.

RESOLUTION 164-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2012 BUDGET FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY AND
ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR THE USE OF THE WARREN
COUNTY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Warren County Public Library budget herein set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$4,292,636.00 dollars for the county to be raised by taxation and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

General Revenues

Surplus Appropriated	\$ 613,397.00
State Aid	\$ 33,000.00

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Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	\$ 37,500.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	<u>\$ 4,292,636.00</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$ 4,976,533.00</u>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

General Appropriations	
Operations Including Contingent	\$ 4,663,533.00
Capital Improvements	<u>\$ 313,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 4,976,533.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33-9, the sum of \$4,292,636.00 is hereby authorized to be raised by taxation for the use of the Warren County Free Public Library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby instructed to notify the Warren County Board of Taxation of this action.

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Regarding the Library, which has its own tax, Mr. Gardner said this is a service that is being used by the public more and more. The increasing numbers justify the need for a new Headquarters. Usage is up at all branches with the new Northeast Branch growing the fastest. Mr. Gardner predicted usage of Headquarters would jump exponentially once in its new and more accessible location. This is a building that was already there and the County got "a real good deal on it," Mr. Gardner said. Mr. Chamberlain said library patrons represent a very broad spectrum of people in this county. In terms of positive comments, Mr. Chamberlain thought he had received more positive feedback from the public regarding this purchase than "anything else we've done in the County ... I think it's going to be a real asset to the County," said Mr. Chamberlain. Mr. Sarnoski agreed.

RESOLUTION 165-12

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 March 28, 2012.

ORDINANCE 2012-A - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$5,662,732 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

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Section 1. The capital improvements described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance are hereby authorized as General Improvements to be made by the County of Warren, New Jersey. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$5,662,732 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2(A).

Section 2(A). The improvements hereby authorized and the proposed appropriations are for the following purposes:

(1)	Road Resurfacing Improvements	\$ 1,176,100
(2)	Road and Drainage Improvements	\$ 1,500,000
	Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county roads and intersections.	
(3)	Bridge and Culvert Improvements	\$ 1,380,000
	Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county bridges and culverts	
(4)	Equipment and Furnishings	\$ 673,827
	Acquisition of office, communications, safety & security, maintenance equipment, furniture & furnishings, and computer hardware and software	
(5)	Buildings & Grounds Improvements	\$ 388,000
	Design, construct or renovate and improve various county facilities	
(6)	Specialty Vehicles and Maintenance and Construction Equipment	\$ 544,805
	Trucks, snowplows, sanders, tractors, mowers, and maintenance and heavy construction equipment	
(7)	Building and Land Acquisitions	\$ <u>0</u>
	Total appropriations	\$ <u>5,662,732</u>

Section 2(B). The maximum amount of money to be appropriated for said purposes is \$ 5,662,732, no part of which is to be borrowed.

Section 3. The said purpose(s) described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance are not Current Expenses and can be funded by the issuance of bonds if they were not being permanently funded by capital funds on hand.

Section 4. These appropriations are made as a result of the need to improve existing county infrastructure and facilities.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be published, together with a Notice of Introduction thereof and of the Date of Final Passage in the manner provided by law. Final Passage is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM., in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey or at such other date and time to which it may be adjourned.

Section 6. At least one (1) week prior to the date set for Final Passage of this Ordinance, there shall be posted on the bulletin board of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, a copy of this Ordinance and a notice that copies of same will be made available upon request during the ensuing week up to and including the date set for final passage and the notice shall set forth the place at which such copies may be made available; and

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Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage as provided herein.

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, Capital Improvement 2012-A was introduced on the first reading by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2012:

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 102-12 ON FIRST READING DATED: February 22, 2012

Recorded Vote: Freeholder Director Chamberlain yes, Deputy Director Gardner yes, Freeholder Sarnoski yes

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner said this portion of the budget was trimmed significantly with guidance from County Engineer Dave Hicks. Yet, we have to be careful not to “get behind the eight ball”, Mr. Gardner said. He thought a reasonably good balance was struck between cutting costs and not putting us in a bad situation.

Mr. Chamberlain said the County’s roads and bridges are very well maintained; he receives many comments regarding our excellent road system. We continue repairs and purchase equipment as needed.

RESOLUTION 166-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

INSERTION INTO THE 2012 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$358,941.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES, PASP

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2012 in the sum of \$ 358,941.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services, PASP

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 358,941.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

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State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services, PASP (administered by Human Services).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Disability Services.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 167-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

INSERTION INTO THE 2012 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,589.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES, SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2012 in the sum of \$ 84,589.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Youth & Family Services, Social Services for the Homeless.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 84,589.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Youth & Family Services, Social Services for the Homeless (administered by the Human Services Dept.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Youth & Family Services.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 168-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

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**INSERTION INTO THE 2012 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$160,305.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM &
DRUG ABUSE, MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2012 in the sum of \$ 160,305.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Governor's Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse, Municipal Alliance Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 160,305.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

"UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES"
State of New Jersey, Governor's Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse, Municipal Alliance Grant (administered by the Human Services Dept.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Governor's Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse.

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 169-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

**INSERTION INTO THE 2012 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$26,682.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES,
ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES, APS GRANT #12AOWC**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2012 in the sum of \$ 26,682.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families, Adult Protective Services, APS Grant #12AOWC

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 26,682.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families, Adult Protective Services, APS Grant #12AOWC (administered by the Human Services Dept.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families.

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 170-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

INSERTION INTO THE 2012 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$410,208.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING & COMMUNITY SERVICES, AREA PLAN GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2012 in the sum of \$ 410,208.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Division of Aging & Community Services, Area Plan Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 410,208.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Division of Aging & Community Services, Area Plan Grant Program (administered by Aging).

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

MINUTES**MARCH 28, 2012****RESOLUTION 171-12**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

INSERTION INTO THE 2012 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$246,214.47 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, HOMELAND SECURITY FY12 HSGP

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2012 in the sum of \$ 246,214.47, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of State Police, Homeland Security

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 246,214.47 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of State Police, Homeland Security (administered by the Public Safety Dept.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety.

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 172-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

INSERTION INTO THE 2012 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST, MORRIS CANAL INCLINED PLANE #10 WEST

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

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WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2012 in the sum of \$ 45,000.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, New Jersey Historic Trust, Morris Canal Inclined Plane #10 West.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 45,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, New Jersey Historic Trust, Morris Canal Inclined Plane #10 West (Administered by the Planning Dept.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, New Jersey Historic Trust.

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 173-12

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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

WHEREAS, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), a key component of the Citizen Corps program created by FEMA in 2003, has been adopted by the New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management as a premier part of their Community Preparedness and Participation Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Warren County has established municipal CERT Teams in Phillipsburg, Washington Township, White Township and North Warren (Blairstown, Hardwick and Frelinghuysen) to enhance regional capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, in a large scale event, response agencies may be called upon to respond to and support regional operations outside of their local jurisdictions, thus necessitating the establishment of a county CERT Team that will be coordinated and supervised by the Office of Emergency Management in the County of Warren; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County of Warren to participate in this initiative and establish a county CERT Team;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby directs the County Emergency Management Coordinator and County CERT Coordinator to establish the Warren County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

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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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 174-12

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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON THE BERTHOLF FARM, BLOCK 47, LOT 16 & BLOCK 48, LOT 24 IN KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 57.3 ACRES

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that the property known as the Bertholf Farm, located on Block 47 Lot 16 and Block 48 Lot 24, in Knowlton Township, consisting of approximately 57.3 acres, has available for purchase a development easement in accordance with the requirements of the farmland preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, final approval for the purchase of development rights on this farm has been granted by the Warren County Agricultural Development Board and preliminary approval of the purchase by the SADC is dependent upon that approval and the approval of this Board; and

WHEREAS, the property is part of the approved Warren County Planning Incentive Grant application and is funded by the Warren County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the property is part of the Northwest Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the development easement on the property will encourage the survivability of the productive agriculture in Knowlton Township and Warren County.

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

1. The Board hereby grants permission for the purchase of the development easement on the above described property based on an easement value of \$4,600 per acre as certified by the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC). Cost to be shared with the SADC as follows: SADC \$3,160 per acre, Warren County \$720 per acre, Knowlton Township \$720 per acre.
2. This approval includes the following conditions
 - a. No existing dwellings on premises
 - b. No existing agricultural labor housing units on premises or in exception areas
 - c. Stone Spring House on premises
 - d. Exceptions
 - 1) One Non-Severable Exception of two acres that includes one existing rented single family residence, barn, house, wagon, shed, small cook house and two-person outhouse; this exception area has a limitation of one residence
 - 2) One Severable Exception of two acres for future single family residence with limitation of one residence
 - e. No RDSOs allocated

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- f. No preexisting non-agricultural uses
 - g. Power Line easement on premises
 - h. No access easements or proposed trails
 - i. SADC funding from Base grant, competitive round or both
 - j. Warren County is requesting SADC funding for a 3% buffer on the acreage
3. The County's share in regard to the purchase of said easement is estimated at \$41,256. The Freeholder Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the Assignment of Deed of Easement, the Cost Share Agreement, and any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of the development easement on the above property in the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, State of New Jersey under the terms outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adequate funds in the amount of \$41,256 in account #03895-5067-8951205-5067 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 175-12

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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE THE FFY 2009 NEW FREEDOM CAPITAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH NJ TRANSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,037 (\$28,830 FEDERAL FUNDS AND \$7,208 IN COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS); SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2011, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders signed the Section 5317 FFY 2009 New Freedom capital grant agreement with NJ Transit for the amount of \$36,037 (\$28,830 federal funds and \$7,208 county matching funds); and

WHEREAS, the FFY 2009 New Freedom capital funds are available for the period March 15, 2010 through December 31, 2012 to purchase an accessible vehicle to transport disabled residents to educational and employment opportunities in the county.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that the Director of the Board is authorized to sign the FFY 2009 New Freedom capital grant MOU with NJ Transit for \$36,037 (\$28,830 federal funds and \$7,208 county matching funds); subject to availability of funds.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 176-12

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 March 28, 2012.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR \$4,312 TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING TO COUNTY WELFARE AGENCIES FOR THE 2012 LOW INCOME HEATING ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services, wishes to enter into an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for anticipated 2012 LIHEAP funding; and

WHEREAS, funding is available for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 and,

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Community Affairs has awarded Warren County a total of \$4,312 to provide administrative funding to county welfare agencies for the 2012 LIHEAP Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute the grant agreement with the NJ Department of Community Affairs for a total of \$4,312 to provide administrative funding to county welfare agencies for the 2012 LIHEAP Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons whose names and titles appear below are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Everett Chamberlain, Freeholder Director

Steve Marvin, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 177-12

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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ACCEPT FROM THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$246,214.47 AS PART OF THE ONGOING EFFORT TO PROTECT AGAINST THREATS AND ACTS OF TERRORISM

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security has made funding available through its Fiscal Year 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program to the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP), in its role as the State Administrative Agency (SAA); and

WHEREAS, the NJOHSP, under Award #2011-SS-00120-S01, has allocated funding to the County of Warren, Office of Emergency Management, in the amount of \$246,214.47 to enhance this County's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

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WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County of Warren to accept this funding;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby accepts this Award and that the Director of the Board, the Clerk, the Chief Fiscal Officer, and the County Emergency Management Coordinator are hereby authorized to sign certain documents relative to their positions in order to effectuate with the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness funding from the FFY11 Homeland Security Grant Program.

Recorded Vote:

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 178-12

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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF THE BIDDERS PRE-QUALIFICATION REGULATIONS CONCERNING WC1159 OXFORD FURNACE ENGINE HOUSE STABILIZATION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25 permits a governing body to establish reasonable regulations appropriate for controlling the qualifications of prospective bidders upon contracts to be awarded on behalf of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25 further provides that a governing body may require each bidder to furnish a statement of their qualifications and may refuse to furnish the bidder with any plans or specifications unless the bidder satisfies the pre-qualification requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren desires to establish specific pre-qualification requirements for bidders regarding the contract for the Oxford Furnace Engine House Stabilization; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25, on March 2, 2012, Public Notice was published in The Star Ledger and The Daily Record Regarding the hearing the pre-qualification requirements; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25, on March 28, 2012, the County held a public hearing on the pre-qualification requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to adopt the pre-qualification requirements for the contract for the Oxford Furnace Engine House Stabilization as set forth in the Contractor's Pre-Qualification Package dated March 2, 2012 prepared by the Warren County Purchasing Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the Pre-Qualification of Bidder's Regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary Standard Certification of Pre-Qualification Regulations.

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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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner noted the importance of pointing up of stone and mason work on the Oxford Furnace Engine House (Agenda Item E6). He characterized the structure as an extremely significant, indelible landmark of Warren County history.

RESOLUTION 179-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1206 FOR PICKUP AND DISPOSAL OF TRASH FROM COUNTY BUILDINGS TO WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY INC. FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2013 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(3) IN THE APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$51,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that Warren County Contract WC1206 for pickup and disposal of trash from County Buildings is hereby awarded to . . . Waste Management of New Jersey Inc., Ewing, New Jersey In the approximate amount of . . . \$51,000.00 as per their bid submitted . . . March 20, 2012 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts 013100/5029 – Buildings & Grounds Contracted Services, 012900/5029 – Road Maintenance Contracted Services, 012770/5029 – Juvenile Detention Center Contracted Services, 013504/5029 – Warren Haven Maintenance Contracted Services, 153901/5029 – Library Administration Contracted Services.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 180-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1219 FOR A VULCAN KETTLE/STEAMER MODEL K40GL FOR WARREN HAVEN TO CULINARY DEPOT IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$29,596.95

BE IT RESOLVED that Warren County Contract WC1219 for a Vulcan Kettle/Steamer Model K40GL for Warren Haven is hereby awarded

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to . . . Culinary Depot, Monsey, New York

In the amount of . . . \$29,596.95

as per their bid submitted . . . March 13, 2012

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0411A403/5062 – Warren Haven kettle Steamer.

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 181-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1221FO FOR ELECTION BALLOT PRINTING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK TO RELIANCE GRAPHICS FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2013 AT THE RATE OF \$.25 PER SIDE PER BALLOT AND \$.30 PER SIDE PER SAMPLE BALLOT FOR AN ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1122FO for Election Ballot Printing for the Warren County Clerk is hereby awarded to . . . Reliance Graphics, Verona, New Jersey in the estimated amount of . . . \$100,000.00 as per their proposal submitted . . . March 15, 2012 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 ballot printing services under the direction of the Warren County Clerk, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds will be provided in budget account 011200/5100 – County Clerk Program Operating Expenses.

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1024FO FOR CORRECTIONS DOCUMENTS MANAGEMENT ABSTRACT & MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES IMAGING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT TO CHENOA INFORMATION SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2013 FOR THE THIRD YEAR OF A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15.5 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1024FO for Corrections Documents Management Abstract & Municipal Shared Services Imaging for the Warren County Information Systems Department is hereby extended for the third year of a five year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15.5 said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 to . . . Chenoa Information Services, Inc., Edison, New Jersey in the amount of . . . not to exceed \$70,000.00 as per their proposal submitted . . . April 5, 2010

Funds will be provided in budget account 011400/5028 – Information Systems Consulting 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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 183-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1107 TO CR SERVICE CO., INC. FOR AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE AT WARREN HAVEN FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2013 FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE BASE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 WITH UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE TO BE BILLED AT FIXED LABOR CHARGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72.00, \$93.00 AND \$115.00 (REGULAR, OVERTIME AND HOLIDAY RATES) AND PARTS AT 19% ABOVE COST, APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT \$35,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that Warren County Contract WC1107 for heating and air conditioning maintenance and service for the second year of a three year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(7) said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013

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to . . . CR Service Co., Inc., Columbia, New Jersey
 In the approximate amount of . . . \$35,000.00
 as per their bid submitted . . . February 23, 2011

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 013504/5024 – Warren Haven Maintenance Facility – Maintenance Repair and Cleaning.

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 184-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1108 TO CHE MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2013 FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE BASE AMOUNT OF \$4,640.00 WITH UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE TO BE BILLED AT FIXED LABOR CHARGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88.00, \$132.00 AND \$176.00 (REGULAR, OVERTIME AND HOLIDAY RATES) AND PARTS AT 25% ABOVE COST, APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT \$80,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that Warren County Contract WC1108 for heating and air conditioning maintenance and service for the second year of a three year as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(7) said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013

to . . . Che Mechanical Services, Inc., Easton, Pennsylvania
 In the approximate amount of . . . \$80,000.00
 as per their bid submitted . . . March 3, 2011

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 013100/5024 – Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Facility – Maintenance Repair and Cleaning.

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 185-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

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**RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1109 OFFICE SUPPLIES & ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS TO JIORLE'S OFFICE SUPPLIES & INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2013 FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL YEAR OF A TWO YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15 AT THE DISCOUNT RATE OF 48% FOR FURNITURE, 35% ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER SUPPLIES, 58% GENERAL SUPPLIES AND 65% PAPER PRODUCTS,
AN ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1109 for office supplies for County Departments is hereby extended for the second and final year of a two year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(7) said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013

to . . . Jiorles Office Supplies & Industrial Equipment, Inc., Phillipsburg, New Jersey in the approximate amount of . . . \$200,000.00 as per their bid submitted . . . February 23, 2011

Funding for this contract will be provided in individual department budget accounts.

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 186-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH COVENTRY FAMILY PRACTICE FAMILY HEALTH TO PROVIDE AMBULATORY OUTPATIENT VD AND TB SERVICES THROUGH THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2013 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000.00

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Tuberculosis and Venereal Disease services through the Warren County Public Health Nursing Agency for the period of May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et. seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Purchasing has certified that this contract meets the statute and regulations governing the award of such contracts; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in budget account 013302/5046 – Venereal Disease and TB, and certified by the Chief Financial Officer,

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

Ambulatory Tuberculosis (TB) and Venereal Disease (VD) Services

1. Said services to be provided by Coventry Family Practice, 755 Memorial Parkway, Suite 30, Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865, at \$40.00 per visit not to exceed \$6,000.00 total.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (40A:11-5(1)(a)(i))
3. 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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RECOMMENDATION

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 March 28, 2012.

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JILLIAN ADIE FROM THE
WARREN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 187-12

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 March 28, 2012.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoint the following individual to the Warren County Transportation Advisory Council:

Judy Maltese

Term to expire: 12/31/14

TransOptions, Inc.

2 Ridgedale Ave., Suite 200

Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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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 March 28, 2012.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoint the following individual to the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council effective March 28, 2012.

Representing Borough of Alpha
Tom Fey
Borough of Alpha
1001 East Blvd.
Alpha, NJ 08865

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 189-12

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 March 28, 2012.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CHARLES FINERAN TO THE
WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL AND CHARITABLE CONSERVANCY TRUST FUND COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted the Warren County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Procedures and Rules on June 26, 1996; and

WHEREAS, recommendation for membership on the Committee has been received from the Allamuchy Township of the Municipal Region 6 whose previous term from Hardwick Township expires March 25, 2012; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoint the following persons to the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee:

Region 6:	Charles Fineran 21 Wood Duck Court Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840 Rotation Order: (Allamuchy, Blirstown, Frelinghuysen, Hardwick) Term: March 26, 2012 – March 25, 2014
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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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 190-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, 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 March 28, 2012.

RESOLUTION CREATING TWO (2) FULL-TIME POSITIONS OF SENIOR JUVENILE DETENTION OFFICER, CLASSIFIED AND ABOLISHING TWO (2) FULL-TIME POSITIONS OF TENTATIVE TITLE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that two (2) full-time positions of Senior Juvenile Detention Officer, classified, are created within the Warren County Correctional Center as recommended by the New Jersey Civil Service Commission for the purpose of monitoring detention services for Warren County juveniles ordered to juvenile detention by the family court; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that two (2) full-time positions of *Tentative Title, Local Government*, in the Warren County Correctional Center, are hereby abolished.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the two (2) newly created Senior Juvenile Detention Officer positions are created on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 0740 and made effective retroactive to February 25, 2012.

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 March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Reports and Comments

County Counsel Joe Bell had one item for Executive Session.

County Engineer Dave Hicks had no report.

County Planner Dave Dech presented the latest version of draft comments for the State Plan. He said the substance was the same, but the Planning Board Chair had enhanced certain passages with italics to reinforce the importance of local official involvement. It states that municipalities, rather than the State, should initially delineate the investment areas within the State Plan. Regarding the environmental preservation goal, additional compensation is needed for landowners in the Highlands Preservation Areas. He planned to submit the comments to the State on April 2, 2012 if the Board had no objections.

As the State Plan is written, the Highlands Council would have the ability to make recommendations to change the investment area mapping. The comments state that should not

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be the case; it should remain with the municipalities.

Another comment is that the State Plan continues to rely too much on compact mixed use development as the only form of acceptable new development.

Mr. Sarnoski said he read the comments and agreed with them. He said he thought it came down to maintaining our local planning authority and personal property rights and the comments do address this.

Mr. Gardner said compensation was promised before the Highlands Act was passed, but that has never materialized. Municipalities need the ability to govern their own planning direction.

Mr. Chamberlain said the Highlands followed the same path as the Pinelands. It's about zoning more than about preservation and water, he said. "The State's heavy hand in local affairs continues to get worse, not better," said Mr. Chamberlain.

County CFO Charles Houck had no further report.

County Administrator Steve Marvin had only the latest Vacancy Report about which the Board had no further questions or comments.

Freeholder Comments

Mr. Gardner said NJAC will be dealing with some challenging issues such as the Medicaid reimbursement problem discussed earlier. A bill on sharing tax administrators is pending. Mr. Gardner thought this would be a good way to maximize professional services.

Mr. Sarnoski asked County Engineer Dave Hicks about the status of Old Turnpike Road Bridge #16005 over the Musconetcong. Mr. Hicks said the contractor cannot get back to it until June 15 due to DEP permit restrictions. The project was initially held up due to hurricane flooding last summer; then there were seasonal fish and wildlife issues resulting in the project being pushed back a year. Anytime a project gets delayed like that, the cost increases.

A Mansfield Township resident had asked Mr. Sarnoski if the County was going to get any of the \$350 million coming from the State for bridge and road improvements. Mr. Dech didn't know to what he was referring. Mr. Marvin surmised the person was talking about recently awarded municipal aid which does not come through the County.

Mr. Sarnoski spoke of having served as teacher for a day at Lopatcong Middle School. With the largest portion of our tax bills going to school systems in a rapidly changing world, Mr. Sarnoski thought it was more evident than ever that parents need to get involved in their kids' education. He said he had a good time teaching middle school art.

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Ed Smith wanted to know the current tax rate. He was told that the County does not set a rate. Mr. Houck said the rate is a calculation based upon the County tax levy (numerator) and the equalized tax base (denominator). The base will not be clearly established until after all appeals have gone through; probably sometime in August and the effective tax rate will vary among the different municipalities. Mr. Smith continued to press for an exact number and Mr. Houck kept explaining that right now, the rate can only be estimated based upon assumptions.

Jack Carey of Lopatcong asked Mr. Dech if he thought the Office of Planning Advocacy would modify the proposed State Plan since there had been a lot of public comment with people rejecting it for various reasons. Mr. Dech said the State kept his office informed regarding the public comment period, but didn't know if it would notify him regarding final decisions on whether or not it would amend the plan.

Mr. Carey wanted to confirm Mr. Sarnoski had received an invitation on the Sustainable Community Regional Planning Grant. Mr. Sarnoski said this is something every county has been requested to do. He said any action on joining the consortium would be a decision made by the full Freeholder Board and not him as an individual. More information is required and a decision does not need to be made until May.

RESOLUTION 191-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, at 8:08 p.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 28, 2012.

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

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

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

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

(1) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements*: Items to be discussed include: PBA 280-Sheriff's Officers-status of interest arbitration; FOP 171-Corrections Officers and PBA 331-Prosecutor's Detectives-status of negotiations; Status of Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's award re: PBA 331 and other labor negotiation with AFSCME 3287, AFSCME 671, CWA 1071-PHNA and CWA 1032-Prosecutor's Clerical.

(2) *Matters Relating to Litigation*: Items to be discussed include: Ruling regarding Court Room #2 and Order to Show Cause; Blair Falls LLC v. Harrington Const.; and Letter from Bruce Jones to Judge Wolfson re: PCFA investigation.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 28, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Board adjourned executive session at 8:42 p.m. and returned to open session.

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

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board