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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Reorganization Session in Court Room #1 at 12:10 p.m. at the Warren County Court House, Belvidere, New Jersey on January 1, 2013.

Freeholder Jason Sarnoski read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF JANUARY 1, 2013 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 delivered by Pastor Geoff Stanley, former Chaplain, U.S. Naval Reserve, Church of the Nazorene.

Mr. Sarnoski led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Certification of Election of Edward J. Smith, Freeholder, was read by County Clerk Pat Kolb.

Mr. Smith then took the Oath of Office of Freeholder administered by Senator Michael J. Doherty. Accompanying Mr. Smith was his wife, Eileen and granddaughter, Lily.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sarnoski at 12:10 p.m. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Richard Gardner Freeholder Edward Smith and Freeholder Jason Sarnoski. Also attending were County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

RESOLUTION 1-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JASON J. SARNOSKI AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2013

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Jason J. Sarnoski is appointed Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2013.

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, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Accompanied by his wife, Tammi and children, Jason and Skyler, Mr. Sarnoski was

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administered the Oath of Office of the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders by Senator Doherty.

Senator Doherty then administered the Oath of Office of Warren County Clerk to Patricia J. Kolb who was accompanied by her husband, Steve and granddaughters, Karissa and Kori.

RESOLUTION 2-13

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 January 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING EDWARD J. SMITH AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2013

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Edward J. Smith is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2013.

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, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 3-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

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

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

Freeholder Richard D. Gardner**Land Use & Agriculture**

Agriculture Development Board
Board of Agriculture
Board of Recreation Commissioners
Cooperative Extension Service
Soil Conservation
Weights and Measures

Cultural and Historical

Cultural and Heritage
Library Commission
Morris Canal Committee
Municipal & Charitable Conservancy
Trust Fund Committee
Shade Tree Commission
War Veterans

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	<u>Additional Assignments</u>
Projects Committee Liaison	N.J.A.C. Delegate
Planning Board Member	PRMUA Liaison

Freeholder Edward J. Smith

<u>Education</u>	<u>County Departments</u>
Special Services School District	Board of Elections
Superintendent of Schools	Board of Taxation
Warren County Community College	County Clerk
Warren County Technical School	Housing Program
	Public Works
	Solid Waste
	Surrogate
	Trustee-Warren County Legal Services

	<u>Additional Assignments</u>
Planning Board Member	PCFA Liaison
N.J.A.C. 1 st Alternate	

Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski

<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Public Health and Human Services</u>
Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center	County Adjuster
Fire Chiefs Association	Department of Human Services
Police Chiefs Association	Department of Long Term Care Services
Prosecutor	Health Services
Public Safety	Mental Health Board
Sheriff's Office	Mosquito Commission
	Transportation Committee
	Workforce Investment Board of Morris/Sussex/Warren

	<u>Additional Assignments</u>
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority	Planning Board Alternate
Economic Development Advisory Council Liaison	

ALL THREE FREEHOLDERS

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

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 4-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2013

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>Western Municipalities</u>	<u>Freeholder Richard D. Gardner</u>
Alpha Borough	Lopatcong Township
Franklin Township	Phillipsburg
Greenwich Township	Pohatcong Township
Harmony Township	
<u>Central Municipalities:</u>	<u>Freeholder Edward J. Smith</u>
Belvidere	Oxford Township
Blairstown Township	Washington Borough
Hope Township	Washington Township
Knowlton Township	White Township
<u>Eastern Municipalities</u>	<u>Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski</u>
Allamuchy Township	Independence Township
Frelinghuysen Township	Liberty Township
Hackettstown	Mansfield Township
Hardwick Township	

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 5-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2013

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 2013. All regular meetings shall be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	16 at 7:00 pm B	May	22 at 7:30 pm R
January	19 at 9:00 am B	June	12 at 7:30 pm R
January	23 at 7:00 pm R	June	26 at 7:30 pm R
January	26 at 9:00 am B	July	10 at 7:30 pm R
January	30 at 7:00 pm B	July	24 at 7:30 pm R
February	2 at 9:00 am B	August	14 at 7:30 pm R
February	6 at 7:00 pm B	August	28 at 7:30 pm R
February	9 at 9:00 am B	September	11 at 7:30 pm R
February	13 at 7:00 pm R	September	25 at 7:30 pm R
February	27 at 7:00 pm R	October	9 at 7:00 pm R
March	13 at 7:00 pm R	October	23 at 7:00 pm R
March	27 at 7:00 pm R	November	13 at 7:00 pm R
April	10 at 7:00 pm R	November	26 at 7:00 pm R
April	24 at 7:00 pm R	December	11 at 7:00 pm R
May	8 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 26th instead of Wednesday, November 27th.

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, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 6-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

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

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 7-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby appoint, for representation in the New Jersey Association of Counties, Richard D. Gardner as the Voting Member and Edward J. Smith 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, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 8-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2013**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that David K. Dech is hereby appointed as the alternate voting member, representing the County of Warren, to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., at those meetings when Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski is unable to

attend during the year 2013.

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, 2013.

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

RESOLUTION 9-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

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, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 10-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,478,691 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2013 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 2013 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 \$104,680,728 and

WHEREAS, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2012 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and public assistance in said 2013 budget is the sum of \$27,478,691.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations in the total amount of \$27,478,691 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, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 11-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$2,922,435.10 TO FUND THE PERMANENT DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2013 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, 2012; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013, 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, 2013 to December 31, 2013 inclusive:

DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY OF WARREN, NJ

Principal Payment of bonds	\$ 2,275,000.00
Interest Payment on Bonds	545,717.50
Principal Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00
Interest Payment on Notes	0.00
Green Trust Loan Payments	<u>101,717.60</u>
Total Debt Service	<u>\$ 2,922,435.10</u>

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 12-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH J. BELL, ESQ., COUNTY COUNSEL

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43, Joseph J. Bell, Esq., an Attorney-at-Law of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 150 Mineral Springs Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866 was reappointed as Warren County Counsel for a three (3) year term of office commencing January 1, 2011 and until December 31, 2013.
2. The Retainer Agreement between the Board and Mr. Bell, setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation which

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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. 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

4. 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, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 13-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1291FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE BELL LAW GROUP, P.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AT THE RATE OF \$145.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1291FO 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 4, 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 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.

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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 January 1, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 14-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1291FO 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, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1291FO 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 4, 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 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, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 15-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1291FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO FLORIO PERRUCCI STEINHARDT & FADER, L.L.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AT THE RATE OF \$150.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1291FO for Legal Services – A. Special Counsel for General 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 . . . \$150.00 per hour

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as per their proposal submitted . . . December 4, 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 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, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 16-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1291FO 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, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AT THE RATE OF \$150.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1291FO 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 . . . \$150.00 per hour

as per their proposal submitted . . . December 4, 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 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, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1291FO 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, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1291FO 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 4, 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 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, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 18-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1291FO 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, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AT THE RATE OF \$125.00 PER HOUR

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1291FO 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

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as per their proposal submitted . . . December 4, 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 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, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 19-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1291FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – F. BOND COUNSEL FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO GIBBONS, P.C. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AT THE BASE FEE \$3,500.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1291FO for Legal Services – E. 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 4, 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 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, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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Remarks

Mr. Gardner wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and hoped 2013 would be better as far as hurricanes go. He said he didn't foresee any major changes on the Freeholder Board; it remains a conservative board. His perspective as President of New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) for the past year is that many of our legislators are effective, but some continue to draft bills that cost us money. We cannot endure nonsensical bills, Mr. Gardner said and although Governor Christie charged Lt. Gov. Guadagno with cutting down on red tape bureaucracy, there needs to be even more emphasis on amending or opposing legislation that stifles business. Mr. Sarnoski formed an Economic Development Advisory Council which is a good start. We in Warren County have to demand a stronger business climate or it hurts all of us through lost tax revenues.

Mr. Gardner said we have a lot of work to do and that he was eager to get started. He predicted 2013 would be a good year and he looked forward to serving the people as always. He again wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Mr. Smith was next to speak and began by saying he was honored to be the newest member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. He thanked his family, friends and other supporters for their encouragement. He said without all the support, he would not have had the opportunity to be sworn in, placing his hand on the Bible that had belonged to his father and was with him as he marched from France to Germany during World War II. "It has seen battle and it will see it again," he said, clarifying that the battle will be for our economic survival here in Warren County. He said there are turbulent waters ahead, but he was confident that Warren County is in far better financial shape than most counties in the state. Borrowing has been held to a minimum and for the most part, projects were based on a "pay as you go" philosophy. The real estate boom of a few years ago fueled a growing tax base and allowed government the ability to grow without increasing tax rates. "Those days are over," said Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith cited the Highlands Act as a major obstacle to growth in Warren County. Much of our land can't be developed which makes it harder to attract new businesses to build and grow. We need those kinds of activities that generate new revenues and jobs to support our public works, schools and emergency services. Warren County continues to see its real estate values drop due to the impact of this legislation, yet the costs of labor, fuel and basic necessities have increased. This makes it even more difficult for government to finance the functions that taxpayers have come to expect. A two percent spending cap mandates that business as usual can no longer be our policy.

Last spring, Mr. Smith said he had visited with thousands of families across Warren County. Overwhelmingly, they expressed that things can't continue as they are. Mr. Smith agreed and said the first change needed is voter approved bonding. He pledged to introduce a resolution in the coming month that would prohibit borrowing by the County of Warren without voter approval.

Mr. Smith said he has met with key County personnel in preparation for the upcoming budget process and has been impressed with their professionalism. While he was optimistic about working through the challenges ahead, the numbers are intimidating. Reductions in funding from

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programs such as Medicaid equate to the full amount of the two percent property tax cap allowed by law. These losses will be seen at Warren Haven alone. Mr. Smith said he has already met with staff at Warren Haven and met many of the residents. He said we will have to come up with a way to keep those residents secure and make ends meet. He went into further detail regarding the financial situation at Warren Haven, noting that requests for proposal for support services have been put forth and he thought the facility should be marketed aggressively to maintain maximum occupancy.

Mr. Smith said he wants to closely evaluate the activities in which the County is involved. Specifically, he talked at length about the landfill and Pollution Control Financing Authority that operates it. He thought there was a history at the PCFA of projects failing to live up to expectations and that a roadmap for landfill closure should be pursued.

Back to the topic of decreased assessed real estate values, Mr. Smith pointed out that even with no increase in spending by the Freeholder Board, this is a factor of tax rate increases. While high dollar properties have dropped significantly in value, lower priced and middle class properties have not. This enhances the regressive nature of property taxation here in Warren County, impacting those least able to pay the increases. To offset this impact, Mr. Smith said we need to address the County's rising costs of insurance, fuel, contracts and materials by looking at every phase of the County's operations and coming up with new approaches or cost reductions that can get us through the next year. "Everything has to be on the table," he said.

Along with reevaluating programs the County offers, Mr. Smith thought the time had come to examine the current Open Space Tax rate, another subject that was raised during his visits with the voters last spring. As we craft this year's budget, Mr. Smith said we must consider important factors such as today's depressed economy, the cash balance in the fund and impacts of the Highlands Act upon development in the county.

Mr. Smith thought voter referendum was a tool that could be helpful on important issues of public policy. He said good examples of questions that voters could be asked to weigh in on included Open Space policy, closure of the landfill and the long-term future of Warren Haven.

Today, Mr. Smith said, I have taken an oath to support the Constitutions of both the State of New Jersey and the United States of America, a very good template for limited government. The separation of powers between the three branches of government provides clear checks and balances of power. Mr. Smith pledged to keep the fundamentals of our Constitution in mind at all times and would expect that his colleagues in other branches of government would do so as well.

Mr. Smith again thanked everyone for coming and especially for the support of his family, especially his mother and wife, Eileen. He expressed confidence that this Freeholder Board would lead Warren County in a positive direction. He noted that soon a new library will be dedicated and work to complete existing projects at the Court House and Annex will proceed, allowing an eventual refocus towards maintenance and cost control that will help Warren County weather the economic storm. In closing, he said, "May God bless you all and may God grant his blessings upon the United States of America."

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Mr. Sarnoski then took to the podium and thanked everyone for coming. He especially wanted thank his wife, children, parents and sister for all their support. Having a great family as support makes it possible to serve the public in this manner. He also thanked his fellow Freeholders for having faith in him to lead as director as well as his friends and other supporters. Mr. Sarnoski expressed appreciation to those with whom he works throughout the County, led by County Administrator Steve Marvin. "This group of people takes the Freeholders' plan and vision for the County and makes it a reality," he said.

He said the last two years have been the most challenging, yet happiest and most rewarding. Our Economic Development Advisory Council has already yielded some successes, but there is more work to be done. Mr. Sarnoski recognized Betty Schultheis, the Council's Chairwoman, who was in attendance and thanked the other EDAC members for their efforts.

Mr. Sarnoski said he attends numerous meetings in municipalities to which he serves as liaison which he thought helped make him a stronger representative. One such meeting resulted in the County hosting a Senior Resource Fair which was very well attended. He thanked Human Services Director Karen Kubert and her staff who are able to yield a lot of results with diminishing resources.

Things to look forward to in the near future include the opening of a new Library Headquarters and Human Services Campus, a project that ended up costing less than a quarter of what had once been predicted. The old Northeast Branch Library Building will be put back on the tax rolls and the taxpayers will be protected as the Freeholders consider the future of this Court House. Mr. Sarnoski took this moment to thank Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Alex Lazorisak for his dedication to many aspects of facilities projects while keeping costs down. Mr. Sarnoski expressed pride in these capital projects which have been accomplished without additional bonding and with a long-term strategy in mind.

Mr. Sarnoski pledged to continue to work for sustainable financial governance of the County Budget which will be challenging. The economy has not rebounded as we had hoped and the realm of medical cost reimbursements is in upheaval. As a result, our revenues are down so our spending plan, along with our taxes, will have to change. "Not every decision we make will be universally popular, but I will not shy away from making the difficult decisions," Mr. Sarnoski said.

As Freeholder Director, Mr. Sarnoski said he will maintain an open and honest dialog with the public. He has already made some changes by revamping the municipal and departmental assignments for each Freeholder. Now, each Board Member will be liaison to a municipal region – east, west or central and many County functions have been organized under separate umbrellas of Education; Land Use & Agriculture; Cultural & Historical; Public Safety and Health & Human Services. Meetings will be conducted throughout the county on a quarterly basis in the coming year.

Mr. Sarnoski stated that his goal over the next three years is to set the County on a sustainable financial plan that provides for the necessary services without overtaxing our residents and a capital plan that maintains our infrastructure while balancing spending. He will work with the Freeholders to find responsible solutions for our nursing home and public health services that

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will provide for our most sensitive residents while keeping the taxpayers in mind. Mr. Sarnoski also planned to expand the way the County communicates to the public to keep residents more informed. He pledged to follow through on passing a resolution supporting voter approved bonding in Warren County.

While the coming year will be challenging, Mr. Sarnoski said there were reasons for optimism and he looked forward to serving with the rest of the Freeholder Board. We have a dedicated and experienced workforce prepared to take on challenges and prior Freeholder Boards have made good choices that leave us in a better position than many other counties. He thanked everyone for coming and wished all a happy and prosperous new year.

Mr. Sarnoski then introduced elected officials and other dignitaries in attendance. Heidi Lance, wife of Congressman Leonard Lance, was recognized.

Senator Michael Doherty was then reintroduced and invited to say a few words. Senator Doherty said he was very pleased to be here. He said Warren County has three fine leaders in Pat Kolb, Jason Sarnoski and Ed Smith; each of whom has a history of persevering and overcoming obstacles to arrive where they have today. Senator Doherty said the county is well managed under County Administrator Steve Marvin and numerous department heads. He specifically noted Human Services Director Karen Kubert and Aging & Disabilities Services Executive Director Susan Lennon for their achievements as well as County Engineer Dave Hicks and the Road Department for maintaining the finest county roads anywhere. Senator Doherty thought the tax levy in Warren County versus the services delivered was the best in the state. He finished by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and healthy and prosperous 2013.

Next to speak was Senator Steve Oroho, who on behalf of his fellow legislators of the 24th District, Alison McHose and Gary Chiusano, wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said Warren County was very fortunate to have a terrific group of Freeholders that will provide great leadership.

Assemblyman and former Warren County Freeholder John DiMaio congratulated Mr. Smith and Mr. Sarnoski for taking their respective oaths and also acknowledged Mr. Gardner. We've all gone through four very difficult years, Mr. DiMaio said and the challenges ahead are great, but this is a good group that will run a lean operation and get the job done. Mr. DiMaio believed the economy would improve in the coming year and hoped 2013 would be less eventful

in terms of severe weather. He wished all a Happy New Year.

County Clerk Pat Kolb thanked her husband, Steve and daughter, Kristen for being with her on this occasion as well as her granddaughters, noting she has 11 grandchildren in all. She also wanted to take this opportunity to publicly express gratitude to Alex Lazorisak and Jason Sarnoski for all their help during the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. Though they were both very busy, they were responsive and made sure she had everything she needed to hold the election together. Mrs. Kolb said she looked forward to working with the Freeholders this year, thanked our senators for being there today and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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Sheriff Dave Gallant and Surrogate Kevin O'Neill offered their best wishes and congratulations to Mrs. Kolb, Mr. Smith and Mr. Sarnoski.

Also in attendance and recognized by Mr. Sarnoski were former Warren County Freeholders Chris Maier, Ken Miller and Angelo Accetturo; Hunterdon County Freeholders Rob Walton and George Melick; Warren County Community College President William Austin; former County Clerk Terry Lee and Prosecutor Richard Burke.

Numerous municipal mayors and committee members were in attendance as well: Lopatcong Township Mayor Doug Steinhardt; Liberty Township Mayor John Inscho; Oxford Mayor Don Niece; Allamuchy Mayor Betty Schultheis and from White Township: Mayor Holly Mackey, Committeemen Sam Race and Jeff Herb and former Mayor Jim Hausamann.

Also recognized were David Higgins representing Washington Borough; former Washington Township Mayor Samir Elbassiouny; former Hackettstown Mayor Michael Lavery; Joe Uliana and Jack Muehlhan from the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission and former Hunterdon County Sheriff Bill Doyle.

Arriving about this time was Assemblyman Erik Peterson who apologized for the late arrival as he had just come from swearing in a member to Alpha Town Council. He congratulated Mr. Smith and Mr. Sarnoski and said Warren County was in good hands with this Freeholder Board

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, at 12:54 p.m., and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.
Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Smith yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board