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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 February 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Sarnoski.

Director Sarnoski read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2013 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. Smith, the Minutes of the Budget Session held on February 6, 2013 were approved.

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

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Minutes of the Regular Session held on February 13, 2013 were approved.

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

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Minutes of the Executive Session held on February 13, 2013 were approved.

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

The Oath of Office of County Engineer was administered to William G. Gleba by County Counsel Joe Bell.

Mr. Gardner congratulated Mr. Gleba, saying he had some very large shoes to fill. Dave Hicks has been Warren County Engineer for 33 years, coming on board when Garabed “Chuck” Haytaian, Chris Maier and George Thompson were serving as Freeholders. He said Mr. Hicks has done a marvelous job of being fair to the citizens and respecting them while protecting the County. That is not always an easy balance, but he has done it faithfully and with a sense of continuity that few would be able to match. Mr. Gardner said it has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Hicks and personally thanked him for his knowledge and accessibility. “I wish you well in your

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retirement and it's much deserved," he said.

Meetings

Real Estate Broker Jeff Fiedler provided a report on two recent auctions of County properties. He began with the Wattles Farm auction, providing details on the marketing approach which included newspaper advertising, direct mailings, website advertising, e-mail blasts and signage plus four open houses and numerous showings by appointment. These efforts resulted in 27 people preregistering and requesting bid packages and 15 bidders registered to bid the day of the auction with checks in hand. In the end, a local farmer bought the property. Mr. Fiedler said he was very proud of his team's efforts and hoped the County was satisfied as well.

The next property discussed was the former Northeast Library Branch with specifics on the marketing efforts again being provided. There were 17 unique showings of the property and five bidders showed up for the auction with a check. Mr. Fielder said he was so honored to have had the opportunity to broker these properties for the County.

Mr. Sarnoski thanked Mr. Fiedler and his associate for such a good presentation. Both auctions were very successful. The Northeast Branch generated a much higher bid than the Freeholders had anticipated and proceeds from the Wattles Farm will go right back into the Open Space Program. These auctions should also be beneficial to the municipalities in terms of getting property back on the tax rolls.

Mr. Gardner was pleased as well. Having been involved with the Wattles property from the beginning, he said this has been a long time coming. The end result was very positive all around. He said we don't have 300 or more homes up there and all the traffic that would bring. This area has high quality soil which will be back in agriculture and that's great.

Mr. Smith agreed with both of his colleagues, saying Fiedler did a great job.

PROCLAMATION 118-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on February 27, 2013.

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH, MARCH 2013

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month, a special time to recognize and thank our heroes; those who volunteer, donate blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need;

WHEREAS, in Warren County, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and volunteers to help when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24 hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid.

WHEREAS, across the country, the American Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 disasters a year. It provides some 400,000 services to military members, veterans and civilians,

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collects and distributes about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply and trains more than seven million people in first aid, water safety and other life-saving skills every year.

WHEREAS, our community depends on the American Red Cross which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission and despite these challenging economic times, the American Red Cross continues to offer help and comfort to those in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby proclaim the month of March as **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH** and encourages all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Smith said the American Red Cross is a great organization and its efforts are noteworthy. This is probably one of the best in terms of boots on the ground and getting the job done.

Mr. Gardner said this is a cohesive organization that works well and depends mainly on volunteerism. The dollar value goes very far with the American Red Cross. It is a very old and prominent organization that demands respect.

Mr. Sarnoski revealed that he had volunteered as a First Aid and CPR Instructor for the American Red Cross as a college student. He said the trainers were highly professional and educated. As we know from recent events such as storms and fires, the American Red Cross is often the first on the scene providing relief. It is a pleasure to support this proclamation. In addition, Mr. Sarnoski was pleased to announce that he would be serving as Chairman of the American Red Cross Heroes Campaign for the month March. He looked forward to serving in this capacity as the organization sought to rebuild some of the funds expended to help people in New Jersey.

The Freeholders presented the American Red Cross Month Proclamation to MaryAnn Maikisch, Major Gifts Officer for the organization's North Jersey Region. Accompanying her were four local Red Cross volunteers: Kaitlin Bessemer, Rob Felger, Tim Johnston and Eileen O'Dea. Ms. Maikisch said they were very grateful for the support of the Freeholders. She pointed out the volunteers surrounding her, noting that they are out there day and night supporting people in their time of need. She thanked Mr. Sarnoski for serving as Chair of the Heroes Campaign which is intended to help spread the word about the services the American Red Cross provides and raise the money that supports local needs for disaster relief, health and safety education and more. She said 92 cents of every dollar donated to the American Red Cross goes directly to programs and services that help people.

There were no comments from the public on agenda items.

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On motion by Mr. Smith, 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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2013-7 and 2013-8, dated February 27, 2013**, in the amount of **\$3,916,938.47** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2013-7	2/20/13	\$711,553.44	
2013-8	2/27/13	1,460,933.49	
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TOTAL			\$2,172,486.93
Uniforms	2/14/13	\$86,547.75	
Payroll	2/21/13	1,657,363.79	
Subsistence	2/21/13	540.00	
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TOTAL			<u>1,744,451.54</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u><u>\$3,916,938.47</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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 120-13

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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GENERAL RELEASE AS TO OTHER PARTIES IN LITIGATION ENTITLED "BLAIR FALLS PROPERTIES v. HARRINGTON CONSTRUCTION, ET AL

WHEREAS, the County of Warren is a Defendant in litigation filed in the Superior Court, Warren County, bearing Docket no. WRN-L-454-11, entitled Blair Falls Properties v. Harrington Construction, relating to the reconstruction of Main St. in Blirstown; and

WHEREAS, Harrington Construction named the County of Warren as a Third Party Defendant, and Warren County named Keller & Kirkpatrick and Maser Consulting as Fourth Party Defendants; and

WHEREAS, the County has been defended by Joseph J. Bell, Esq., and Mr. Bell has reported that the case has been settled, with no expenditure of funds by the County.

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WHEREAS, Mr. Bell has advised that pursuant to the terms of settlement, it is advisable for the County to exchange general releases with the parties against whom it has filed claims or who filed claims against the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders as follows.

- 1) The Freeholder Director is authorized to execute General Releases with respect to Harrington Construction and Keller & Kirkpatrick, and to submit same to Mr. Bell, who shall ensure that reciprocal releases are secured from those same parties (no release is needed as to Maser Consulting, which defaulted).
- 2) This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 121-13

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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSING OF VALLEY STREET-DELAWARE ROAD, COUNTY ROUTE #605, FROM KNOWLTON ROAD (CR #616) TO LIME KILN ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF KNOWLTON ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013 FOR THE KID FUN RUN AND 5K RUN SPONSORED BY THE KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Knowlton Township Elementary School of the Township of Knowlton has requested permission to close Valley Street/Delaware Road, County Route #605, starting at Knowlton Road, County Route # 616, to Lime Kiln Road, on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM for the Knowlton Township Elementary School Kid Fun Run and 5K Run.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the use and closing of a County Route #605, Valley Street/Delaware Road in the Township of Knowlton for the above mentioned event with the following conditions:

1. Approval of the events by the Municipality.
2. All barricades, detours, and traffic control signs shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
3. Police supervision of the barricading of the roads and handling of safety shall be provided.

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 February 27, 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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR \$2,626 TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING TO COUNTY WELFARE AGENCIES FOR THE 2013 UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

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 the anticipated 2013 Universal Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, funding is available for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Community Affairs has awarded Warren County a total of \$2,626 to provide administrative funding to county welfare agencies for the 2013 Universal Service Fund.

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 \$2,626 to provide administrative funding to county welfare agencies for the 2013 Universal Service Fund; 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:

Jason Sarnoski, 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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 123-13

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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR \$3,938 TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING TO COUNTY WELFARE AGENCIES FOR THE 2013 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 2013 LIHEAP funding; and

WHEREAS, funding is available for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 and,

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WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Community Affairs has awarded Warren County a total of \$3,938 to provide administrative funding to county welfare agencies for the 2013 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 \$3,938 to provide administrative funding to county welfare agencies for the 2013 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:

Jason Sarnoski, 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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 124-13

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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS #SCP-13-PS-21, SCP-13-PM-21, FC-13-21 AND JABG-12-21 WITH THE NEW JERSEY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION TOTALLING \$306,638 (\$199,228 STATE/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDS, \$102,376 IN FAMILY COURT FUNDS AND \$4,531 JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, \$503 COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS) TO BE USED BY THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2012, the Board of Chosen Freeholders approved the comprehensive county youth services plan and grant application with the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) for anticipated funding in the amount of \$306,638 (\$199,228 State/Community Partnership funds, \$102,376 in Family Court Funds, and \$4,531 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds, \$503 county matching funds); and

WHEREAS, the JJC has subsequently awarded the county this amount to be used by the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration for program services, program administration and Family Court services during the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013;

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 grant agreements #SCP-13-PS-21, SCP-13-PM-21, FC-13-21, and JABG-12-21 with the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission totaling \$306,638 (\$199,228 State/Community Partnership funds, \$102,376 in Family Court Funds, and \$4,531 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds, \$503 county matching funds) to be used by the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration for program services,

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program administration and Family Court services during the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 125-13

On motion by Mr. Smith, 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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1315P AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COURT HOUSE ANNEX PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC1315P for Architectural Services for the Warren County Courthouse Annex Project is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the above in The Star Ledger.

Funding for this contract will be provided in the 2013 capital account.

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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 126-13

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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT #WC1225FO-2 TO FRENCH & PARRELLO ASSOCIATES, P.A. FOR PROFESSIONAL TESTING AND BITUMINOUS CORING SERVICES ON VARIOUS WARREN COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS FOR 2013 IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$46,350.00

WHEREAS, the County requested proposals to be received on April 26, 2012 for the Coring and Bituminous Testing on Various Warren County Construction Projects for 2012-2014; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4, as a fair and open contract; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by French & Parrello Associates, P.A. of Wall, New Jersey meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of \$46,350.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 0411A101 5063 and certified by the County 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:

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and French & Parrello Associates, P.A. for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$46,350.00, currently on file in the Office of the County Engineer, be made a part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 127-13

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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CORRECTED CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR CONTRACT #WC1111 WITH HC CONSTRUCTORS, INC. FOR THE RESTORATION OF INTER-COUNTY BRIDGE #16007/L-97-W, OLD TURNPIKE ROAD OVER THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER, MANSFIELD/LEBANON TOWNSHIPS WITH A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$977,404.26

WHEREAS, Change Order #3 was approved January 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, it was discovered that an incorrect entry resulted in amount of \$68,378.36 instead of \$70,878.36 for the decrease for the final as-built quantities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve change order #3 as corrected.

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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 128-13

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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO L.J. BRILL & ASSOCIATES OF BLAIRSTOWN, NEW JERSEY FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE DIRISIO FARM PROPERTY, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 501 AND BLOCK 602, LOT 14 AND LOT 6, 67.83 ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,900.00

WHEREAS, The Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for preservation for the year 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in obtaining surveys on various properties as listed in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, land surveys are required by the State Agricultural Development Board prior to negotiations for acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, said survey will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention and Development Act, N.J.S.A.4:1C-11, et. Seq;

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4, as a fair and open contract; and

WHEREAS, L.J. Brill & Associates, was pre-qualified as a surveyor by WC1285FO on November 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 03894 5067, – Open Space.

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and L. J. Brill & Associates, in the amount of \$4,900.00 to prepare a survey on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-LEDGER, as required by law, within ten (10) days of 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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 129-13

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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1306 FOR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TO TUWAY COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,005.00 PER YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that Warren County Contract WC1306 for communication system preventive maintenance is hereby awarded to . . . TuWay Communications, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
In the amount of . . . \$110,005.00
as per their bid submitted . . . February 5, 2013

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012500/5026 – Communications Center - Contracted Equipment Maintenance.

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 February 27, 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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO TREE KING INC. FOR REMOVAL OF TREES AND SHRUBS ALONG VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOP CONTRACT #18 FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$22,070.00

BE IT RESOLVED that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for the removal of trees and shrubs along County Routes for the Warren County Road Department and is hereby awarded to . . . Tree King, Inc., Landing, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$22,070.00 at the prices established under the Morris County Cooperative Contract #18

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012900/5029 – Roads 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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 131-13

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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO QUEUES ENFORTH DEVELOPMENT INC. UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A69836 COVERING COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FOR QED COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SOFTWARE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$56,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for QED computer-aided dispatch software for the Warren County Communications Center and is hereby awarded

to . . . Queues Enforth Development, Cambridge, Massachusetts in the amount of . . . \$56,000.00 at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A69836

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012500/505426 – Communications Center Computer Equipment.

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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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With Mr. Fineran in attendance, Mr. Sarnoski thanked him for coming and wished him well as a member of this committee. Mr. Gardner pointed out that Mr. Fineran has been a long-standing member on many different committees throughout the region.

RESOLUTION 134-13

On motion by Mr. Smith, 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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION ABOLISHING THE UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF CONFIDENTIAL AIDE, BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, WITH THE WORKING TITLE OF INSURANCE RISK MANAGER

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the unclassified position of Confidential Aide, Board of Chosen Freeholders, N.J.S.A. 11A:3-5(q), with the working title of Insurance Risk Manager is hereby abolished effective February 28, 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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner thought this action merited some discussion. While he understood the need to cut costs, he cited instances when the County did achieve savings in a variety of insurance sectors by having someone in this position. He felt unsure that abolishing this position was the answer. Having an insurance broker is one thing; having an in-house Risk Manager is different. He thought the position saved the County a significant amount of money and he expressed concern.

Mr. Smith said the Board is forced to make many difficult decisions. He appreciated Mr. Gardner's concerns and indeed, specifically asked if the broker provides risk management services and he was told yes. Mr. Smith thought there was some level of duplication here. If it turns out the broker does not perform risk management to our satisfaction, it might be appropriate to pursue changes in that area as well.

Mr. Sarnoski also understood the concerns expressed. He had spoken to Wells Fargo and was assured things would stay on track, but conceded the Board will need to keep an eye on it. We're doing more with less these days. If we have problems, we may in the future, reconsider this action.

Reports and Comments

County Counsel Joe Bell had no report.

County Engineer Dave Hicks said it has been an honor working for the County for 33 years. He thanked the Freeholders for all coming to his recent retirement dinner. "I leave you with mixed feelings; however, you'll be in good hands," Mr. Hicks said. Mr. Gleba has new ideas and fresh energy and is being supported by an excellent staff.

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County Planner Dave Dech had no report.

County CFO Charles Houck was absent.

County Administrator Steve Marvin had a few items for consideration.

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On motion by Mr. Smith, 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 February 27, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SALE OF THE COUNTY PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "NORTHEAST BRANCH LIBRARY", BLOCK 2, LOT 7, INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP TO BOSNIAK COMMUNITY CENTER OF NORTH JERSEY, CORP. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$253,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract for sale of County property known as the "Northeast Branch Library", Block 2, Lot 7, Independence Township, New Jersey is hereby awarded to . . . Bosniak Community Center of North Jersey Corp., Budd Lake, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$253,000.00 as per their bid submitted at auction . . . February 23, 2013 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the highest responsible bid submitted at auction.

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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Sarnoski said this fetched a lot more than we were expecting, so we are extremely pleased with this result.

There were no questions or comments regarding the Vacancy Report presented by Mr. Marvin.

All three Freeholders said they would be able to attend the next 6 County Coalition Meeting being hosted by Passaic County.

With the Freeholder Director's goal of one travelling meeting per quarter, it was decided to change the location of the Board's second meeting in March. Mr. Marvin pointed out that date would have been ideal to hold the Boards of School Estimate Meetings with the Technical School and Special Services School District. They decided to pursue April 3, 2013 as an alternative.

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On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, **MOVED THE SCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2013 AT THE WAYNE DUMONT, JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 165 ROUTE 519S, BELVIDERE, NJ TO THE HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 STIGER STREET, HACKETTSTOWN, NJ 07840 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

On a personal note, Mr. Marvin thanked Mr. Hicks for being a good friend and a great colleague.

Freeholder Comments

Mr. Gardner spoke of Governor Christie's recent Budget Address. The funding for County nursing homes will remain at the 2013 level for Fiscal Year 2014. Funding for Peer Grouping will remain in effect for 2014 and Managed Care for individuals may be phased in by July of 2014 and 2015 for nursing homes. He thought some of this news was rather positive.

He planned to attend an NJAC Meeting in mid-March. The NJAC Annual Conference is being held earlier this year, May 8-10. Eleven Vo-Tech Schools will be participating in the Cook-Off, an expansion of a very successful event within the conference that took place for the first time last year. He requested the Board consent to purchasing an ad in the program for \$500. NJAC would match that amount for a full page ad. Mr. Sarnoski said he was absolutely fine with that. Warren County Technical School did a fantastic job last year. Mr. Gardner said, "It really helps to support and nurture young people along, to have this kind of notoriety."

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Hicks for his 33 years of service. Your legacy is a great road system, he said. Very few of us have an opportunity to leave that kind of legacy. He welcomed Mr. Gleba.

Mr. Smith then talked about the matter of helping the Town of Belvidere in some way. He had previously suggested plowing certain areas and questions were raised regarding indemnification and road conditions. Those matters were being addressed. Mr. Gardner didn't have a problem with the concept. He didn't think the expense to the County was significant and didn't view it as setting a precedent. Mr. Sarnoski was concerned about duplication of effort. The County would be plowing roads the Belvidere Public Works Department would already be traversing. He preferred to think of another idea, perhaps purchasing some salt for Belvidere instead. Mr. Smith wanted to offer something to Belvidere, but it was decided to consider the matter further and consult with Tom Kitchen before taking action.

Mr. Sarnoski, himself an engineer, told Mr. Hicks how impressed he had been by his knowledge. Mr. Hicks always made sure everything out there was in the best interest of the County. His legacy is admirable.

Regarding the State Budget Mr. Gardner had mentioned, Mr. Sarnoski said it was interesting. A lot of it will hinge on what happens on the federal level, a thought he found scary. There was a little bit of positive news in terms of Medicare and Medicaid, but it was more of the

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same waiting game which was worrisome.

Each year, Mr. Sarnoski gets involved with the Special Olympics of New Jersey and he was bringing a Warren County team to Giants Stadium to play flag football in the annual Snow Bowl. Anyone seeking more information or interested in getting involved was advised to visit www.SONJ.org.

Mr. Sarnoski announced an Economic Summit being hosted by the Warren County Economic Development Advisory Council on March 20. Tax issues, real estate and the Affordable Healthcare Act will be among the topics discussed as well as an opportunity to network.

Closing Public Comments

Christopher Statile introduced himself as the owner of Changewater Stables in Greenwich Township. He said he purchased the 75 acre farm in 2006 and sold the development rights on 65 acres to the County in 2012. He also sold an easement for the Morris Canal and felt he and his family had been pretty good partners with the County. He distributed photos of his driveway which sustained hurricane damage. When the County was doing a resurfacing project on Route 519, Mr. Statile had asked the Engineering Department, County Administrator and the Mayor of Greenwich to convince the County to pave an extra 75 feet to repair his driveway. He said it was a \$2.8 million job and he estimated paving another 75 feet would have cost about \$2.500. Himself an engineer, Mr. Statile didn't think this was unreasonable to ask, but it was not done and he now appealed to the Freeholders to see if the job could be squeezed into 2013.

Mr. Hicks said his office had explained to Mr. Statile why the overlay project stopped where it did. Because of the culvert project in the process, we're trying to figure out what to do with the stream culvert underneath Morrie's Acres as well as the State project of Routes 57 and 519. We don't want to spend a lot of money that's going to be ripped up in the next five years. "Without knowing where the grades were going or what we're doing with the culvert, we explained to him that we're stopping where we're stopping and in the interim, we're looking at doing some microsurfacing out there just to maintain it until the State decides what they're going to do and we can coordinate our work. We're not going to ignore it or let it go; we're just doing it in stages," said Mr. Hicks. As far as flood damage, it's one of our smaller culverts and when the Lopatcong Creek comes up and the culvert can't handle it, it goes down the road through the culvert and goes back into the stream right by Mr. Statile's driveway. With that amount of flood water, it's the nature of the beast it's always going to be a bit of a hassle. We're trying to coordinate a number of projects at one time without wasting a lot of money. If we can get the microsurfacing done, it will keep it in reasonable good shape until we can figure out whether we're going to resurface, reconstruct or what we're going to do.

Discussion ended regarding the status of the State's plans to improve that intersection, deemed the number one priority in the county and the location of a high number of accidents. Mr. Sarnoski said he's been trying to work with NJTPA along with the Planning Department to try and move things along. Dave Dech thought funding was planned for the Year 2016. Mr. Gardner

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thought that was a ridiculous amount of time to wait. Regardless, a State project would not extend to Mr. Statile's driveway, but Mr. Sarnoski thought there was plenty of work to be done throughout that entire area and the County would coordinate with the State when the time comes. However, he has tried to work with Congressman Garrett and now Congressman Lance to get something done and funding just keeps getting pulled. Mr. Gleba was instructed to get back to Mr. Statile on the microsurfacing schedule.

RESOLUTION 136-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, at 8:02 p.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on February 27, 2013.

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 Litigation, Negotiations & Attorney-Client Privilege*: Items to be discussed include: Court Room #2 dispute.
- (2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements*: Items to be discussed include: Status of open collective bargaining negotiations, grievances, etc. and possible settlements with PBA 280-Sheriff's Officers and CWA 1071-PHNA.
- (3) *Matters Relating to Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property*: Items to be included include: Discuss results of auction of former NE Library Branch.

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 February 27, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Board adjourned executive session at 8:27 p.m. and returned to open session.

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

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On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board