

## MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Regular Session in Room ABC of the Warren County Community College, 475 Route 57 West, Washington, New Jersey on September 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. after holding a brief ceremony at the adjacent Emergency Services Memorial.

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 William Gleba, County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin. CFO Charles Houck was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Sarnoski.

Director Sarnoski read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 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. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Minutes of the Regular Session held on August 28, 2013 were approved with two clarifications and one correction. According to the Minutes, Mr. Sarnoski had stated there were 40,000 seniors in Warren County and he had meant to say 14,000. He had stated there were 11 publicly owned nursing homes in New Jersey, but there are actually 14 public nursing homes in the state, spread out over 11 counties. Mr. Sarnoski requested a correction be made to the second paragraph under closing Public Comments. The number of privately owned nursing homes in the stated should say “more than 350” as opposed to “300”.

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 August 28, 2013 were approved.

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

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Although it was not on the evening’s agenda, with the meeting being hosted by Warren County Community College, Mr. Sarnoski thought it was appropriate to grant the college’s request to make a presentation about all the good things it’s done.

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On behalf of the Board of Trustees, College President Dr. William Austin welcomed the Freeholders and members of the public and then showed a short video presentation. They are implementing a program for veterans called V.I.P.E.R. (Veterans In Pursuit of Educational Readiness) through which qualifying veterans can earn an Associate's Degree in as little as one semester. WCCC is the only college in New Jersey offering this program. Dr. Austin recognized faculty member Dr. Sintich, who created the program at WCCC. The other major recent development is the new Culinary Arts Program in partnership with Warren County Technical School which has all the facilities in place next door. The college level program will be conducted in the evenings.

Dr. Austin then asked the following members of the Board of Trustees in attendance to stand and be recognized: Dr. Frank Gilly, Kieran Higgins, Craig Dana, Peter Schmidt, Elizabeth Gittins and James Mengucci. Another highlight is the expansion of the Dual Enrollment Program being headed up by Tina Kolodzieski. High School students satisfactorily completing certain qualifying courses can earn college credits before even enrolling in college, resulting in savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars countywide.

Growth in enrollment has leveled off as expected from the high of 20% increase in enrollment five years ago due to the recession. Now, with more people back to work, enrollment grew by one percent over last year.

Craig Dana, President of WCCC Board of Trustees, said he genuinely appreciated the Freeholders' support. He characterized the college operation as lean, mean and fiscally responsible. Mr. Sarnoski thanked the Trustees for all they do for the community.

Mr. Gardner said he had attended the V.I.P.E.R. kickoff and thought it was a fantastic thing. He wished the board good luck with the program. Mr. Smith, himself a former trustee, said it was great to come back and thanked the current members for their service. He said that's what makes the institution work and he was glad to support it.

**PROCLAMATION 444-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**CONSTITUTION WEEK, SEPTEMBER 2013**

**WHEREAS**, September 17, 2013 marks the two hundred and twenty-sixth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the

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President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the week of September 17 through September 23, 2013 is proclaimed Constitution Week.

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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Smith said he was very pleased to have the opportunity to read this resolution as he is a big fan of the Constitution. He said it guarantees us our liberties.

Mr. Gardner said this is the document that makes our democracy work. The three separate branches of power are unique to the United States. He said he was very happy to support this action and was a proponent of having more of an emphasis on civics in public schools.

Mr. Sarnoski said all you have to do is observe what is happening around the world today in Syria and other nations to realize that the U.S. is the greatest country in the world. "The reason why is because of the Constitution and the laws we have that protect our citizens and establish the freedoms that we have," said Mr. Sarnoski.

Daughters of the American Revolution Member Fran Long of Washington accepted the proclamation. She thanked the Freeholders very much for the recognition on the 226<sup>th</sup> year of our Constitution, the oldest in the world.

**PROCLAMATION 445-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH, SEPTEMBER 2013**

**WHEREAS**, libraries are an essential service for the nation's children by providing free access to important educational resources; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries provide resources in many formats including books, e-books, periodicals, research publications and online databases, many of which are always available to students through the internet; and

**WHEREAS**, library staff can guide students in their research by providing resources that are authenticated and reviewed; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries provide access to lifelong learning opportunities and access to new technologies, and bridge the digital divide by providing a full range of information and services to children and adult learners; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries continue to evolve and find ways to bring value to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, a library card is the key to accessing library services, and at a time when families doing their "back-to-school" shopping and preparing for the new school year, a library

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card can be considered the most important school supply of all;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of Freeholders recognizes September 2013 as Library Card Sign-Up Month, and encourages everyone to sign up for a library card, which is the “smartest card” you can own.

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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner was in agreement with the proclamation. The husband of an avid library user, he understands how valuable libraries are. Opportunities abound for children of all ages to not only augment their school learning experiences, but also as a place for them to recreate in a clean and dynamic atmosphere. County Library usage keeps going up and it’s a great thing, he said.

Mr. Smith said libraries are a “great equalizer”. The same facilities and opportunities are available to everyone regardless of socioeconomic status. He encouraged everybody to get a library card and take advantage of all that libraries have to offer.

Mr. Sarnoski noted that he has two young kids that go to the library at least once a week to check out materials and attend programs and he was convinced that they had increased reading levels as a result. “We have a very strong, healthy Library System around Warren County and we’re proud of that,” said Mr. Sarnoski.

As Library Director Maureen Wilkinson accepted the proclamation, she encouraged everyone to obtain a library card. “We are the partner in education for the kids in the community,” she said, noting that the summer reading programs keep kids reading all summer long. Literacy kits are sent home to children that are entering kindergarten each year and right now, librarians are out at back to school nights reminding parents of the importance of getting their children to the library.

**PROCLAMATION 446-13**

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 2013.

**TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH 275<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS**, Greenwich Township was incorporated in 1738, and is the oldest of the 22 municipalities in Warren County; and

**WHEREAS**, the earliest recorded settler was John Cook, who built a cabin along Pohatcong Creek in 1677 and later built a grist mill, which a century later helped to supply grain to the Continental Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Stewartsville, the only major village in Greenwich Township, was named for Thomas Stewart, who served as secretary to President George Washington, and who purchased 360 acres in Greenwich, resided there, and is buried at Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

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Cemetery along with many other Revolutionary War soldiers and notable figures from the Township's history; and

**WHEREAS**, the Morris Canal was constructed through the northeast corner of the Township in the 1820s, and Port Warren was established on the canal; and

**WHEREAS**, Greenwich Township, consisting of farmland, woodland, historic villages, commercial zones and thriving residential neighborhoods, has an area of 11.15 square miles and a population of approximately 5,613; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has maintained a rural character with scenic views, rolling hills and meandering streams, and is noted for excellent trout fishing in the Musconetcong River, Lopatcong Creek and Pohatcong Creek;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of Freeholders proclaims September 21, 2013 the day to mark the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the incorporation of the Township of Greenwich, and congratulations the Township and all its inhabitants on this auspicious milestone.

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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Sarnoski noted that the Townships of Lopatcong and White are also celebrating anniversary milestones this year, but don't share the distinction of being the oldest municipality in Warren County. He congratulated the Township of Greenwich for the milestone and its important heritage.

Mr. Smith also extended his congratulations to the community. It was noteworthy that Greenwich was actually older than the County of Warren. He wished the township well with its celebration.

Mr. Gardner said it was quite significant that the Township of Greenwich was incorporated 87 years before the County of Warren. He related that in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, he came in contact with a lot of electrical contractors from other regions of the country. They were very impressed with the number of stone homes in that area. He joined his colleagues in congratulation Greenwich, saying he was sure it was to be a great celebration.

Greenwich Township Deputy Mayor Angelo Faillace was pleased to accept the proclamation. Unfortunately, the rest of the members of his Township Committee were unable to attend due to the community's own 9/11 ceremony, but Mr. Faillace thanked the Board on their behalf. He was very excited about the special celebration the township had planned. There will be lots of fun activities, but also educational skits and reenactments to portray the historical significance for the benefit of the kids. As Mr. Gardner had mentioned the stone houses, Mr. Faillace said a calendar is being published with pictures of pre-revolutionary homes in the community.

**RESOLUTION 447-13**

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 September 11,

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**RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS**

**Be and it is hereby resolved** that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2013-35 and 2013-36, dated September 11, 2013,** in the amount of **\$3,607,863.84.** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2013-35	9/4/13	\$	429,897.02	
2013-36	9/11/13		1,692,414.18	
Election Pay	9/3/13		73,635.25	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$2,195,946.45</b>
PNC Bank Commercial Card Svc	9/10/13	\$	1,890.02	
<b>TOTAL WIRE TRANSFERS</b>				<b>1,890.02</b>
Payroll	9/5/13	\$	1,410,027.37	
Subsistence	9/5/13		0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b><u>1,410,027.37</u></b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b><u>\$3,607,863.84</u></b>

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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 448-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014 COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES PLAN AND NJ JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION FUNDING APPLICATION TOTTALLING \$295,455, FUNDS TO BE USED FOR PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES; SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission has made available to the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders a total of \$295,455 (\$190,884 State/Community Partnership funds, \$100,751 in Family Court Funds, and \$3,438 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds, \$382 county matching funds) for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration

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has prepared a comprehensive county youth services plan update and grant application for program services, program administration and Family Court services, which was approved by the Youth Services Coordinating Council on August 1, 2013.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Director of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to sign the 2012-2014 Comprehensive County Youth Services Plan and 2014 Juvenile Justice Commission funding application in the amount of \$295,455 (\$190,884 State/Community Partnership funds, \$100,751 Family Court funds; \$3,438 in Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Funds) and \$382 in county matching 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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 449-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 SUBREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. AND THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,880.00**

**WHEREAS**, in order to improve subregional or county transportation planning, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has initiated a program to pass Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funds through to individual counties to supplement existing state and regional planning efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, this subregional transportation planning effort is aimed at developing staff capability and improving institutional systems in the Warren County Planning Department; and

**WHEREAS**, this Subregional Transportation Planning Program is jointly administered by the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., (NJIT/NJTPA), and has been undertaken in Warren County by the Warren County Planning Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County's proposed Subregional Transportation Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2014 follows a specific program designed jointly by the Warren County Planning Department, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County's proposed Subregional Transportation Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2014 has been approved by the NJIT/NJTPA; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJIT/NJTPA allocated \$64,880.00 for the Subregional Transportation Planning Program as outlined in Volume II of the FY 2014 Unified Work Program for Warren County; and

**WHEREAS**, under the subcontract, Warren County is authorized to incur costs, starting July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 to a maximum of \$64,880; and

**WHEREAS**, this amount consists of Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit

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Administration planning funds of \$51,904 (80%) and \$12,976 (20%) of Warren County in-kind match; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding level and the contract agreement are subject to adjustment based on the availability of federal funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The agreement for subregional transportation planning for FY 2014 between the County of Warren, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., is approved subject to adjustment based on the availability of federal funds.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby directed to execute said agreement.
3. Costs incurred under this contract shall not exceed \$64,880.

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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 450-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4147 (GREENWALD/RIBLE) WHICH WOULD REQUIRE CERTAIN CONTRACT BID ADVERTISEMENTS TO CONTAIN CERTIFIED COST ESTIMATE RANGES, WOULD SPECIFY THE GROUNDS FOR THE REJECTION OF ALL BIDS AND WOULD REQUIRE A 50% GUARANTY ON BIDS NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would defeat the intended purpose and cost benefits of competitive bidding as it provides contractors with little incentive to submit proposals below projected cost estimates; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would increase the cost of doing business with local governments as preparing bid solicitations become more complex and may require local governments to hire professional consultants to prepare comprehensive cost estimates; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would lead to costly litigation if the reasonableness of a projected cost estimate is challenged in court further driving up project expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would eliminate the important flexibility local governments exercise under current law when making decisions concerning the acceptance or rejection of all bid proposals including those that deal with the purchase of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would adversely impact the ability of local governments to execute cost effective public contracts under terms and conditions most favorable to taxpayers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby strongly oppose Assembly Bill No. 4147 (Greenwald/Rible) and directs that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, the President of the New Jersey State Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, our Legislators in Districts Twenty Three and Twenty Four and the New Jersey Association of Counties.

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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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Regarding the opposition of Assembly No. 4147, Mr. Gardner said he was happy to see this on the agenda. Passage of this would defeat the purpose of a fair and open bidding process. It would be bad for government and contractors. Mr. Smith agreed. He said we have to live within the confines of CAP Law and economize as much as possible. He said this bill creates more obstacles for us to control costs. Mr. Sarnoski said the State tends to forget the burdens they put on local and county governments and sometimes creates more rules that defy existing rules on the way open and honest government is conducted.

**RESOLUTION 451-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1356 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CCTV MAINTENANCE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2014 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that specification WC1356 for cctv maintenance for the Warren County Correctional Center is hereby approved.

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

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget account 012800/5026 – Correctional 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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 452-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1357 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FURNISHING, INSTALLING, SUPPLYING AND SERVICING VENDING MACHINES FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that specification WC1357 for furnishing, installing, supplying, and servicing vending machines for Warren County is hereby approved.

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

No county funds are required for this 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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 453-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1358C AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING MODEL FOR INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, RECORDING AND CASH CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that specification WC1358C for Information Management, Recording and Cash Control System for the Warren County Clerk is hereby approved.

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

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget accounts 011200/5029 – County Clerk Contracted Services, and 011200/5059 County Clerk DP 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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 454-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT #WC1316FO-3 TO CHERRY, WEBER ASSOCIATES, P.C. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE REHABILITATION OF WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE #13012, STATION ROAD OVER THE PAULINS KILL, KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, the County requested proposals to be received on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 for Contract #WC1316FO for Construction Phase Engineering/Inspection Services; and

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**WHEREAS**, inspection services are needed for the above project; 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 Cherry, Weber Associates, P.C. meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of \$40,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in account 0412A308 5064 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

**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 Cherry, Weber Associates, P.C. of Phillipsburg, N.J. for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$40,000.00, 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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 455-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC1338 TO SPARWICK CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE REHABILITATION OF WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE #13012, STATION ROAD OVER PAULINS KILL, KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,249,818.00**

**WHEREAS**, the County advertised for bids to be received on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 1:30 P.M. for Contract #WC1338 for the Rehabilitation of Warren County Bridge #13012, Station Road over the Paulins Kill, Knowlton Township; and

**WHEREAS**, Sparwick Contracting, Inc. of Lafayette, New Jersey submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid of \$1,249,818.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid is within ½% of the Engineer's Estimate for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds have been established in accounts S31655384 5064, 0412A305 5064, 0412A308 5064, 0411A305 5064, 0410A308 5064 and 0409A308 5064 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby award the contract for the above project to Sparwick Contracting, Inc. in the contract amount of \$1,249,818.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the award shall be subject to final concurrence by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

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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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 456-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR CONTRACT #WC1244 WITH REIVAX CONTRACTING CORP. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CULVERT #16039 VALLEY ROAD OVER TRIBUTARY TO POHATCONG CREEK, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP FOR A NET DECREASE OF \$13,874.00 AND A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$313,033.49**

**WHEREAS**, Contract #WC1244 was awarded to Reivax Contracting Corporation for the Reconstruction of Culvert #16039, Valley Road over a tributary to the Pohatcong Creek, Mansfield Township in the amount of \$326,907.49; and

**WHEREAS**, final as built quantities resulted in a net decrease of \$13,874.00; and

**WHEREAS**, said changes were recommended by the County Engineer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve change order #2 for the above project with Reivax Contracting Corporation for a net decrease of \$13,874.00 and a final contract amount of \$313,033.49.

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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 457-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #2 FOR CONTRACT #WC0870FO-8 TO TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RESTORATION OF WARREN COUNTY BRIDGES #13012 & #13013, STATION ROAD OVER THE PAULINS KILL, KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$54,400.00 AND A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$215,196.00**

**WHEREAS**, Contract #WC0870-FO was awarded to TranSystems Corporation for Engineering Services for the Restoration of Warren County Bridges #13012 & #13013, Station Road over the Paulins Kill, Knowlton Township in the amount of \$160,796.00; and

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

**WHEREAS**, construction support services are needed for County Bridge #13012 for a net increase of \$54,400.00; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in accounts 0412A308 5064 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

**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. Hereby approving Contract Modification #2 with TranSystems Corporation for the above project for a net increase of \$54,400.00 and a revised contract amount of \$215,196.00.
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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 458-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION MODIFYING CONTRACT TO CONTEXTUAL FAMILY SERVICES FOR INTENSIVE IN-HOME TREATMENT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013;  
CONTRACT CEILING TO INCREASE TO \$89,311**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders approves the 2013 county contract modification with Contextual Family Services for an additional \$9,000 in Juvenile Justice Commission State Community Partnership funds; contract ceiling to increase to \$89,311 for the period September 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that funds for this contract are available in county account S3555311 5029.

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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 459-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1324 JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR VARIOUS WARREN COUNTY OFFICES FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR ONE ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW 40A:11-15 TO URUCORP MAINTENANCE & CONTRACTORS, INC. IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$92,076.00**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that contract WC1324 for janitorial services for various Warren County Offices is hereby awarded to . . . Urucorp Maintenance & Contractors, Inc., Wharton, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$92,076.00 as per their bid submitted . . . August 20, 2013 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget account 013100/5024 – Buildings & Grounds Facility Maintenance, Repair & Cleaning.

**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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 460-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1359R FOR PROFESSIONAL ASBESTOS SAFETY CONTROL MONITORING SERVICES FOR REVIEW, PLANNING, DESIGN AND PREPARATION OF BID READY SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS, TESTING AND FINAL AIR AND SURFACE SAMPLING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COURT HOUSE ANNEX PROJECT TO RK OCCUPATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS, INC. OF PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,037.50**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the professional services of an authorized New Jersey Asbestos Remediation Company to provide mold remediation services, for review, planning, design and preparation of bid Ready specifications and drawings, testing and final air and surface sampling for the Warren County Court House Annex Project; 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**, this contract is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4, as a non-fair and open contract: and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County has received all necessary documentation to allow award of this contract including the Business Entity Disclosure Certification, Certificate of Compliance With Campaign Contribution Law and the Determination of Value and these forms are on file; 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 capital account 0413A512/5062 – Courthouse Annex Design & Build Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of

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Warren in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and RK Occupational & Environmental Analysis, Inc., of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$26,037.50 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. 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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 461-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NORMAN J. GOLDBERG, INC. OF CLINTON, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE STAMPF FARM PROPERTY, WHITE TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 62, LOT 24, APPROXIMATELY 77.74 ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,175.00**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, land appraisals are required by the State Agricultural Development Board prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Farm Easement Purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention Program Appraisal Handbook, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice;

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

**WHEREAS**, Norman J. Goldberg, Inc., was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC1284FO on November 20, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in account 03895/5067, – Open Space – Preliminary Expenses.

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Norman J. Goldberg, Inc., in the amount of \$2,175.00 to prepare an appraisal on the land listed be accepted.

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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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 462-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO C.L. ORBAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC. OF FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE STAMPF FARM PROPERTY, WHITE TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 62, LOT 24, APPROXIMATELY 77.74 ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,100.00**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, land appraisals are required by the State Agricultural Development Board prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Farm Easement Purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention Program Appraisal Handbook, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice;

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

**WHEREAS**, C.L. Orbaker & Associates, Inc., was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC1284FO on November 20, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in account 03895/5067, – Open Space – Preliminary Expenses.

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and C. L. Orbaker & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$2,100.00 to prepare an appraisal 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 September 11, 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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HOLZHAUER & HOLENSTEIN, LLC OF NEWTON, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE BRIAN O'DOWD PROPERTY, BLOCK 40, LOT 1, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP AND BLOCK 17, LOT 2, GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, 60.90 ACRES AND THE O'DOWD AND ASSOCIATES PROPERTY, BLOCKS 14, LOT 10; 15, LOT 1; 16, LOT 6; 17, LOT 1; 18, LOT 3; 19, LOT 1 AND 20, LOT 2; GREENWICH TOWNSHIP AND BLOCK 41, LOTS 1 & 2, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, 343.60 ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,750.00**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, land appraisals are required by the State Agricultural Development Board prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Farm Easement Purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention Program Appraisal Handbook, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice;

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

**WHEREAS**, Holzhauer & Hostenstein, LLC., was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC1284FO on November 20, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in account 03895/5067, – Open Space – Preliminary Expenses.

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Holzhauer & Hostenstein LLC., in the amount of \$3,750.00 to prepare an appraisal 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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 464-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LANDMARK I APPRAISAL, LLC OF CHESTER, NEW**

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**JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE BRIAN O'DOWD PROPERTY, BLOCK 40, LOT 1, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP AND BLOCK 17, LOT 2, GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, 60.90 ACRES AND THE O'DOWD AND ASSOCIATES PROPERTY, BLOCKS 14, LOT 10; 15, LOT 1; 16, LOT 6; 17, LOT 1; 18, LOT 3; 19, LOT 1 AND 20, LOT 2; GREENWICH TOWNSHIP AND BLOCK 41, LOTS 1 & 2, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, 343.60 ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,580.00**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, land appraisals are required by the State Agricultural Development Board prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Farm Easement Purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention Program Appraisal Handbook, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice;

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

**WHEREAS**, Landmark I Appraisal, LLC, was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC1284FO on November 20, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in account 03895/5067, – Open Space – Preliminary Expenses.

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Landmark I Appraisal LLC., in the amount of \$4,580.00 to prepare an appraisal 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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 465-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO CAMPBELL FOUNDRY COMPANY FOR PIPE CASTINGS UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A84205 COVERING CATCH BASINS, CASTINGS, INLETS AND MANHOLES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$25,975.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for pipe castings for the Warren County Road Department and this purchase is hereby awarded to . . . Campbell Foundry Company, Kearny, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$25,975.00

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at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A84205

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012900/5125 – Road Maintenance Material.

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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 466-13**

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 September 11, 2013.

**RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT REGULAR AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE  
WARREN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoint the following regular and alternate members to the Warren County Planning Board with terms to expire September 19, 2016.

Louis J. Baduini, Alternate 1  
PO Box 427  
Vienna, NJ 07880

Term: 9/20/13 – 9/19/16

Desiree Dunn  
49 Millbrook-Stillwater Road  
Hardwick, NJ 07825

Term: 9/20/13 – 9/19/16

Deborah A. Pasquarelli  
511 Standish Place  
Stewartsville, NJ 08886

Term: 9/20/13 – 9/19/16

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 September 11, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Smith thanked these individuals for volunteering their time. Serving on the Planning Board can be frustrating and he appreciated these members stepping up to serve another term. Mr. Gardner was pleased as well. He said these people possess pertinent knowledge to serve in this capacity.

**Reports and Comments**

County Counsel Joe Bell had two items to discuss in Executive Session with regard to pending litigation.

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County Engineer Bill Gleba commented on a letter from NJDOT that the Board had already seen. Aid to the County for 2014 is to be a bit under \$2 million, roughly \$400,000 more than the current year. This new formula is a more equitable split. Mr. Sarnoski said this is important and was a big topic at the NJTPA Meeting. Some of the State's more urban areas are facing a decrease in funding.

County Planner Dave Dech had no report.

County CFO Charles Houck was absent.

County Administrator Steve Marvin had only the most recent Vacancy Report in case the Board had any questions or comments which it did not.

Freeholder Comments

Regarding the weather, Mr. Gardner said hopefully, this will be one of the last hot days of summer. He said he was very happy to be here at WCCC and was pleased with the public turnout. He enjoyed the film presentation; he thought it was a good portrayal of the college's progressiveness and strong leadership. Having attended Lopatcong Township's recent anniversary parade, he said he was always impressed with the community spirit to be found at these events. "This is what Americana is really all about," he said.

As the liaison for the PCFA and Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), Mr. Smith said both groups are examining the long-term Solid Waste Management Plan. The possibility of adding a cell 6 to the landfill has been raised and the Freeholders would have to weigh in on that. The current plan goes until the Year 2021. Correspondence is to be expected from PCFA on the topic. The timeline to prepare is six to seven years so we're getting close. Decisions will have to be made regarding expansion or closure. Sufficient funds for the post closure trust fund will have to be set aside. After a bit more discussion, Mr. Sarnoski thanked Mr. Smith for keeping the Board up to

date. "We'll keep an eye on that," he said.

Mr. Sarnoski thanked the college for hosting the meeting this evening. He thought it was great to be able to move the Freeholder Meetings around the county to make it easier for those who may not find the Belvidere location convenient so they can participate and see what the meetings are all about.

Mr. Sarnoski was also appreciative of all who attended the memorial to commemorate the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks held earlier. He thought it was a nice ceremony and important to observe.

Other announcements included the Economic Development Advisory Council's Second Economic Summit being held at Warren County Technical School on October 3. This is an informational resource for businesses with regard to rapidly changing dynamics in real estate, banking and healthcare industries and the economy overall. Mr. Sarnoski encouraged people to

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attend the event.

Warren County Government now has a Facebook page up and running. This will be a great resource for the County to get the word out to the public on a regular basis as well as in emergencies. He thought it was appropriate in this day and age to communicate with the public through social media. Anyone who already has a Facebook account is encouraged to “like” the County page to get regular updates. A Twitter account is expected to be implemented eventually as well.

### Closing Public Comments

Purchasing Director Chris Pessolano reported that the County’s Annual Auction had been held the prior weekend. He said there were not a lot of “gems” this year so the approximately \$36,000 generated was actually pretty good. He wished to publicly thank the Road Department and Buildings & Grounds for helping make things run smoothly as well as Art Charlton for taking photos of the items.

Cheryl Van Gieson of Independence Township said she is part of an advocacy group that has formed called Families and Friends of Warren Haven. She was there to speak on behalf of the group and their loved ones. “It is very important to us that our loved ones are cared for as they are today and that Warren Haven remains a County-owned nursing home,” she said, adding that it gives the group a sense of security and stability knowing that the County and State are overseeing processes of the facility.

Ms. Van Gieson presented the Board with 773 signatures on both paper and on-line petitions to keep Warren Haven a County-owned nursing facility. She said more signatures are on the way. She said she had read the recent engineering report by Great Meadows Design Group as requested by the Freeholders as part of the Warren Haven study. She said she was very

impressed with the County’s ongoing level of commitment to keeping Warren Haven maintained. Ms. Van Gieson thanked the Board for keeping the facility “in great shape and County-owned”. She asked each Freeholder in turn, “Are you in favor of keeping Warren Haven a County-owned nursing home?”

Mr. Gardner said he was in favor of County ownership. He explained how as President of NJAC (New Jersey Association of Counties) last year, he helped form a group called County Nursing Homes of New Jersey in efforts to have umbrella support for the remaining County-owned nursing homes. “It’s a Band-Aid, really, on a major issue,” said Mr. Gardner. The big issue is Federal and State Governments trying to push us out of the business of healthcare. “We’re in a David and Goliath type situation, honestly,” Mr. Gardner said.

When it was Mr. Smith’s turn to answer, he said he would like to see Warren Haven remain County-owned, but he was also an Economics Major. He said we are watching the funding upstream evaporate, leaving the County in a situation of struggling to fund the facility and continue to provide the level of care that people have come to expect. That’s why we are going

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through the study and looking at all the options. Funding levels will change again next year and “these are impacts that we cannot just ignore,” said Mr. Smith, adding that the Affordable Care Act is yet another factor that remains unclear. “I have not made a decision. I would like to see it there. I definitely want to see it open, but we have to be able to have the resources to provide continued good service to the residents that are there as they would expect,” said Mr. Smith.

When Ms. Van Gieson posed the question to Mr. Sarnoski, he said he was going to reserve his opinion until after receiving the report from the advisory committee tasked with studying the issues facing Warren Haven of which Ms. Van Gieson is a member. “That is why we set up that group; to find reasonable options for the nursing home,” he said. He agreed with his colleagues that there is a direct push on County Governments to get out of the nursing home business. The revenue that’s coming in doesn’t nearly meet the expenses. Mr. Sarnoski said he wants to see a facility there for our residents whether it’s County-owned or not; that the 180 beds are maintained and our residents are taken care of.

Ms. Van Gieson thanked the Freeholders for the opportunity to have this dialog and expected more to come.

Louis Cartabona of Alpha inquired about the subcontract agreement with the NJTPA (Agenda Item E2). He asked who was getting the money. County Planner Dave Dech said this is basically to offset staff salaries for the Sub-regional Transportation Planning Program.

Mr. Cartabona then asked for an update on the solar project at the landfill. Mr. Smith said it has been a challenge to get hooked to the grid. It was his understanding that it’s close to being sorted out after being stranded for a long time.

Karen Smith of Green Township, Sussex County, said her mother is a current Warren Haven resident. She asked how the advisory committee to study Warren Haven was formed. Mr. Sarnoski said members were solicited from the county. Two members have relatives in the facility; two do not and one is our Human Services Director. Ms. Smith expressed concern that if Warren Haven is bought, it will become a business and profit will be more important than the residents. She said the employees there care about the residents. When her mother had to move into the Alzheimer’s Unit, the staff was very adept at calming her fears. Ms. Smith was afraid that level of care would diminish if it were to become a business. She implored the Freeholders to be unbiased as they make these decisions. She asked if the Warren Haven Family Council could raise money, would that make a difference. Mr. Sarnoski couldn’t say, but assured her the Board would be unbiased.

Carol Cook of Blairstown asked if other programs were tied into the funding received from the State and Federal Governments. Mr. Marvin said currently, yes; as of July of next year, no. Mr. Sarnoski explained the impending loss of Peer Grouping funding. Mr. Marvin said Peer Grouping funding now totals \$1.2 million. Under the law, no less than 10 percent of that funding is to be devoted to programs designed to keep people out of nursing homes. Historically, the

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Freeholders have used 50 percent of that money for a variety of Human Services Programs. As of July, the entire \$1.2 million is going to be gone.

Ms. Cook said she was a volunteer advocate for the State Ombudsman Office in a private nursing facility and she spoke about her responsibilities and experiences. She said she knew the advocate at Warren Haven and that the person was excellent. "Having advocates is very helpful in nursing homes and I would encourage anyone to do that," Mrs. Cook said, adding that good care can be found in a private setting.

After offering a couple of suggestions already pursued by the Freeholders, Ms. Cook talked about the seniors in the Blairstown area being discriminated against since the area no longer has a nutrition site. Mr. Sarnoski said that's part of what we've been talking about with the loss of the Peer Grouping funding. "I think you understand," said Mr. Sarnoski and he thanked her for the questions and comments.

Vincent Fiedler of Hackettstown asked if there is a fixed revenue stream that is insufficient to fund the facility, how can a private operator support it and turn a profit. Mr. Sarnoski said the economy of scale is different for a private company coming in with a larger network of providers. Collective bargaining is a major factor as is the cost of benefits provided to County employees. He noted the substantial savings achieved by privatizing the Divisions of Food Service, Housekeeping and Laundry.

Ellen Weiss of Independence Township spoke of her 72 year old mentally challenged sister who had always lived with family members up until about 18 months ago when she came to Warren Haven. "I cannot put into words the care, compassion and love that these people receive from the staff of Warren Haven," Ms. Weiss said. She expressed the hope that 20 years in the future, people will be thanking this Freeholder Board for finding a way to keep Warren Haven a

County-owned facility.

Fred Cook of Blairstown asked for some elaboration of how all the funding cuts came about. Mr. Sarnoski explained about declining Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates and the elimination of Peer Grouping funding as outlined in the Governor's Budget adopted by the Legislature. Mr. Marvin said it goes back even further to the Year 2011 when the State applied for and was granted a Medicaid Waiver from the requirements of the federal regulations for Medicaid. Part of this process was that the State would now move all nursing homes to "Managed Care".

At some point, probably beginning July of next year, all of the services at Warren Haven will have to be reimbursed through designated Managed Care Providers selected by the State. Mr. Marvin said we'll have no role in selecting them; we will have to negotiate with them for the reimbursement rate they're going to pay us which is evidently going to be set by the State. In other words, it's really long and complicated and involves both the feds and the State.

Ellen Weiss had another comment. She said most people she comes in contact with are unaware that Warren Haven accepts paying patients in addition to people on Medicaid. She

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inquired about advertising to get that word out. Mr. Gardner said Warren Haven's Assistant Administrator has been working diligently on the issue and has met with various hospitals and facilities to communicate that message. Mr. Sarnoski seemed surprised that people didn't know, but noted that a recent change has been to accept out-of-county residents.

Mr. Marvin pointed out that empty beds are not unique to Warren Haven; it's industry-wide right now. This is consistent with an effort begun years ago to designate funding that had once gone to nursing homes to now be devoted to keeping people out of nursing homes as long as possible. That effort has been successful and this is the result.

Mr. Sarnoski thanked the members of the public for their comments. He thought they were very appropriate and civil and he said he truly appreciated it. He thought these were the type of discussions that should be taking place at these meetings. He assured everyone that the Freeholder Board was working very hard and the committee they had set up is meeting regularly and working diligently toward making recommendations. "We will continue working on this issue," Mr. Sarnoski said, "It's important to the County and it's pertinent to our seniors."

**RESOLUTION 467-13**

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, at 8:44 p.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 11, 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-result of meeting with A.J.S.C. Francis.
- (2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements*: Items to be discussed include: Status of various grievances, etc. and impending negotiations and discussion of interest arbitration with FOP 171-Corrections Officers.

**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 September 11, 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. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Board adjourned executive session at 9:24 p.m. and returned to open session.

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

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 9:24 p.m.

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

**ATTESTED TO:**

**Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board**