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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 September 25, 2013 at 7:30 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 William Gleba, CFO Charles Houck, County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Sarnoski.

Director Sarnoski read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 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 Regular Session held on September 11, 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 Executive Session held on September 11, 2013 were approved.

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

PROCLAMATION 468-13

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 25, 2013.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, OCTOBER 2013

WHEREAS, the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County, NJ receives approximately 2,000 hotline calls every year, provides emergency shelter to approximately 100 women and children and provided supportive advocacy and counseling services to more than 1,000 men, women and children in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity; and

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WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, in Warren County, we need to increase our capacity to recognize and understand Domestic Violence through community education, supporting Domestic Violence victims and holding perpetrators accountable for their behavior.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of the pervasiveness of Domestic Violence and the damage it does to individuals, families and our community, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby proclaim the month of October 2013 as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and urges all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by the Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center and take responsibility as a community to work towards the elimination of this crime that diminishes us all.

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 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner said the Board supports this proclamation each year; it is necessary to make the public more aware of these matters. It's sad to see so much domestic violence. It's a societal crisis and especially tragic when children are involved. Mr. Gardner said his hat was off to all the volunteers and workers involved with DASACC. They have compassion and they help to make victims whole again.

Mr. Smith said he viewed this as a process of education. It's important for victims to see a pathway to relief.

Mr. Sarnoski agreed with his colleagues' remarks and said there wasn't much he could add except to urge people to join him in attending the Annual Candlelight Vigil at Centenary College on October 2 honoring victims of domestic violence. He said it's a very moving ceremony.

The proclamation was accepted by Brittanie Scalora of DASACC who also appealed to the crowd to come to the vigil to show their support.

Scholarships via the NJAC Foundation were then presented to three graduates of Warren County Technical School. Kevin Wahl of Oxford was awarded \$650 from PSE&G and Investors Bank awarded \$500 each to Shane Lukachek of Phillipsburg and Michael Rice of Great Meadows.

Mr. Sarnoski said we applaud these fine young men. He told them this was a great opportunity and we're proud of you here in Warren County.

Mr. Smith said this is another success story from our County educational system which has provided these students with the valuable tools needed to succeed. He offered sincere

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congratulations and wished them all the best in the future.

Mr. Gardner joined in congratulating the students and noted that recognition by PSE&G and Investors Bank is significant. These organizations believe in young people and want them to succeed. "Much success to you," said Mr. Gardner to the young men.

WCTS Chief School Administrator Bob Glowacky said he has one of the best jobs in the county because it's a pleasure to be around students like this. Kudos to them and their families, he said. Principal Geta Vogel said she was so proud of these students and enjoyed seeing their class graduate in June. She said their former teachers send their best. She thanked the organizations, the students and the Freeholders.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)

None.

RESOLUTION 469-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2013-37 and 2013-38, dated September 25, 2013,** in the amount of **\$4,316,262.45** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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2013-37	9/18/13	\$ 624,285.07	
2013-38	9/25/13	983,235.88	
TOTAL			\$1,607,520.95
Medical-September	9/19/13	\$ 1,297,849.27	
TOTAL WIRE TRANSFERS			1,297,849.27
Payroll	9/19/13	\$ 1,410,892.23	
Subsistence	9/19/13	0.00	
TOTAL			<u>1,410,892.23</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$4,316,262.45</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 September 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 470-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION REQUIRING ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BE COMPENSATED BY DIRECT DEPOSIT ONLY COMMENCING JULY 1, 2014 IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 2013, c.28

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2013, Governor Chris Christie approved P.L. 2013, c.28 which requires direct deposit for all State employee compensation on and after July 1, 2014 and which further allows County, County College, Municipal and Local School Districts to opt for mandatory direct deposit for all employee compensation on or after July 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2013, c.28 provides that in order for a county or a municipality to utilize this procedure, a resolution or an ordinance must be approved by the local governing body; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this procedure by the County of Warren will provide a significant cost savings to the County; and

WHEREAS, the procedure will allow the county to conveniently deposit net pay funds into a specific banking institution checking, savings or shared account based on the information provided by each employee; and

WHEREAS, this procedure would apply to compensation for all County employees; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has requested that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren approve a resolution in accordance with P.L. 2013, c.28 to compensate employees by mandatory direct deposit only commencing July 1, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, the County of Warren intends to provide employees who desire assistance opening an account with information from a variety of financial institutions to facilitate the transition from paper check to direct deposit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that in accordance with P.L. 2013, c.28 commencing July 1, 2014, ALL County employees will be compensated by direct deposit only.

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 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 471-13

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 25, 2013.

INSERTION INTO THE 2013 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$287,914.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, BIO-TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2013 in the sum of \$ 287,914.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Bio-Terrorism Preparedness & Response.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Match of \$ 75,050.00 is included in the 2013 County Budget, Sheet 20-B County Health Services S&W and OE appropriation and Sheet 17 Group Insurance for Employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 287,914.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Bio-Terrorism Preparedness & Response (Administered by the Health Dept.).

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

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 25, 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 25, 2013.

INSERTION INTO THE 2013 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,003.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES, SPECIAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICES, CASE MANAGEMENT

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2013 in the sum of \$ 70,003.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Special Child Health Services, Case Management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County's Match of \$ 68,222.00 is included in the 2013 County Budget – County Health Services Interlocal Agreement (NJS 40:8A-1) S&W and Group Insurance Plan for Employees Sheet 17.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 70,003.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Special Child Health Services, Case Management (administered by Health Dept).

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 473-13

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 25, 2013.

INSERTION INTO THE 2013 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$264,336.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING & COMMUNITY SERVICES, AREA PLAN GRANT PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL AWARD OF \$823,761.00

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2013 in the sum of \$ 264,336.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Division of Aging & Community Services, Area Plan Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 264,336.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”
State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Division of Aging & Community Services, Area Plan Grant Program (administered by Aging).

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 474-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE THE FY '14 SECTION 5311 GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NJ TRANSIT FOR A TOTAL OF \$664,616 (\$337,498 FEDERAL FUNDS; \$163,559 STATE FUNDS AND \$163, 559 ANTICIPATED COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS); SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2013, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved the FY '14 Section 5311 grant application with NJ Transit Corporation for a total of \$664,616 (\$337,498 federal; \$163,559 state, and \$163,559 county matching funds); and

WHEREAS, NJ Transit has subsequently awarded Warren County FY '14 Section 5311 funds, as outlined in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute the FY '14 Section 5311 Grant Agreement with NJ Transit for a total of a total of \$664,616 (\$337,498 federal; \$163,559 state, and \$163,559 county matching funds); subject to availability of funds.

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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 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 475-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FISCAL YEAR FFY2014 TITLE IV-D PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development is accepting applications for funding under the FFY2014 Title IV-D Program.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the program is to establish a procedure with the Sheriff's Office for arrest services in those Title IV-D cases where a bench warrant pertaining to child support has been issued by a Court.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office, as per the bench warrant, will take the non-custodial parent into custody for the purpose of establishing support obligation.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office will be reimbursed based on the approved Collection Performance Standard with the cost of arrest services for the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 (not to exceed \$208,297.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Sheriff's Office is authorized to apply for the aforementioned Title IV-D funding.

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 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 476-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON THE CZAR FARM, BLOCK 111, LOT 6 IN POHATCONG TOWNSHIP CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 96.82 ACRES

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that the property known as the Czar Farm, owned by Stephen M. Czar, III and Richard W. Czar, located on Block 111 Lot 6 in Pohatcong Township, consisting of approximately 96.82 acres has available for purchase a development easement in accordance with the requirements of the

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farmland preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.9A(b) on February 25, 2013 it was determined by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) that the application for the sale of a development easement was complete and accurate and satisfied the criteria contained in N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.9(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.11, on June 27, 2013 the State Agricultural Development Committee has certified a development easement value of \$5,400 per acre based on zoning and environmental regulations in place as of 1/1/04 and \$2,000 per acre based on zoning and environmental regulations in place as of the current valuation date of April 10, 2013 with an estimated total value of \$522,828.00; and

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

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2013 the Pohatcong Township Committee approved by resolution the owner's application for sale of the development easement, but is not participating financially in the easement purchase; and

WHEREAS, final approval for the purchase of development rights on this farm has been granted by the Warren County Agriculture Development Board at its September 19, 2013 meeting and preliminary approval of the purchase has been granted by the SADC and final approval is dependent upon that approval and the approval of this Board; and

WHEREAS, the SADC is expected to grant final approval for funding amount on said application at its November 14, 2013 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the tract would encourage the survivability of production agriculture in Pohatcong Township, and said tract falls within a predetermined County Agricultural Development Area and is in the South Project Area and is located in the Highlands Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the property contains within its boundaries and as part of the property's westerly boundary, the Pohatcong Creek which is a Category I stream; and

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

WHEREAS, the estimated cost share break down is as follows:

Cost share based on 96.82 acres (+3%):

	<u>Total</u>	
SADC	\$348,552	(\$3,600/acre)
Warren County	<u>\$174,276</u>	<u>(\$1,800/acre)</u>
Total Easement Purchase	\$522,828	(\$5,400/acre)

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.15 the County shall hold the development easement since the County is providing funding for the preservation of the farm.

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

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1. The Board hereby grants permission for the purchase of the development easement on the above described property based on an easement value of \$5,400 per acre as certified by the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC). Cost to be shared with the SADC and as follows: SADC \$3,600 per acre, Warren County \$1,800 per acre.
2. This approval includes the following conditions
 - a. Existing single family dwelling with attached apartment on premises
 - b. No existing agriculture labor housing on premises
 - c. One dairy barn, one small barn, two grain bins, five sheds, one chicken coop, and three silos on existing premises
 - d. No exception areas
 - e. No Residual Dwelling Site Opportunities (RDSO's)
 - f. No preexisting non-agricultural uses on premises
 - g. Driveway access easement
 - h. No proposed trails
 - i. SADC funding from Base grant, competitive round or both
 - j. Warren County is requesting SADC funding for a 3% buffer on the final surveyed acreage
3. The County's share in regard to the purchase of said easement is estimated at \$174,276. The Freeholder Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the Assignment of Deed of Easement, the Cost Share Agreement, and any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of the development easement on the above property in the Township of Pohatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey under the terms outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SADC's cost share grant to the County for the purchase of a development easement on the approved application shall be based on the final surveyed acreage of the premises adjusted for proposed road rights-of-way, other rights-of-way or easements as determined by the SADC, streams or water bodies on the boundaries of the premises as identified in Policy P-3-B Supplement and for residual dwelling site opportunities allocated pursuant to Policy P-19-A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adequate funds in the amount of \$174,276 in account #03895-5067-8951307-5067 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 477-13

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 25, 2013.

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WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that the property known as the Cooke Farm, owned by Patricia Cooke located on Block 3200 Lot 300 in Hope Township and Block 701 Lots 1 & 1.03 in Frelinghuysen Township, consisting of approximately 48.41 net acres, has available for purchase a development easement in accordance with the requirements of the farmland preservation program; and

WHEREAS, final approval for the purchase of development rights on this farm has been granted by resolution from the Warren County Agricultural Development Board at its September 19, 2013 meeting and preliminary approval of the purchase by the SADC is dependent upon that approval and the approval of this Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.9A(b) on November 8, 2012 it was determined by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) that the application for the sale of a development easement was complete and accurate and satisfied the criteria contained in N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.9(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.11, on May 23, 2013 the State Agricultural Development Committee has certified a development easement value of \$3,700 per acre based on zoning and environmental regulations in place as of 1/1/04 and \$3,700 per acre based on zoning and environmental regulations in place as of the current valuation date of January 23, 2013 with an estimated total value of \$179,117; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) has obtained a maximum grant of \$99,500 from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Federal Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP) on said tract; and

WHEREAS, the FRPP grant contribution via NJCF is up to 50% of the estimated current easement value of \$3,700 per acre pending Federal Certification from an appraisal which recognizes the impervious surface restriction and which current easement value may change based on new evaluation date; and

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

WHEREAS, the tract would encourage the survivability of production agriculture in Hope and Frelinghuysen Townships, and said tract falls within a predetermined County Agricultural Development Area and is in the North West Project Area and property is located in the Highlands Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2013, the Hope Township Committee voted by resolution to approve the owner's application for sale of the development easement, but is not participating financially in the easement purchase; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2013, the Frelinghuysen Township Committee voted by resolution to approve the owner's application for sale of the development easement, but is not participating financially in the easement purchase; and

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WHEREAS, the purchase of the development easement on the property will encourage the survivability of the productive agriculture in Hope and Frelinghuysen Townships and Warren County; and

WHEREAS, final approval for the purchase of development rights on this farm has been granted by the Warren County Agriculture Development Board at its September 19, 2013 meeting and preliminary approval of the purchase has been granted by the SADC and final approval is dependent upon that approval and the approval of this Board; and

WHEREAS, the SADC is expected to grant final approval for funding amount on said application at its November 14, 2013 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost share break down with 3% buffering for final surveyed acres is as follows:

Cost share breakdown prior to FRPP Grant based on 48.41 acres (+3%):

	<u>Total</u>	
SADC	\$126,834.20	(\$2,620/acre)
Warren County	\$ 52,282.80	(\$1,080/acre)
Total Easement Purchase	\$179,117.00	(\$3,700/acre)

Estimated Cost share breakdown if the \$89,558.50 FRPP Grant is finalized and applied:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>FRPP \$</u>	<u>New Cost Share</u>	
SADC	\$126,834.20	\$ 37,275.70	\$ 89,558.50	(\$1,850 /acre)
Warren County	\$ 52,282.80	\$ 52,282.80	\$ 0	
FRPP Grant			\$ 89,558.50	(\$1,850/acre)
TOTAL	\$179,117.00	\$89,558.50	\$179,117.00	(\$3,700/acre)

WHEREAS, the NJCF FRPP grant funds of \$89,558.50 will be applied to the County's and SADC's cost share, and the County's cost share shall be \$0 with the FRPP Grant applied; and

WHEREAS, in the event the NJCF FRPP grant funds become unavailable, the County's cost share shall be \$52,282.80 including a 3% buffer for final surveyed acres; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.15, the County shall hold the development easement since the County is providing funding for the preservation of the farm; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Agricultural Development Board as follows:

1. The Board hereby grants permission for the purchase of the development easement on the above described property based on an easement value of \$3,700 per acre as certified by the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC). Cost to be shared with the SADC and NJCF FRPP grant as follows: SADC \$1,850 per acre, NJCF FRPP Grant \$1,850 per acre, Warren County \$0 per acre.
2. This approval includes the following conditions
 - a. No existing dwellings on premises
 - b. No existing agriculture labor housing on premises

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- c. One barn and one shed on existing premises
 - d. Three exception areas
 - 1) One non-severable exception area of 1 acre for future single family residence restricted to one residential unit located on BL 3200 L 300, Hope Township
 - 2) One severable exception area of 6 acres that includes 5.9 acres of BL 3200 L 300, in Hope Township and .1 acre of entire BL 701 L 1.03 in Frelinghuysen Township for future single family residence restricted to one residential unit
 - 3) One severable exception area of 6 acres for existing single family residence restricted to one residential unit located on BL 701 L 1, Frelinghuysen Township
 - e. No Residual Dwelling Site Opportunities (RDSO's)
 - f. No preexisting non-agricultural uses on premises
 - g. Access easement on BL 3200 L 300, Hope Township
 - h. No proposed trails
 - i. Maximum impervious surface limitation of 4 % available for impervious cover on the lands being preserved outside of the exception areas
 - j. SADC funding from Base grant, competitive round or both
 - k. Warren County is requesting SADC funding for a 3% buffer on the final surveyed acreage
3. The County's share in regard to the purchase of said easement is estimated at \$52,282.80 without FRPP funds or \$0 with anticipated FRPP funding availability via NJCF with a cap amount of \$99,500.00. The Freeholder Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the Assignment of Deed of Easement, the Cost Share Agreement, and any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of the development easement on the above property in the Townships of Hope and Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey under the terms outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SADC's cost share grant to the County for the purchase of a development easement on the approved application shall be based on the final surveyed acreage of the premises adjusted for proposed road rights-of-way, other rights-of-way or easements as determined by the SADC, streams or water bodies on the boundaries of the premises as identified in Policy P-3-B Supplement and for residual dwelling site opportunities allocated pursuant to Policy P-19-A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adequate funds for the purchase price without FRPP funding in the amount of \$52,282.80 in account #03895-5067-8951306-5067 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

MINUTES**SEPTEMBER 25, 2013****RESOLUTION 478-13**

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HIGHLANDS PROJECT, INC. FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF BLOCK 39, LOTS 1.01, 3.03, 3.05 & 4 IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the County of Warren purchased Block 39, Lots 1.01, 3.03, 3.05 and 4 in Franklin Township as part of the County's Open Space Acquisition Program; and

WHEREAS, said property contains remnants of the Morris Canal, a barn, a modern ranch dwelling, and a commercial style building; and

WHEREAS, The Highlands Project, Inc., works with students and youth of New Jersey, including those in the juvenile court system, to provide structured community service projects couples with an environmental, cultural and vocational curriculum; and

WHEREAS, The Highlands Project, Inc., wishes to continue to manage these sites and to occupy the dwelling to establish and maintain a "Warren County Historical Learning Center"; use the commercial style building to store artifacts and as a workshop learning center; to develop the "Bread Lock Park"; and to generally help improve and maintain Warren County's open space sites.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders have reviewed the Agreement with the Highlands Project, Inc. and hereby authorize the Freeholder Director to execute said Agreement upon return of the signed Agreement from the Highlands Project, Inc.

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 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 479-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE NEW JERSEY RAILROAD AND TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM, INC. FOR THE MORTON BUILDING AND PUMP HOUSE LOCATED ON BLOCK 5, LOT 1 IN LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the County of Warren purchased Block 5, Lot 1, in Lopatcong Township as part of the County's Open Space Acquisition Program; and

WHEREAS, said property contains a Morton Building and Pump House; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum, Inc., ("Friends") have a need to store vehicles and equipment related to the Museum; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders have reviewed the Agreement with the Friends and hereby authorize the Freeholder Director to execute said Agreement upon return of the signed Agreement from the Friends.

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 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 480-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSING OF COUNTY ROUTE #660, MAIN STREET AND COUNTY ROUTE #602, BRIDGE STREET, BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2013 FOR THE BLAIRSTOWN ROTARY CLUB'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

WHEREAS, Blairstown Rotary Club has requested permission to close County Route #660, Main Street, and County Route #602, Bridge Street, on Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM for a Halloween Parade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the use and closing of Main Street and Bridge Street, Blairstown Township for the above mentioned event with the following conditions:

1. Approval of the event by the Township.
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, traffic control 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 September 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 481-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, SIGHT TRIANGLE AND BRIDGE/CULVERT EASEMENTS ALONG COUNTY ROUTE #628 AND COUNTY ROUTE #650 FROM BLOCK 501, LOT 14 AND BLOCK 602, LOT 6, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP

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WHEREAS, Block 501, Lot 14, and Block 602, Lot 6 have been surveyed, appraised, and are about to be accepted into the County's farmland preservation program; and

WHEREAS, additional right-of-way and easements along County Route #628 and County Route #650 are needed to properly maintain existing roadways, bridge/culvert and drainage facilities; and

WHEREAS, the owner of Block 501, Lot 14, and Block 602, Lot 6, have tentatively agreed to the \$2,500.00 offer for 0.721 acres of additional easement area;

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in accounts 0410A208 5063 and 0411A208 5063 and certified by the County's Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the acquisition of 0.721 acres of easement area at the value of \$2,500.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Engineer be authorized to have the easement documents executed for the acquisition of the above road and bridge/culvert easements.

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 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 482-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1362 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FOOD SERVICE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM (DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED FOR BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(10)

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC1362 for providing the food service for the Warren County Nutrition Program (Division of Senior Services) 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 Gazette.

Funds for this contract will be provided in budget account 013540/5029 – Nutrition Program Operating Supplies and F14352 5303 115303-M 5029 Area Plan Grant Nutrition Site Meals and 48352/5029 – Meals at Home Trust Account 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 September 25, 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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1363 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR ONE ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIOD AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(1)

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC1363 for temporary employment services for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 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.

Funds for this contract will be provided in individual department salary accounts if and when temporary employees are required or from the county training account if training is implemented.

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 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 484-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1349 FOR THE CUMMINS BUILDING WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO PELLA WINDOWS & DOORS IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$78,100.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1349 for the Cummins Building Window Replacement Project is hereby awarded to . . . Pella Windows & Doors, West Caldwell, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$78,100.00 as per their bid submitted . . . September 4, 2013 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0413A510/5062 – Cummins Buildings Windows.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 485-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1353C HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2014 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS TO CFG HEALTH SYSTEMS, LLC IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$1,288,633.26 FOR THE FIRST YEAR

WHEREAS, three proposals were received, opened and read in public on September 4, 2013 at 1:30 PM prevailing time for the Healthcare Management Services for the Warren County Correctional Center; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were reviewed by a committee and the Evaluation Report on file with the Clerk of the Board, and the committee has determined that the proposal submitted by CFG Health Systems, LLC., meets all requirements of the specification; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in budget account 012800/5093 – Correctional Center – Medical Expenses, Including Physicals and certified by the Warren County Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a contract is hereby awarded to CFG Health Systems, LLC., of Marlton, New Jersey for Healthcare Management Services at the Warren County Correctional Center in the estimated contract amount of \$1,288,633.26 for the 1st year, \$1,320,849.09 for the 2nd year and \$1,353,870.32 for the 3rd year.

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

1. The Director is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with CFG Health systems, LLC., of Marlton, New Jersey.
2. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger, as required by NJSA:40A:11-4.5g.

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 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 486-13

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 25, 2013.

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**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1364R FOR CAD LAN CONNECTIVITY & HARDWARE
INSTALLATION FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER TO TUWAY
COMMUNICATIONS OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE WARREN COUNTY
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,673.50**

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a contract for CAD LAN Connectivity hardware and installation for the Warren County Communications Center in an amount not to exceed \$58,673.50; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) et. seq.) requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable 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.1944A-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 meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contracts,

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

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a contract to TuWay Communications of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania for services for the above project, at a total contract amount not to exceed \$58,673.50 per letter of agreement which is on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing and is made a part hereof by reference.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services defined cannot reasonably be described by written specifications to assure that the qualitative and quantitative assessment of the problems involved, which require expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor are obtained.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

Funding for this contract is provided in capital accounts 0409A404/5054 – 911 Upgrades and 0410A411/5054 – 911 Communications Upgrade.

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 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 487-13

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 25, 2013.

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RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO QUEUES ENFORTH DEVELOPMENT INC. UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #83889 COVERING COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FOR QED COMPUTER-AIDED DISPATCH SOFTWARE (GEOBASE AND MAPPING) FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$95,910.00

BE IT RESOLVED that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for QED computer-aided dispatch software (Geobase and Mapping) for the Warren County Communications Center and is hereby awarded to . . . Queues Enforth Development, Cambridge, Massachusetts in the amount of . . . \$95,910.00 at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A83889

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0409A404/5054 – 911 Upgrade and grant account S82505413 – OETS 911 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 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 488-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoint the following individuals to the Warren County Mosquito Control Commission:

Dr. Anne Pierok
129 Bethlehem Avenue
Bloomsbury, NJ 08804

Term to expire: 10/18/16

Bradley Burke
561 Blainstown Road
PO Box 166
Hope, NJ 07844

Term to expire: 10/18/16

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 25, 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 25, 2013.

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF AMY OLESZEK FROM THE WARREN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 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 September 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 489-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME INTERIM POSITION OF COUNTY CORRECTION SERGEANT, CLASSIFIED AND A FULL-TIME INTERIM POSITION OF COUNTY CORRECTION OFFICER, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that an interim full-time position of County Correction Sergeant, classified, and an interim full-time position of County Correction Officer, classified, are created within the Warren County Sheriff's Department, Division of Corrections, for the purpose of supplanting an employee that is on approved leave.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the newly created full-time interim positions of County Correction Sergeant and County Correction Officer are made effective October 1, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that these full-time interim positions be abolished May 1, 2014.

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 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 490-13

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 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF LIBRARIAN 1, CLASSIFIED AND A FULL-TIME POSITION OF LIBRARIAN 2, CLASSIFIED AND A FULL-TIME POSITION OF LIBRARIAN 3, CLASSIFIED (LIBRARIAN SERIES) WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that a full-time position of Librarian 1, classified, a full-time position of Librarian 2, classified, and a full-time position of Librarian 3, classified, (Librarian Series) are created in the Warren County Library for the purposes of maintaining the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that each of the newly created series of Librarians as aforementioned are created in each Library branch to provide flexibility in hiring employees with the needed skill set to ensure the effective delivery of services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that only one full-time position of the Librarian series may be occupied at any one time as determined by the Library Director.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the three newly created positions aforementioned be created in each Library branch as follows; Librarian 1, AFSCME Local 3287, Range, 1235, Librarian 2, AFSCME Local 3287, Range 1335 and Librarian 3, AFSCME Local 3287, Range 1535 and be made effective 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 September 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 491-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 25, 2013.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF WARREN COUNTY AND POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 280, WARREN COUNTY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICERS, SHERIFF'S OFFICER SERGEANTS AND SHERIFF'S OFFICER LIEUTENANTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Office of the Sheriff of Warren County and Police Benevolent Association Local 280, Warren County's Sheriff's Officers, Sheriff's Officer Sergeants and Sheriff's Officer Lieutenants have completed labor negotiations and have agreed to the terms and conditions of employment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and the Office of the Sheriff of Warren County and Police Benevolent Association Local 280, Warren County's Sheriff's Officers, Sheriff's Officer Sergeants and Sheriff's Officer Lieutenants for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

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I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Smith said while he recognizes there would be costs involved to arbitrate this, he would like to see more parity among the bargaining units and was not willing to support this resolution.

Mr. Gardner said he respected Mr. Smith's opinion, but being the longest serving Freeholder here, he's been in these situations before. "I feel I know where this is headed," he said. He thought the prudent thing to do was to contain costs.

Mr. Sarnoski agreed with Mr. Gardner. "I see where Mr. Smith is coming from, but I think we've reached the point of reasonable discussion on this with the bargaining unit." He thought accepting the serious recommendation of labor counsel was the way to go. He didn't want the County to lose money in the long run.

Reports and Comments

Neither County Counsel Joe Bell nor County Engineer Bill Gleba had anything new to report.

County Planner Dave Dech reported on recent action taken by the Planning Board with regard to recommendations on the Warren Morris Rail Study. Letters have gone out in an effort to gain support to get projects underway. Mr. Sarnoski said in addition to the reinforcement of bridges and tunnels, Warren County also obtained a grant through the NJTPA to do a study of potential economic drivers that have a freight benefit along that rail.

Mr. Dech reminded everyone of the paper shredding event taking place in the parking lot on Saturday, September 28, followed by the Household and Hazardous Waste Cleanup on Sunday at the PCFA.

County CFO had no report.

The County Administrator had only the latest Vacancy Report which contained nothing unusual. He issued a reminder that the Board's next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. and thereafter through next April.

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Mr. Gardner was going to attend an NJAC Meeting later in the week. It looked as if a bill introduced by Assemblyman Greenwald, opposed by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders among others, was not going anywhere.

Mr. Smith said it had come to his attention that Bergen County passed a resolution opposing newly proposed National Education Common Core Standards. Mr. Smith said he thought there should be a greater local component. He thought the Common Core “undermines the independence to tailor educational needs to the population that actually funds it,” said Mr. Smith. He proposed adapting Bergen’s resolution for Warren County and including it on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.

Mr. Smith reported that he has been attending some events involving Warren County Technical School and Warren County Special Services School District. He said it was very exciting to see our different educational facilities intermesh, working on a robot together to aid people with special needs. “It’s an all-around winner,” he said.

Mr. Sarnoski reinforced the reminder that Freeholder Meetings will begin a half-hour earlier starting next month and encouraged people to attend the Candlelight Vigil at Centenary College.

Closing Public Comments

Cheryl Van Gieson of Independence Township read a prepared statement regarding the Homestead in Sussex County. She characterized the elder care facility as flourishing and carefully managed until the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders opted to sell it in 2012 to the highest bidder, Santosa Healthcare, LLC.

Ms. Van Gieson said she and some others visited the facility earlier in September (nine months after being sold) and found it to be dirty, smelly, unkempt and without a receptionist. She said they were able to roam the building and grounds freely and discovered a feral cat colony among other things.

After speaking with a family member of a resident, Ms. Van Gieson said she discovered that four separate sets of social workers have come and gone in the past nine months; the facility had been without hot water for 11 days and care appeared to be lacking.

Ms. Van Gieson sought to prevent this lack of government oversight of Warren Haven by continuing to circulate a petition opposing its privatization. She submitted 617 additional signatures, bringing the total up to 1,390. She expressed the importance of caring for our aging and fragile population.

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Tom Calecca of Oxford identified himself as a gerontologist and drew a comparison between the domestic violence issues discussed earlier and what he thought could be a tragedy in the making if Warren Haven were to be privatized. He said in many private settings, patients experience untimely deaths, falls, broken bones and any number of negatives that we wouldn't wish on a relative. He thought the quality at Warren Haven was superb. He said you get what you pay for and privatization is based on greed, resulting in a lot of corners cut.

With all nursing care facilities required to meet State standards, Mr. Gardner thought Mr. Calecca was painting a very bleak picture. He couldn't understand how that could be. Mr. Calecca couldn't answer because he was not familiar with anyone from the State or what its reports consist of.

Stephanie Benson of Tannersville, Pennsylvania said her father lives in Warren Haven. She knows he is looked after every day and said he was still alive thanks to an attendant noticing his breathing was shallow. It turned out he had a pulmonary embolism that was successfully treated. She said her father is a veteran that lived in this area for 50 years as a taxpaying citizen. Her mother still resides in Hackettstown, struggling to pay her taxes. Ms. Benson said she was going to join the fight and sign the petition.

Elizabeth Gittens of Lopatcong Township said she's been speaking to a lot of families. She urged the Freeholders to consider the people in Warren Haven and the quality of care they receive. She said she understood the facility was in debt, but she thought there were other things that could be done.

Sandra Myers, a lifelong Oxford resident, said her mother resides in Warren Haven. She heard that Warren Haven maintenance personnel were told that both maintenance and activities divisions were going to be privatized by the end of the year. Mr. Sarnoski said that was incorrect and rumors are problematic.

Ms. Myers then asked about the advisory committee and if they have submitted any reports. Mr. Sarnoski said not yet; they are still deliberating and examining the options and will present a report when they have concluded their studies.

Ms. Myers alleged that Colonial Manor was approached by a board member at a farm auction in recent weeks and asked if they wanted to buy Warren Haven. Mr. Sarnoski said that was not true. "You're saying things that are not true and that's not fair to this Board and it's not fair to the people who are here who are concerned about their families," said Mr. Sarnoski.

Mr. Gardner said Warren Haven is a good facility. This Freeholder Board and past Boards have put money into the facility to keep it strong, but the issue is not this Board, but rather, decisions made by other levels of government. Mr. Gardner suggested "bombarding" Governor Christie and State Human Services Director Jennifer Velez with letters. We'll be in a very tough

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predicament if we can't turn things around. "It's a different scenario today," he said. A number of significant factors have changed such as the economy in general, declining reimbursement rates and people staying in their homes longer. "We're being boxed into a corner quite frankly, by the Federal and State Governments and it gives us ... very few avenues of choice," said Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Smith said, "Misinformation really distresses me here." None of the things mentioned by Ms. Myers had been voted on nor even discussed, by Mr. Smith. He said this notion that Warren Haven was to be closed: "It's not. It would not be closed. I would not accept that it be closed," Mr. Smith said. The allegation that loved ones would be thrown out into the street is not an option. He said he was terribly offended at this suggestion and it causes undue stress to families that have a lot of difficult things to deal with. He spoke of his recently deceased father and how he understands how stressful it is to have an elderly loved one that needs help.

We are going through a deliberative process, said Mr. Smith. It would be irresponsible to expect answers from the advisory board before they have finished their process. We have seen shifts from federal and state funding come down to the counties. The only way we can raise money is through property taxes and we are limited to a two percent CAP. It's a very difficult issue. Mr. Smith said he looked forward to the report from the advisory committee as part of the deliberative process.

Mr. Sarnoski also voiced concern about misinformation. "We are doing everything we can and that is the point," said Mr. Sarnoski. He was sincerely grateful for all the diligent work being done by the advisory committee as they seek ways to make sure that we have a nursing home that serves our residents as best as possible. Mr. Sarnoski said he voted against selling beds a couple of years ago when it was proposed as a cost saving measure because he wanted all the beds to be there for Warren County residents that need them. Mr. Sarnoski thought the public should be proud of this Board for taking this challenge head-on unlike Boards of the past. We're in this position not because of decision being made today but rather, decisions that were not made in the past. We're going to continue our efforts until we find a reasonable solution to make sure we have a good facility up there for the residents of Warren County.

RESOLUTION 492-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, at 8:27 p.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 25, 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

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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; "W.M." litigation and contract discussions with PCFA Attorney.

(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 25, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board adjourned executive session at 9:50 p.m. and returned to open session.

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

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gardner, and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board