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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 October 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Sarnoski and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Jason Sarnoski, Freeholder Edward Smith and Freeholder Richard Gardner. Also attending were County Engineer 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 OCTOBER 9, 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 25, 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 25, 2013 were approved.

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

PROCLAMATION 493-13

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 October 9, 2013.

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, NOVEMBER 2013

WHEREAS, in 2013, an estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 38,460 will die from the disease, and it is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and the only major cancer with a five year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent;

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is late stage and 73% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94% of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years.

WHEREAS, approximately 1180 deaths will occur in New Jersey in 2013.

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WHEREAS, the U.S. congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act last year which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop scientific frameworks or strategic plans for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Warren County and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer;

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Warren County support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer as well as those who have lost their lives to the disease and are committed to nothing less than a cure and the good health and well-being of the residents of Warren County are enhanced as a direct result of increase awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does proclaim the month of November 2013 as “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in the County of Warren.

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 October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner said we certainly support this proclamation. Awareness and education are keys in fighting this insidious disease. Many do not realize they are afflicted until it is in a late stage. We must support research for different treatment options.

Mr. Smith said he had a personal experience of losing someone to this disease. Awareness is the first key. Mr. Sarnoski said he was sorry to hear it. Unfortunately, a diagnosis is often a death sentence for many.

Michael Weinstein, a pancreatic cancer survivor, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network of New Jersey. He shared a bit of his story of diagnosis and survival and spoke of breakthroughs and funding issues. A new drug is coming out, but pancreatic cancer is on pace to surpass breast cancer and colon/rectal cancer as a leading cause of death. A Purple Stride Walk is being held on November 10 in Parsippany to raise funds and awareness. Mr. Weinstein suggested going to www.pancan.org for more information.

PROCLAMATION 494-13

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 October 9, 2013.

RED RIBBON WEEK, OCTOBER 23, 31, 2013

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Warren County, New Jersey, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is pleased to recognize the week of October 23 through October 31,

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2013 as “Red Ribbon Week” in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, this acknowledgement offers an opportunity to raise awareness regarding solutions related to abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by collaborating with municipalities, organizations, businesses, faith-based organizations, groups and individuals; and

WHEREAS, a week is set aside in October to honor the memory of Drug Enforcement Agent, Enrique Camarena, who was assassinated in Mexico by a drug cartel in 1985. This week also honors the agency staff of various Warren County providers who work diligently to prevent the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that young people who avoid the early use of alcohol and drugs are less likely to engage in other unlawful behaviors such as crime, delinquency and other illegal drug use; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Warren County Red Ribbon Campaign to promote family and individual responsibility for living a healthy drug free lifestyle without use of illegal drugs or the abuse of legal drugs;

WHEREAS, local leaders, in government and in the community, know that the support of the people in the neighborhoods is an effective way to reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in Warren County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby proclaim October 23 through October 31, 2013 as RED RIBBON WEEK in Warren County, joining the rest of the State in promoting the Red Ribbon Celebration and a drug-free New Jersey.

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 October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Sarnoski noted that the Board supports this proclamation every year. The father of two young children, he emphasized the importance of taking an active role and being involved in their lives and educating our youth about the dangers of substance abuse.

Mr. Smith said he was pleased to support this effort. So many people in Warren County are working and volunteering to address this challenge, both to help people that have already gone down the path and to prevent youth from doing so.

Mr. Gardner agreed it was youth we need to be most concerned about. “It’s a very bad road to go down,” he said. Since substance abuse seems to be a continuing problem, Mr. Gardner questioned the efficacy of D.A.R. E. Programs in the schools, yet knew they must continue.

Accepting the proclamation on behalf of the Department of Human Services and the Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse was LACADA Member Colleen Baylor. She said this is a vehicle to take a stand and thanked the Freeholders for their support.

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John Clemmer of Belvidere thanked the Board for opposing the Common Core Standards (Agenda Item E5). He had placed copies of an article on the topic on the table for the public. He said most people don't know much about it. He said the way the standards were developed; the focus is more on skills than content.

Jack Cary of Lopatcong was also pleased that the Board was set to oppose Common Core. He said it was intrusive and about control.

Beth McGavin of Great Meadows voiced her opposition to Common Core as well. She said her five year old daughter came home with a letter regarding AIDS, alternative lifestyles, HIV and safe touching in accordance with this initiative. She said she contacted the school to say she didn't want Common Core in her home. She thought it was problematic on a number of levels and that there was data mining involved.

PROCLAMATION 495-13

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 October 9, 2013.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK, OCTOBER 6-12, 2013

WHEREAS, 4-H youth across the nation are leading efforts to solve problems in their communities and make a difference for their futures; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth development organization in the nation reaching more than 6.5 million youth in all 50 states; and is one of the largest in New Jersey, with 10,849 4-H club members, more than 40,000 youth involved in special interest, school enrichment, camping and after-school programs, and 2,777 adult and teen volunteers; while the Warren County 4-H Program has 245 members and 50 adult volunteers; and

WHEREAS, 4-H provides opportunities for youth to develop and practice life skills such as leadership, citizenship and public speaking, and plays an important part in educating and developing leaders in our county who are well trained and competent; and

WHEREAS, according to a study by Tufts University, youth who participate in 4-H are more likely to get better grades in school, to seek out science classes, to see themselves going to college, and to contribute positively in their communities. In addition, 4-H youth have been shown to better resist peer pressure and are less likely to engage in risky behaviors; and

WHEREAS, 4-H as part of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station of Rutgers University, is a program where youth learn through opportunities that provide them hands-on experiences in 4-H's mission mandates of science, engineering and technology; healthy living; and citizenship. 4-H has connected youth and their communities with the innovative research and resources from our nation's 106 land-grant universities and colleges since it was established in 1902;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Freeholders designates October 6-12, 2013 as National 4-H Week in Warren County. We recognize the

people of Warren County who will observe National 4-H Week and encourage young people of all ages and backgrounds to become involved in 4-H youth development program

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opportunities.

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Smith said 4-H is another program that helps our youth, similar to scouts. This takes a wholesome approach to life and is unique in its focus on animals.

Mr. Gardner said all of his kids were involved in 4-H. His eldest daughter, who is now a Doctor of Psychology, had balked years ago at taking the public speaking program through 4-H, but the experience came in very handy later in life and she was thankful for it. Most people associate the program with animals, but it's part of a broader approach to the positive development of youth.

Mr. Sarnoski said he was glad that tonight's proclamations were ending on a high note. He agreed with his colleagues that 4-H is a positive influence on the youth in Warren County and can be seen at the Warren County Farmers' Fair. This is a way to help form happy, healthy and productive citizens. Youth members are doing something active along with their parents and adult volunteer leaders.

County 4-H Agent Alayne Torretta accepted the proclamation along with 4-H Program Assistant Ruth Riedel. Ms. Torretta apologized for being late; she had just come from the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. where a National "Maps and Apps" science experiment with youth from Columbia and Ecuador had taken place. She thanked the Board for waiting and for supporting 4-H. Ruth Riedel was set to retire after devoting 25 years to Warren County 4-H and the Farmers' Fair. Ms. Torretta said Ms. Riedel was "the one that makes it happen".

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On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2013-39 and 2013-40, dated October 9, 2013,** in the amount of **\$3,936,926.88** 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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2013-39	10/2/13	\$ 505,183.50	
2013-40	10/9/13	1,740,543.29	
TOTAL			\$2,245,726.79
Di Risio Farm-Total Paid	9/24/13	499,650.00	
Di Risio Farm-SADC Portion		<u>-294,650.00</u>	
Di Risio Farm-County Portion		205,000.00	
Open Space-Di Re Property	8/7/13	65,692.89	
WIRE TRANSFERS (NET)			270,692.89
Payroll	10/3/13	\$ 1,420,507.20	
Subsistence	10/3/13	0.00	
TOTAL			<u>1,420,507.20</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$3,936,926.88</u>

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 497-13

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 October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION TALLING \$40,000 FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2013 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 TO IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH INITIATIVE TO ASSIST WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS IN ENROLLING IN AND ACCESSING MEDICARE FUNDED BENEFITS, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services has made a grant opportunity available to New Jersey Area Agencies to develop and implement a Medicare Outreach & Enrollment program; and

WHEREAS, as the authorized Area Agency on Aging and Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) in Warren County, the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services meets and exceeds all needed qualifications to apply for this Medicare Outreach & Enrollment grant and will develop a strategy to enroll, educate and provide Medicare information and enrollment assistance, as per the availability of funds through this grant.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren authorizes the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services to submit a grant application to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services in the amount of \$40,000.00 to assist Warren County residents in enrolling in Benefits for which they are entitled under the Medicare Program and to participate in health promotion and disease prevention programs in an effort to maintain a healthful and independent lifestyle.

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 October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 498-13

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 October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE WARREN COUNTY 2013 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS GRANT TO INCLUDE \$108,000 ADDITIONAL SANDY HOMEOWNER/RENTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING; GRANT CEILING TO INCREASE FROM \$84,589 TO \$192,589; SHRAP FUNDING AVAILABLE OCTOBER 31, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved an application with the NJ Division of Family Development on November 14, 2012 for Calendar Year 2013 Social Services for the Homeless funding available to Warren County totaling \$84,589;

and, **WHEREAS**, the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services, has received notification of an additional \$108,000 in Sandy Homeowner/Renter Assistance Program funding to be used in accordance with state guidelines outlined in DFD Instruction (13-09-01) for the period 10/1/13 through 12/31/15;

and, **WHEREAS**, the CY'13 Social Services for the Homeless Grant (#SH13021) has been amended to include these SHRAP funds; grant ceiling to increase from \$84,589 to \$192,589.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the Contract Modification to the Calendar Year 2013 Social Services for the Homeless grant for inclusion of \$108,000 SHRAP funding for a revised total of \$192,589 is approved, subject to the availability of funds.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 499-13

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 October 9, 2013.

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN THE COUNTY
PROSECUTOR INSURANCE FRAUD REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE
OF THE INSURANCE FRAUD PROSECUTOR**

WHEREAS, the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor has been designated by the Legislature to implement funding reimbursement for anti-insurance fraud activities, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-28; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office wishes to apply for funding under the reimbursement program and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has reviewed an accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office for the purpose described in the application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that:

- (1) As a matter of public policy, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor.
- (2) The Attorney General has allocated funds dedicated for the purpose of reimbursing County Prosecutors for anti-insurance fraud activities.
- (3) The Office of Insurance Fraud Prosecutor shall be responsible for the receipt, review and approval of the applications for said funding.
- (4) The Office of Insurance Fraud Prosecutor shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

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 October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 500-13

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 October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF COMMON CORE STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders believes that the Common Core Standards Initiative is not representative of Warren County's residents, but rather developed by non-governmental organizations and unelected boards outside of Warren County;

WHEREAS, the Common Core is financed by private foundation funds and is therefore influenced by private interest and not representative of our voters;

WHEREAS, the Common Core violates privacy laws by requiring storage and sharing of private student and family data without individual's consent;

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WHEREAS, the Common Core has been repudiated by both Republicans and Democrats and it has been stated that curriculum reform should be done at the state level;

WHEREAS, the Common Core violates Constitutional and Federal Law by granting the United States powers which the Constitution reserves for the states or to the people;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey General Assembly and New Jersey Senate have introduced legislation to further investigate the principals of The Common Core Initiative and that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders fully supports the passage of A4197 and S2973.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders opposes The Common Core Initiative and asks Congress and the Administration to withdraw support and discontinue funding The Common Core Standards Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to Senator Robert Menendez, Senator Jeffrey Chiesa, Governor Chris Christie, Congressman Leonard Lance, Congressman Scott Garrett and the State Legislative Delegation from the 23rd and 24th Districts.

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 October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 501-13

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 October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION TO SELL WARREN COUNTY BRIDGES/CULVERTS #05076 AND #05077 ON THE VACATED SECTION OF SCHNETZER LANE OVER A TRIBUTARY TO MUSCONETCONG RIVER, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TO SCHNETZER FARMS, INC

WHEREAS, The County of Warren owns Bridges/Culverts #05076 and #05077 over a Tributary to the Musconetcong River on the vacated section of Schnetzer Lane in Franklin Township; and

WHEREAS, The property owner, Schnetzer Farms, Inc. continues to desire utilizing the old road bed over the Bridges/Culverts; and

WHEREAS, Schnetzer Farms, Inc. wants to purchase the bridges/culverts for use with ongoing access to property and farming operations and is agreeable to accept ownership; and

WHEREAS, The structures have no value to the County or the public for use as Franklin Township previously vacated the road right of way, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, agree to sell Bridges/Culverts #05076 and #05077 to Schnetzer Farms, Inc. for the price of \$1.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County Legal Counsel be authorized to prepare a Bill of Sale for the transfer of ownership to Schnetzer Farms, Inc.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen

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

With regard to the Common Core Standards, Mr. Smith said he concurred with issues that had been raised by a few members of the public earlier. He was very concerned about centralized control of our education system. There hasn't really been a legislative process to implement these standards. "I would support local control much more," Mr. Smith said.

Mr. Gardner said he had a lot more to learn about the Common Core, but what he heard tonight was very alarming. He thought our school system was based upon local control and that parents and school boards should set the parameters.

Mr. Sarnoski agreed. He recently learned that Hunterdon County had passed a similar resolution. He thought the most important thing was to know what's going on in our kids' lives and what they're learning in school. "Learn the way they're being educated, so that we make sure it follows what we believe our standards are for their education," he said. Teaching to the test is not the way to go since kids learn in different ways. We must make sure kids are educated not just to pass tests, but to pass life, he said.

In reference to Agenda Item E6, Mr. Smith explained this was a pair of culverts in Franklin Township on a road that had been abandoned by the township. This is to minimize liability to the County for outstanding structures that are no longer on a township road.

RESOLUTION 502-13

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 October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1367 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR NURSING SUPPLIES FOR WARREN HAVEN

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC1367 for nursing supplies for Warren Haven 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 budget accounts 013507/5030 – Warren Haven Nursing Registered Operating Supplies, 013507/5093 – Warren Haven Nursing Registered Medical Expenses Including Physicals and 013503/5035 – Warren Haven Housekeeping Institutional Supplies.

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 October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 503-13

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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 October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1368 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR NURSING SUPPLIES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AGENCY

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC1368 for nursing supplies for the Warren County Public Health Nursing Agency 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 budget accounts 013301/5030 – PHNA, Home Care Operating Supplies and 013302/5030 – PHNA Community Health Services Operating Supplies.

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 October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 504-13

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 October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1369 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AIR CONDITIONERS FOR WARREN HAVEN

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC1369 for air conditioners for Warren Haven 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 capital accounts 0409A520/5062 – HVAC Units Haven and 0410A501/5062 – Haven HVAC Units.

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 October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 505-13

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 October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1370C AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE

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BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC1370C for Healthcare Reimbursement Consulting Services for Warren Haven 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 013513/5028 – Warren Haven Specialized 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 October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 506-13

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 October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION #1 TO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHERRY WEBER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PHASE II FOR THE RESTORATION OF WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE #20002, STILL VALLEY ROAD OVER THE POHATCONG CREEK, POHATCONG TOWNSHIP, CONTRACT #WC1081FO-2

WHEREAS, Warren County entered into an agreement on February 4, 2011 for the restoration of the above County bridge; and

WHEREAS, Warren County approved the agreement with Cherry, Weber & Associates, P.C. for \$139,646.00 for engineering design services by resolution on January 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, due to additional documentation of the existing conditions and setting of Bridge #20002 and development and installation of interpretive historical signage being required by NJDEP permitting, additional engineering costs of \$11,092.00 are necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Engineer has reviewed the modification and is in agreement with the increased cost; and

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

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" with competitive bidding must be publicly advertised; and

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 approve modification #1 to the agreement for the above project for a net increase of \$11,092.00 and a revised amount of \$150,738.00.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.

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3. This contract is awarded with competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. 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 October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 507-13

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 October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1354 FOR ANTI-ICING & DE-ICING FLUID FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO REED SYSTEMS LTD AT THE PRICE PER GALLON OF \$1.15 AND ESTIMATED TOTAL AMOUNT \$25,300.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1354 for anti-icing & de-icing fluid for the Warren County Road Department is hereby awarded to . . . Reed Systems LTD., Ellenville, New York in the amount of . . . \$1.15 per gal., estimated total amount \$25,300.00 as per their bid submitted . . . October 1, 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 budget account 012900/5125 – Road Department M & R Materials.

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 October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 508-13

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 October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1360FO FOR GENERAL AUDITING SERVICES (INCLUDING STATUTORY OFFICERS, MOSQUITO COMMISSION AND LIBRARY AND THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO NISIVOCIA & COMPANY, LLP IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,935.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1360FO for General Auditing Services for the Warren

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County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to . . . Nisivoccia & Company LLP., Randolph, New Jersey in the amount of . . . not to exceed \$125,935.00 as per their proposal submitted . . . September 25, 2013 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing auditing services to the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget accounts 011350/5029 – County Audit and 011350/5913 – Office of Temporary assistance Audit.

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 October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 509-13

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 October 9, 2013.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LORRAINE SCHEIBENER, DIVISION HEAD, DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES AS THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS' DESIGNEE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORWESCAP, INC

WHEREAS, JanMarie McDyer, Transportation Coordinator, Department of Human Services was appointed by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders on August 13, 2008 to serve as the Freeholder designee on the NORWESCAP Board of Directors with a five-year term; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McDyer's term has expired and she is not seeking reappointment to the NORWESCAP Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the NORWESCAP Board shall include one representative from Warren County who serves as the Freeholder designee; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the county to appoint an individual who will work to provide coordinated human services that will improve the quality of life for low-income individuals and other persons in-need in Warren County;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lorraine Scheibener, Division Head, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services is hereby appointed to serve as the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders' designee on the NORWESCAP Board of Directors with a five-year term.

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 October 9, 2013.

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

RESOLUTION 510-13

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 October 9, 2013.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALARY AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF
JOHN J. HIEL AS SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATOR AS RECOMMENDED
AND FIXED BY SHERIFF DAVID GALLANT**

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-117a et seq., the Sheriff shall fix the compensation for the appointed personnel of the Sheriff's Office in accordance with County guidelines and within the budget allocation, and

WHEREAS, Sheriff David Gallant has selected John J. Hiel to serve as an Sheriff's Investigator effective October 24, 2013 and recommended an annual salary of \$57,361.00, annual vacation leave allowance of fifteen (15) days and exclusion from participation/enrollment in the County's healthcare, prescription, dental, eyeglass and retirement medical plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the recommendations of Sheriff David Gallant in the interest of Sheriff's Investigator John J. Hiel are hereby approved and made effective October 24, 2013.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 9, 2013.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Reports and Comments

County Counsel Joe Bell said he had matters for Executive Session involving litigation and negotiations.

County Engineer Bill Gleba reported that the letter the Board received from NJ DOT regarding 2013 bridge funding contained a typographical error. The figure that appeared as \$100,000 should read as \$1,000,000. A corrected letter has been requested.

County Planner Dave Dech reported on the paper shredding event that had taken place on September 28. He said 5,600 pounds of paper were shredded that day, making the Year 2013 the most successful since the initiative began three years ago.

Insurance Broker John Daly reported that two days of training for new County employees was recently conducted forklift operation among other things.

County CFO Charles Houck had no report.

In addition to the latest Vacancy Report, County Administrator Steve Marvin advised the

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Board that the 2014 rates for health insurance for employees have been released. The plan in which the vast majority of County employees are enrolled has increased as follows: Single and Member/Spouse coverage, five percent; Family, nine percent and Parent/Child, 11.5 percent. "Wow", said Mr. Sarnoski, adding that it was difficult to maintain a budget with increases of this magnitude. While it is expensive, Mr. Marvin said this cost is outside the CAP and not inconsistent with what we've been planning. These increases are in line with health plans everywhere.

Freeholder Comments

Mr. Gardner noted this unique situation of having the opportunity to vote in New Jersey twice in the span of three weeks. He hoped the public would get out there and take advantage since elections cost a lot of money.

Mr. Smith reported that he had attended a hearing with regard to Delaware River flooding issues. Amazingly, there are periods when the capacity of the upstream reservoirs is permitted to be at 105 percent. Mr. Smith found this to be baffling. "They're willing to risk the lives and the property of people downstream so they don't have to impose water conservation measures... for a week or two," Mr. Smith said. He compiled a draft resolution for the Board's consideration and to work toward building a consensus among other affected communities.

Mr. Sarnoski said the safety of our residents is paramount. He was in favor of having the resolution on the agenda for the Board's next meeting. Mr. Gardner agreed it was a problem and thought joining with Pennsylvania would be a good idea when going up against the New York City reservoir system. He advocated building more reservoirs to increase capacity near areas of large consumption.

"It's not that New York does not have options here," Mr. Smith said. There has been discussion of a water filtration plant along the Hudson River, but we seem to be the most expendable commodity. He went into further detail of the present situation, the history of the matter and his ideas to address it.

Mr. Gardner noted the successful Veterans Recognition Ceremony that had been held at the Warren County War Memorial over the weekend. It was a small group of honorees, but it was great to see a few World War II vets among them.

Mr. Sarnoski was pleased with the veterans program as well. He thought it would be nice to open it up to all veterans, not just those who served during wartime. He joined Mr. Gardner in urging the public to get out and vote in the special election on October 16.

Closing Public Comments

Ellen Weiss of Independence Township came before the Board to again relay that her sister is mentally challenged and now resides in Warren Haven after having lived with family members

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for all her life. She said she had adjusted beautifully to life there and knows she is loved. The family finds it very comforting and has the utmost trust in the staff there. She asked if the Freeholders choose to sell or privatize Warren Haven, what will happen to the residents if their families cannot afford the cost to keep them there. And as a suggestion to generate revenue, Ms. Weiss wondered why a rehab facility couldn't operate there for residents of Warren County and beyond as an alternative to rehab centers at a greater distance.

Cheryl Van Gieson of Independence Township presented an additional 327 signatures to the ongoing petition to keep Warren Haven County-owned and operated, bringing the grand total to 1,717.

Mike Grossmann of White Township wanted the Board to be aware that he was able to obtain a quote for health insurance from the new Federal Insurance Exchange website. He shared details of overall cost, co-pays, deductibles and reimbursement rates. His point was that as devastating as the rate hikes may be to the County, "under 'Obamacare', it will cost you more and you will get less," Mr. Grossmann said. Mr. Sarnoski thanked him for the information.

Louis Cartabona of Alpha thanked the Board for passing the resolution opposing the Common Core Standards.

RESOLUTION 511-13

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Smith, at 7:59 p.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on October 9, 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 and October 3 meeting with Judge Grant, AOC Director; "W.M." litigation and municipal responses to Shared Services Agreement for local Public Health Services.

(2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements*: Items to be discussed include: Impending negotiations and interest arbitration with FOP 171-Corrections Officers and arbitrator's decision.

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.

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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. Sarnoski, the Board adjourned executive session at 8:55 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 8:55 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board