

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN

Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building
165 County Road 519 South, Belvidere, NJ 07823-1949



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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

WAYNE DUMONT, JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER BY DIRECTOR

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO FLAG

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975)

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING *OF MARCH 25, 2020* 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. THIS MEETING IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ (THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT) BUT DUE TO THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS AND OUT OF CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC, WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO FACILITATE PUBLIC COMMENT. PUBLIC ACCESS IS PROVIDED THROUGH A CONFERENCE CALL USING

WEBEX TO PRESERVE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC IN CONFORMANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING BY CALLING 1-408-418-9388; WHEN PROMPTED FOR MEETING NUMBER (ACCESS CODE) PRESS 715 153 938 AND THE # SIGN; AND WHEN PROMPTED FOR ATTENDEE NUMBER PRESS THE # SIGN. WE WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH SPIRIT AND THE INTENT OF THE ACT. THERE WILL BE A COORNDINATED EFFORT TO ENSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 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.

NOTICE * This Agenda is subject to change by order of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders before, and / or during the scheduled meeting *

Approval of Minutes

A. MEETINGS

B. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT/PROCLAMATIONS

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

D. FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

2. TRANSFER IN THE 2019 BUDGET RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS

TO: VARIOUS - OE \$ 28,650.00

FROM: VARIOUS - S&W \$ 28,650.00

E. RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FAIR HOUSING OFFICER FOR WARREN COUNTY.
2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT FUNDING OF UP TO \$296,153 FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020.
3. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ROUNDS 7 & 8 (SFY '21 & '22) JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FOR A TOTAL OF \$462,000 (\$231,000 STATE FUNDS AND \$231,000 IN ANTICIPATED LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS) FOR EACH ROUND: SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.
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5. RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR THE ROUTE 80 ROCKFALL MITIGATION PROJECT IN KNOWLTON & HARDWICK TOWNSHIPS.

F. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS

G. RESOLUTIONS REJECTING BIDS

H. RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

1. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ZETRON, INC., UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A83924 COVERING 9-1-1 TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FOR SILVER PLAN MAINTENANCE ON TELEPHONE SYSTEM EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$56,997.21.

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3. RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1919 OFFICE SUPPLIES & ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS TO OFFICE CONCEPT GROUP, INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021 FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL YEAR OF A TWO YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15 AT THE DISCOUNT RATE OF 50% FOR FURNITURE, 36% ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER SUPPLIES, 63% GENERAL SUPPLIES AND 68% PAPER PRODUCTS, AN A ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00.

4. RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1806 TO TUWAY WIRELESS FOR MICROWAVE RADIO MAINTENANCE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021 FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$32,633.00.

5. RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1704 TO PREMIER DISPOSAL, INC., FOR PICKUP AND DISPOSAL OF TRASH FROM COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021 FOR THE FOURTH YEAR OF A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(3) IN THE APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00.

I. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

J. PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

K. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

COUNTY COUNSEL

COUNTY CFO

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. REVIEW POSITION VACANCY REPORT FOR APPROVAL

L. FREEHOLDER COMMENTS

JIM KERN, III:

RICK GARDNER:

JASON SARNOSKI:

M. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

N. PRESS COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. 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.

P. ADJOURNMENT

REMINDERS

**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
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RESOLUTION

On motion by _____, seconded by _____ the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 25, 2020.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2020-11 and 2020-12, dated March 25, 2020, in the amount of **\$2,622,013.13** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2020-11	3/18/2020	\$510,708.36	
TOTAL			\$510,708.36
PNC Bank Commercial Card	3/11/2020	\$3,078.38	
Open Space Wires	<i>(Detail Below)</i>	<u>795,849.21</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			798,927.59
Payroll (including fringe)	3/12/2020	\$1,312,377.18	
Subsistence	3/12/2020	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,312,377.18</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$2,622,013.13</u>

<u>Open Space</u>			<u>Reimburse-</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Wire Transfer:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>ments</u>	<u>Portion</u>
Heeres Farm	3/19/20	\$107,131.50	\$0.00	\$107,131.50
Hart Farm #1	3/19/20	405,098.27	202,442.70	202,655.57
Hart Farm #2	3/19/20	972,124.28	486,062.14	<u>486,062.14</u>
Total				<u>\$795,849.21</u>

Roll Call: Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Kern, Mr. Gardner,

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 on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk of the Board
Alex J. Lazorisak

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TRANSFER IN THE 2019 BUDGET RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS

TO:	VARIOUS - OE	\$ 28,650.00
FROM:	VARIOUS - S&W	\$ 28,650.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 states that transfers can be made after during the first 3 months of the succeeding year, and

WHEREAS, by unforeseen demand there has arisen the necessity for expenditures to fulfill the purposes of the appropriations as stated in the 2019 Budget and Tax Levy in the following accounts:

VARIOUS - OE	\$ 28,650.00
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and there being an excess in appropriations heretofore made as follows:

VARIOUS - S&W	\$ 28,650.00
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that by a Majority Vote of this Board that the following transfer in the 2019 Budget Reserve Appropriations be made:

TO:	011650 R5036	Engineer's OE	\$ 150.00
	012500 R5026	Communications Center OE	\$ 21,000.00
	012550 R5029	Fire Academy OE	\$ 2,500.00
	013551 R5029	State Mental Institutions OE	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

	TOTAL OE	\$ 28,650.00
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FROM:

	011650 R5011	Engineer's, S&W	\$ 150.00
	012500 R5011	Communication Center, S&W	\$ 23,500.00
	013550 R5011	Mental Health Adm, S&W	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

	TOTAL S&W	\$ 28,650.00
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	GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 28,650.00</u>
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ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Kern, Mr. Gardner

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_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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On motion by **Mr.** _____, seconded by **Mr.** _____, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 25, 2020.

**RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FAIR HOUSING OFFICER FOR WARREN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the County of Warren is intending to apply for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (hereinafter DCA) for a housing rehabilitation project within the County of Warren; and

WHEREAS, the housing rehabilitation project will be provided on a County wide basis; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren must make efforts to affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has reviewed various actions that would be acceptable to the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has made assurances in the grant agreement that:

1. It will comply with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and regulations issued thereto; and
2. It will comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations issued thereto it; and
3. It will comply with the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and will affirmatively further fair housing; and
4. It will comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Alex J. Lazorisak, County Administrator, shall be designated as the Fair Housing Officer for the County of Warren.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fair Housing Officer shall contact the USHUD Regional Office of Housing and Equal Opportunity and the NJ Division on Civil Rights, inform those agencies of his appointment as Fair Housing Officer and request Fair Housing Information; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fair Housing Officer shall provide fair housing advisory services and assistance and referral advice to persons requesting such assistance from the County of Warren; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Warren will publish in the local newspaper of record and post at the Administration Building, a public notice announcing the appointment of the Fair Housing Officer and the availability of local fair housing advisory services.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Kern, Mr. Gardner

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Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION

On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 25, 2020.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER TO SUBMIT A
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
ACT FUNDING OF UP TO \$296,153 FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, The County Environmental Health Act (CEHA), NJSA 26:3A2-21 et.seq. authorizes county departments of health to conduct comprehensive environmental health services in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP); and

WHEREAS, the CEHA has enhances environmental health services in Warren County by providing State funding and technical assistance to the Warren County Health Department since 1985; and

WHEREAS, CHEA grant funds up to \$296,153 are available to the County of Warren for state fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorizes the Health Officer to make application for state fiscal year 2020 CEHA funding and if accepted, to execute a CEHA grant agreement with the NJDEP in an amount up to \$296,153, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders agrees to provide in-kind matching funds up to \$160,801, pursuant to the match requirements of the grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders authorizes the Freeholder Director to execute the NJDEP Governing Body Resolution as required to validate the application.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Kern, Mr. Gardner

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On motion by _____, seconded by _____,
the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a
meeting held March 25, 2020.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ROUNDS 7 & 8 (SFY '21 & '22) JOB ACCESS
REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) GRANT APPLICATION FOR
FUNDING THROUGH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FOR A TOTAL
OF \$462,000 (\$231,000 STATE FUNDS AND \$231,000 IN ANTICIPATED
LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS) FOR EACH ROUND;
SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren supports the
application for anticipated funding through NJ Transit in the amount of \$231,000 state funds for Rounds 7 & 8
(SFY '21 & '22) Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant funds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the county will consider the provision of JARC matching funds
totaling \$231,000 through county and state revenue for each round;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is in support of the
grant application for anticipated Rounds 7 & 8 (SFY '21 & '22) Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) funding
through New Jersey Transit for a total of \$462,000 (\$231,000 state funds and \$231,000 in anticipated local
matching funds) for each round; subject to the availability of funds.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Kern, Mr. Gardner

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On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 25, 2020.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
WITH QUEST ENVIRONMENTAL**

WHEREAS, in November 2015, the County of Warren (“County”) hired Quest Environmental and Engineering Services, Inc. (“Quest”) to perform a Phase 1 ASTM Environmental Site Assessment (“Assessment”) on Block 14, Lot 10, Block 15, Lot 1, Block 16, Lot 6, Block 17, Lots 1 & 2, Block 18, Lot 3, Block 19, Lot 1 in Greenwich Township and Block 40, Lot 1, Block 41, Lot 1 and Block 42, Lot 1 in Franklin Township (collectively referred to as the “O’Dowd Farm” prior to the County’s purchase of same); and

WHEREAS, the Assessment did not reveal any environmental concerns and the County proceeded to purchase the property; and

WHEREAS, after the County acquired title it was determined that Block 16, Lot 6 contained an underground fuel oil tank and that the tank had a leak; and

WHEREAS, the County engaged Quest to remove the tank and remedy the fuel oil leak in the property; and

WHEREAS, the County threatened Quest with litigation for its failure to identify the presence of an underground tank during its assessment; and

WHEREAS, the parties entered into settlement negotiations, wherein the parties have reached a settlement agreement, which is incorporated in the document attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the County Agriculture Development Board recommends the County enter into this Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County is desirous of entering into this Settlement Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Corey Tierney, Director of Land Preservation is hereby authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of the County.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Kern, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Sarnoski

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 on the date above mentioned.

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RESOLUTION

On motion by **Mr.** _____, seconded by **Mr.** _____, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 25, 2020.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR
THE ROUTE 80 ROCKFALL MITIGATION PROJECT
IN KNOWLTON & HARDWICK TOWNSHIPS**

WHEREAS, as the recipient of federal transportation funds for the Route 80 Rockfall Mitigation Project, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is required to comply with the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) implementation of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) regulations; and

WHEREAS, NEPA require the full disclosure of both positive and negative impacts for a project; and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a rigorous level of study that can be applied to large, complex NJDOT projects and is required by NEPA (under 23 CFR 771.123-127) for actions "significantly affecting the quality of the human environment;" and

WHEREAS, an EIS is intended to ensure regulatory compliance for federally funded projects and prevent legal actions against the Federal agency; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT is not currently calling for an EIS on this project and is instead opting for a less substantial review called an Environmental Assessment or EA; and

WHEREAS, this project may cause social, economic, and environmental impacts that are long-term and/or permanent such as:

- Restriction of ability to fight forest fires in an area that is heavily frequented by campers and visitors. As the forest fire within the project area that occurred in February 2020 and burned 80 acres shows, firefighting is essential to prevent fires from spreading to nearby communities
- Permanent damage to a culturally and historically significant area
- Permanent loss of the view shed of a unique geologic landmark, the Delaware Water Gap, on the East Coast of the United States
- Permanent impact to recreational climbing use of Mount Tammany, one of the best climbing areas in the state of New Jersey.
- Loss of visitors and income to the Delaware National Water Gap Recreation Area, one of the most visited National Park properties in the United States and entrance to the Appalachian Trail

- Loss of livelihood for area families – According to the Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau, 25% of all jobs in the region are due to travel and tourism, which creates \$3.3 billion in economic activity for the region. Four to five years of construction on the main thoroughfare may have serious and long-term consequences for the families involved in this industry.

WHEREAS, in letters dated July 12, 2018 and September 4, 2019, the NJDOT denied the request for a study of economic impacts asserting that four lanes of traffic will be maintained throughout the four – to – five year construction period and there will be “unimpeded traffic flow...without direct impact to the local economy;”

WHEREAS, “unimpeded traffic flow... without direct impact to the local economy” may not be an accurate depiction and thus fulfill the requirement for full disclosure of negative impacts required by NEPA; and

WHEREAS, AUTOCAD design software has subsequently shown that tractor trailers cannot pass through the proposed construction zones’ narrowed and curving lanes without contact and that it is therefore extremely unlikely that “unimpeded traffic flow” will occur; and

WHEREAS, alert residents have subsequently shown that a substantial crater exists under Route 80, believed to be caused by erosion, in the area where traffic would be routed and this crater has necessitated immediate NJDOT repair; and

WHEREAS, issues were brought to the NJDOT’s attention by the public, local officials, and the media, and there may be other issues the NJDOT is currently unaware of; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT asserts that detours will not be necessary, yet high traffic volume, duration of construction, and requisite blasting with explosives make it likely that congestion will occur; and

WHEREAS, navigation systems reroute drivers to Route 611 when congestion occurs, which is a road prone to rockfall and that the PA Department of Transportation prohibits standard tractor trailers from traveling on in parts; and

WHEREAS, federal and state elected officials from New Jersey and Pennsylvania including Representative Josh Gottheimer, Senator Oroho, Assemblyman Parker Space, Assemblyman Hal Wirths, Senator Mario Scavello, Representative Rosemary Brown, Representative Joe Emrick have all documented their concerns with this project; and

WHEREAS, there has been substantial outcry from the public as documented by more than two dozen municipalities, the NJ League of Municipalities, a coalition of organized residents, and thousands of citizens who follow the issue on web page devoted to the project; and

WHEREAS, groups voicing opposition and concern include the NJ Sierra Club, the National Parks Conservation Association, the New Jersey Highlands Association, Access Fund, Pocono Mountain Visitors’ Bureau, several Native American tribes and others; and

WHEREAS, more than 50 newspaper articles in 5 different newspaper and several dozen television and radio have been published on the proposed project illustrating a substantial public interest;

WHEREAS, all the above illustrate the critical need for an EIS, which will provide a deeper level of study regarding the impacts of the proposed project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Knowlton hereby requests an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Route 80 Rockfall Mitigation Project in Knowlton and Hardwick Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following agencies, representative, and consulting parties:

John Miller, Federal Highway Administration, NJ Division
Lauren Baker, Office of the Administrator, USDOT, Federal Highway Administration
Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti, NJ Department of Transportation
NJ Governor Phil Murphy
US Senator Cory Booker
Congressman Josh Gottheimer
Senator Steven Oroho
Assemblyman Hal Wirths
Assemblyman Parker Space
Representative Rosemary Brown
Senator Mario Scavello
Representative Joe Emrick
Dr. Ruth Foster, NJDEP
Kathryn Marcopul, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, NJDEP
Andrea Lowery, Executive Director, PA State Historic Preservation Office
Deborah Dotson, President, Delaware Nation
Bonney Hartley, Stockbridge Munsee Community, WI
Sula Jacobs, National Park Service
Chris Jacobs, President, Pocono Mountain Visitors' Bureau
Mr. David Behrend, NJ Transportation Planning Authority
Mayor Lance Prator, Portland Borough
Mayor Larry Freshcorn, Delaware Water Gap Borough
Forks Township Board of Supervisors
Sandra Newman, Supervisor, Lower Mount Bethel
John Birmingham, Supervisor, Upper Mount Bethel
Corey Tierney, Administrator, Warren County Land Preservation
Susan Bachor, Delaware Tribe Preservation Representative
Brice Obermeyer, Delaware Tribe Representative, OK
Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Absentee-Shawnee Tribe, OK
Ron Sparkman, Chief, Shawnee Tribe, OK
Wally Miller, Chairman, Stockbridge-Munsee, WI
Barbara Bluejay Michalsky, Lenape Nation of PA
Suzanne Dixon, President Appalachian Trail Conservancy
Wendy Janssen, Superintendent, Appalachian National Scenic Trail
Kevin Duffy, Mayor, Hardwick Township
Hardwick Township Historical Society
Adele Starrs, Mayor, Knowlton Township
Hal Bromm, President, Knowlton Township Historic Commission
Elliott Ruga, NJ Highlands Coalition
Sergio Moncada, National Parks Conservation Association
Greg Gorman, NJ Sierra Club
Tara Mezzanotte, I80DWG Coalition
Brittney Kohler, Legislative Director, Transportation and Infrastructure, National League of Cities

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Kern, Mr. Gardner

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 on the date above mentioned.

Clerk

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for Silver Plan Maintenance on Telephone System Equipment and accessories for the Warren County Communications Center and is hereby awarded

to . . . Zetron Inc., Redmond, Washington

in the amount of . . . \$56,997.21

at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A83924

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012500/5026 – Public Safety Contracted Equipment

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Kern, Mr. Gardner

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ELECTION BALLOT PRINTING FOR THE
WARREN COUNTY CLERK TO RELIANCE
GRAPHICS, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1,
2020 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021 AT THE
RATE OF \$.24 PER SIDE PER BALLOT AND \$.24
PER SIDE PER SAMPLE BALLOT FOR AN
ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF
\$100,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2018FO for Election Ballot Printing for the Warren County Clerk is hereby awarded

to . . . Reliance Graphics, Verona, New Jersey

in the estimated amount of . . . \$100,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . March 10, 2020

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 ballot printing services under the direction of the Warren County Clerk, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds will be provided in budget account 011200/5100 – County Clerk Program Operating Expenses

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

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Kern, Mr. Gardner

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 on the date above mentioned.

Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN
WAYNE DUMONT JR. ADM. BLDG.
BELVIDERE, NJ 07823
RESOLUTION**

On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 25, 2020.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1919 OFFICE SUPPLIES & ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS TO OFFICE CONCEPT GROUP, INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021 FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL YEAR OF A TWO YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15 AT THE DISCOUNT RATE OF 50% FOR FURNITURE, 36% ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER SUPPLIES, 63% GENERAL SUPPLIES AND 68% PAPER PRODUCTS, AN A ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1919 for office supplies for County Departments for the second and final year of a two year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15, said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021

to . . . Office Concept Group, Inc., Phillipsburg, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . \$200,000.00

as per their bid submitted . . . March 26, 2019

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

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

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Kern, Mr. Gardner

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 on the date above mentioned.

Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

[H3]

**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**
Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building
165 County Route 519 South
Belvidere, NJ 07823

RESOLUTION

On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 25, 2020.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1806 TO TUWAY WIRELESS FOR MICROWAVE RADIO MAINTENANCE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021 FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$32,633.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County Contract WC1806 for microwave radio maintenance for the Warren County Communications Center for the third and final year of a three year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(10) said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021

to . . . TuWay Wireless, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

In the approximate amount of . . . \$32,633.00

as per their bid submitted . . . February 27, 2018

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012500/5031 – Communications Center Repair and Maintenance

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Kern, Mr. Gardner

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 on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak Clerk

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**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building
165 County Route 519 South
Belvidere, NJ 07823

RESOLUTION

On motion by _____, seconded by _____
the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the
County of Warren at a meeting held March 25, 2020.

**RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1704 TO
REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NJ, LLC, FOR
PICKUP AND DISPOSAL OF TRASH FROM
COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY
1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021 FOR THE
FOURTH YEAR OF A FIVE YEAR
CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL
PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(3) IN THE
APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF
\$40,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County Contract WC1704 for pickup and
disposal of trash is extended for a fourth year as provided by the Local Public
Contract Law 40A:11-15(3) said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1,
2020 through April 30, 2021**

to . . . Republic Services of NJ, LLC, Clinton, New Jersey

In the approximate amount of . . . \$38,184.00

as per their bid submitted . . . March 14, 2017

**Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts 013100/5029 –
Buildings & Grounds Contracted Services, 012900/5029 – Road Maintenance
Contracted Services, 153901/5029 – Library Administration Contracted Services**

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Kern, Mr. Gardner

**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 on the date above
mentioned.**

Alex J. Lazorisak Clerk

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**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building
165 County Route 519 South
Belvidere, NJ 07823

RESOLUTION

On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 25, 2020.

**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 Required by Law to be Confidential*: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

(2) *Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds*: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

(3) *Matters Involving Individual Privacy*: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

(4) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements*: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

(5) *Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds:* Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

(6) *Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property:* Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of possible violations of the law.

(7) *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege:* Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or many become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

(8) *Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:* Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance or promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

(9) *Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty:* Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bearing responsibility.

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.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Kern, Mr. Gardner

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 on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak

Clerk