

**These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on January 13, 2021. Full texts of resolutions appear at the end of this document.*

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren met in Reorganization session in Court Room #1 at the Warren County Court House, Belvidere, New Jersey on January 2, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Due to social distancing directives, this meeting was conducted with very few members of the public in attendance. The meeting was being broadcast to the public via the internet and telephone.

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Alex Lazorisak opened the meeting at 12:01 p.m. Deputy Clerk Holly Luberto read the following OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) statement: ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2021 WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF THIS REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 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 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. Lazorisak led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Certification of Election of Lori Ciesla, Commissioner: Read by Holly Mackey, County Clerk.

The Oath of Office of the Lori Ciesla, Commissioner, was administered by the Honorable Douglas Steinhardt. Ms. Ciesla was joined by her husband, Jim, and son, Nick.

Upon roll call, the following Commissioners were present: Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski and James Kern III.

RESOLUTION 1-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES R. KERN, III AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2021.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

The Oath of Office of the Director of the Board of County Commissioners was administered to James R. Kern, III by Honorable Judge Thomas C. Miller. Mr. Kern was accompanied by Carina Sitkus, who held the bible.

RESOLUTION 2-21

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING JASON J. SARNOSKI, AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2021.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

Certification of Election of Kevin M. O’Neill, Surrogate, was read by Holly Mackey, County Clerk.

The Oath of Office of the Warren County Surrogate, Kevin M. O’Neill, was administered by Honorable Judge Thomas C. Miller. Mr. O’Neill then wished everyone a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

RESOLUTION 3-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO APPOINT SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS BOARD OR WHICH THE DIRECTOR MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS AS LIAISON OR MEMBER OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 4-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A COMMISSIONER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2021.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 5-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2021.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 6-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE STAR-LEDGER AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND THE DAILY RECORD AS THE ALTERNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER IN WHICH SHALL BE PUBLISHED ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 7-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION IN NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 8-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2021.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 9-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN DESIGNATING OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO INVEST AND DISBURSE FUNDS, AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES, PERMITTED INVESTMENTS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC MONIES.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 10-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,086,821.00 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2021 BUDGET.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 11-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$1,077,080.75 TO FUND THE PERMANENT DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE DATE OF

ADOPTION OF THE 2021 BUDGET.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 12-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH J. BELL, ESQ., COUNTY COUNSEL AND REAPPOINTING DAVID T. SHIVAS AND JOSEPH J. BELL, IV AS WARREN COUNTY ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSELS.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 13-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2076FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO BELL & SHIVAS, P.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 AT THE RATE OF \$165.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$410,000.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 14-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2076FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – B, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI, TIPTON & TAYLOR, L.L.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 AT THE RATE OF \$175.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 15-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2076FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – C, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO LAVERY, SELVAGGI, ABROMITIS & COHEN, P.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 AT THE RATE OF \$140.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$66,000.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 16-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2076FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – D, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE WARREN COUNTY ADJUSTER FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI, TIPTON & TAYLOR, L.L.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 AT THE RATES OF \$175.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$157,500.00.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 17-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2076FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E, BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 AT THE BASE FEE \$3,500.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

RESOLUTION 18-21

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND (NJIIF) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021.

Recorded vote: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

INTRODUCTION OF AND REMARKS BY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES:

Ms. Ciesla began her remarks by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and thanking those in attendance and viewing online. She took a moment to remember and honor those who have been lost to the pandemic. “They are all in our prayers,” she said. Ms. Ciesla expressed gratitude to all first responders and others working hard on the front lines, keeping the economy going. She said, “This past year showed us that we have so many heroes in our community, and they all deserve our thanks.”

Ms. Ciesla described herself as a bit quirky, so it was somewhat fitting that she happened to run for elected office in a year in which the world of elections would be “turned upside down”. Regardless of all the changes, she said her team pulled together to win the election. She proceeded to thank many individuals for their support, starting with her family and friends and the Republican Committee Executive Board. She went on to thank the senators and assemblymen of the 23rd and 24th Legislative Districts for their support, as well her colleagues on the Board of County Commissioners and former Freeholders Rick Gardner and Ed Smith. She said they all had a different style and flair, and she learned a lot from each of them. Ms. Ciesla looked forward to working with Mr. Sarnoski and Mr. Kern to continue the fiscally responsible management of the county, following in the footsteps of Mr. Gardner and Mr. Smith.

Ms. Ciesla expressed gratitude to many other current and former elected officials, as well as volunteers, who helped and supported her throughout her campaign. “Saving the best for last,” she said, “Thank you to the residents of Warren County – both those who voted for me, and those who didn’t. I am here to serve you all.”

Looking forward, Ms. Ciesla said she was eager to work with all the “wonderful” county employees, admiring how they not only kept the county functioning, but also providing additional services and support with respect to COVID-19.

“In 2020, we learned that technology can keep us going when a pandemic has us staying home,” said Ms. Ciesla, herself an IT professional. One of her goals was to continue the progress of the technology and transparency initiative started by Mr. Kern; to use technology to bring county government to the residents and upgrade processes to help employees perform their jobs efficiently. “Better technology means better results,” she said, adding that improvements to internet access throughout the county were needed. She pledged to work with state and federal officials to find true solutions to our internet needs here.

Regarding education, Ms. Ciesla planned to build on programs offered by the county’s Technical School and Community College to meet residents’ educational needs. “Our students should not have to leave New Jersey to obtain a useful and affordable education,” she said.

Ms. Ciesla said staying home more this year has helped us appreciate how amazing our county is. The rural charm and abundance of agri-business and agri-tourism makes Warren County special, and we must do all we can to protect and

preserve this character, support our local farms and businesses, and plan smart development for our future. “I do believe that we can attract businesses that will enhance our way of life here, while also preserving it,” she said, adding she hoped to work with her fellow commissioners to bring local officials together regularly to discuss the future.

“We must continue to provide top-notch services to our residents while keeping our budget under control,” Ms. Ciesla said, and pledged to continue to the county’s pay-as-you-go methodology and look for additional shared services opportunities. While we are still fighting COVID-19, once we move beyond that, we will focus on our economic recovery. She expected to work alongside Commissioners Kern and Sarnoski to obtain state and federal grants and recovery funding. “Warren County will not be left out or left behind,” she said, “Our voice will be heard loud and clear by those who need to hear it.”

Having moved here more than two decades ago to raise her family in the county’s rural and idyllic environment, Ms. Ciesla said it was her goal to make sure Warren County remained the most beautiful and affordable county in New Jersey.

“I am truly honored to be your new commissioner, and hope that I will not only meet, but exceed, your expectations,” said Ms. Ciesla said in closing, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Deputy Commissioner Sarnoski then took to the podium for his remarks. He said it was hard to believe that 10 years ago he started on this board as one of the youngest freeholders in the state; now he found himself as senior commissioner, serving alongside Mr. Kern, likely the youngest County Commissioner Director in the state. “But although we are young, we’re not inexperienced,” he said. He extended congratulations to Ms. Ciesla, saying he had known her for a long time, and that she was a conscientious and caring person. She served Lopatcong Township well as a councilwoman, and he was sure she would do the same for all of Warren County.

Mr. Sarnoski noted that Ms. Ciesla did have big shoes to fill, however; revealing that former Freeholder Director Rick Gardner continued to work in that role up until the last day. “It was an honor to serve with Rick my entire career thus far and I consider Rick a very good friend,” he said.

“I also want to congratulate the first Warren County Director of the Board of County Commissioners, Jim Kern,” Mr. Sarnoski said, adding he thought Mr. Kern was probably the hardest-working person in Warren County, and it was a pleasure to

serve with him. “He understands the issues and he’s not afraid to tackle problems head-on,” said Mr. Sarnoski, and that he looked forward to his leadership over the year.

Mr. Sarnoski said the past year had been historic, and would be talked about for generations. Many focus on the hardships, but Mr. Sarnoski chose to focus on opportunities – what we can learn from what we are going through now. One of those lessons was that more business could be conducted electronically - as this meeting was being broadcast - and the commissioners would continue to build on that by expanding the county’s electronic presence and communication with the public. He said this would be critical in managing the next phase of the COVID crisis and managing the vaccination distribution process.

“Last year has also shown us the resiliency and strength of our great county employees,” continued Mr. Sarnoski, “Under the leadership of our County Administrator, Alex Lazorisak, with the help of Dennis Riley, we were able to coordinate the difficult task of managing this pandemic.” Employees continued to work, and some took on additional duties, such as contact tracing, all while keeping the needs and the safety of the residents first. “Without the hard work and dedication of our county employees, we would not have made it through this last year,” he said.

He said we will enter this year’s budget process with challenges, and it will not be an easy year. Yet Mr. Sarnoski said the challenges were not insurmountable. “If we stick to our conservative principles – a pay-as-you-go philosophy, responsible budgeting, and a focused approach to the future - we can come out with a budget that puts the taxpayers first,” he said. This was the year he intended to go out to bid for renovations to this courtroom. He looked forward to having the 2022 reorganization in a refurbished courtroom. “And it’s about time,” he said.

Mr. Sarnoski thought it was beyond the time for allowing the coronavirus to change the way we live, and take away our basic freedoms. “Our businesses have suffered enough. Our children are not getting the education they deserve and that we pay for,” he said. Mr. Sarnoski said he believed that the restrictions did have an effect on our elections. Even if the outcomes were the same, he felt that the doubt the new rules created was harmful. He pledged to continue to fight against the overreach of the leadership of this state. “I will fight for, and support, our businesses as much as possible,” he said, and promised to follow the Constitution of New Jersey and of the United States, as he had sworn to do.

Commissioner Sarnoski finished by thanking his family for always standing by him and supporting him in these efforts. “Whether we are called freeholders or

commissioners, the only important titles I hold are husband, father and friend,” he said, “And I look forward to helping all of you – my Warren County friends – through the next year. God bless you all and God bless Warren County.”

Director Kern was next to speak, saying this meeting was one of many “firsts”. This was the first reorganization to be held virtually; the first time the board was officially known as commissioners instead of freeholders; and the first time in about two decades that Richard Gardner’s name was not listed on the agenda in some official capacity. He thanked Mr. Gardner for his leadership and friendship. “Your institutional knowledge will be sorely missed,” he said, and revealed that the county had planned a fitting tribute to him, which promised to be a great event once people will be able gather in groups again.

Mr. Kern congratulated Ms. Ciesla on her inauguration, saying she ran a good campaign. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Sarnoski for being a fine mentor and colleague, and that he looked forward to working with both of them in 2121.

Having reviewed last year’s reorganization meeting minutes, Mr. Kern said we had no idea of what was to come. He said 2020 was one of the most difficult years in recent memory. “The COVID-19 pandemic upended every aspect of our lives,” he said. Last March, this government activated a COVID-19 task force comprised of professionals in the realms of health, public safety, education and administration. The group communicated daily, and initiated calls with Warren County mayors, the governor’s office and the White House. Unfortunately, as the COVID crisis grew, the county received no funding. Warren County opened the first testing site in northwest New Jersey without any financial help from our state or federal governments.

After Warren County leaders gathered on the steps of this courthouse, Mr. Kern said, “We were finally able to obtain the funding that we so deserved.” Mr. Sarnoski led the charge with counterparts in Sussex and Hunterdon to push for an appropriate regional reopening plan for our businesses, as the governor’s “one size fits all” shutdown approach was, and continued to be, lethal to our businesses. “It is our hope that this year (the governor) will actually consult with the legislature in moving forward with his executive orders,” said Mr. Kern.

While he felt it was practically impossible to summarize all the important work accomplished

in the past year, Mr. Kern wanted to single out and acknowledge several individuals for their efforts. These included County Health Officer Pete Summers,

Epidemiologist Courtney Sartain, COVID Coordinator/Deputy Public Safety Dennis Riley, Public Safety Director Frank Wheatley, Prosecutor Jim Pfeiffer, Sheriff Jim McDonald, Public Information Officer Art Charlton, County Administrator Alex Lazorisak and the entire Health Department. “I am so comfortable and thankful for what they have done to protect our county,” Mr. Kern said.

While the “COVID-19 cloud” overshadowed much of the past year, Mr. Kern highlighted a few positive accomplishments, including an increased self-response rate to the U.S Census under the guidance of Planning Director David Dech, and a partnership with the Highlands Council to roll out a light industrial traffic study to help towns understand the proliferation and impact of warehousing in our county.

“As we look ahead to 2021, things will continue to be a struggle,” Mr. Kern said, “However, thanks to the legacy of this board and prior freeholder boards, we are in a strong financial position to take on the many challenges that we undertake.” He said Warren County would work with state and federal partners on implementing vaccination plans, which was off to a rocky start.

Mr. Kern expected the Board of County Commissioners to engage more with municipalities to work on regional planning and ways to promote smart growth in our communities.

The coming year will also bring Warren County a new official website. As had already been mentioned, increased online presence would lead to “the most transparent government in our county’s history,” Mr. Kern said.

Mr. Kern looked forward to the end of the pandemic and for a return to normalcy. “The immediate future will be tough,” he said, but this board was ready to get to work. He promised to fight every day on the behalf of Warren County residents to make this a special place to live.

Mr. Kern then invited the few officials in attendance to say a few words. Prosecutor James Pfeiffer went first, and congratulated each of the commissioners. He noted that 2020 had been his first year serving in his role, and he was proud to be a part of it.

Others offering congratulations and Happy New Year wishes included Sheriff James McDonald, Surrogate Kevin O’Neill, County Clerk Holly Mackey and former Freeholder Director Rick Gardner.

Mr. Gardner took a few moments to reflect on his 18-year tenure as Warren County Freeholder. “I’ve had a great run,” he said, “I’ve enjoyed my time.” He and Mr. Sarnoski accomplished a lot over the 10 years they served together on the freeholder board. Mr. Gardner had established the county’s Projects Committee, which culminated in seven remodeling/renovation projects, all achieved without raising taxes.

After congratulating the Surrogate and each commissioner, Mr. Gardner went on to express gratitude to the following for their service and support over the years: County Counsel Joe Bell and his firm; the County Administrator, Sheriff and Prosecutor; and Republican Committee Chairman Doug Steinhardt.

Judge Miller said it was an honor to have been invited today; this was his first year as Assignment Judge and he said he looked forward to a great working relationship between the county and judiciary.

Doug Steinhardt, former Lopatcong Township Mayor, began by congratulating Ms. Ciesla, his former colleague on that township’s governing committee, as well as all other current and former elected officials in attendance. He recognized Judge Miller as well. “Warren County has some of the best leadership – if not the best leadership – in the State of New Jersey,” he said.

Mr. Steinhardt talked about his own experiences of growing up in Warren County and settling in Lopatcong, where he served five terms as mayor. He eventually found himself chairing the county’s Republican Committee, and then the state committee as well. He had declared his candidacy for governor of the State of New Jersey in December. Mr. Steinhardt thought it was time for a “real conservative” to occupy the office, someone who would put New Jersey’s families first. “Phil Murphy’s been at the helm for three now; we’re no better off than we were three years ago,” he said. Mr. Steinhardt said the state had the largest budget in its history, the highest property tax burden, a third of our businesses have closed and foreclosures were on the rise. He said the most troubling statistic was that New Jersey leads the country in outbound migration of people and jobs. He said he looked forward to fighting on behalf of all New Jersey residents to have the ability to plant their roots and grow in the state.

Mr. Steinhardt concluded by wishing the commissioners all the best and good health and Happy New Year to all in attendance.

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, and there being no further business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

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

RESOLUTION 1-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2021**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that James R. Kern, III is appointed Director of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2021.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak
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Clerk

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

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RESOLUTION 2-21

On motion by **Mr. Kern**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2021**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that Jason J. Sarnoski is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2021.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [9]

Clerk

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 3-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD
TO APPOINT SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW
OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS BOARD OR WHICH THE
DIRECTOR MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND
APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS AS LIAISON OR MEMBER
OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to appoint such committees as may be required by law or authorized by this Board or which the Director may deem appropriate and that the appointment of Commissioners as liaison or member of various boards and committees is hereby approved:

Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski

Education

Special School District
Superintendent of Schools
Warren County Community College
Warren County Technical School

County Departments

Board of Elections
Board of Taxation
County Clerk
Surrogate
Trustee – Warren County Legal Services

Additional Assignments

Economic Development Council Liaison	Engineering
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority	Public Works
PCFA/Solid Waste	Soil Conservation District
Planning Board Member	Weights & Measurers
Projects Commission Liaison	NJAC 1 st Alternate

Commissioner Lori Ciesla

Land Use & Agriculture

Agriculture Development Board
Board of Agriculture
Board of Recreation Commissioners
Cooperative Extension

Human Services

County Adjuster
Department of Human Services
Housing Program
Mental Health Board
Transportation Committee
Workforce Investment Board of
Morris/Sussex/Warren

Additional Assignments

Mosquito Commission
Opiate & Addiction Awareness Task Force
Planning Board Member

PRMUA Liaison
Shade Tree Commission

Commissioner James R. Kern, III

Cultural & Historical

Cultural & Heritage

Library Commission
Morris Canal Committee
Municipal & Charitable Conservancy Trust
Fund Committee
War Veterans

Public Safety

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis
Center
Fire Chiefs Association
Police Chiefs Association
Prosecutor

Public Safety
Sheriff's Office
Correctional Center

Public Health

Health Services

Additional Assignments

Planning Board, Alternate Member
Transparency and Technology Task Force
COVID-19 Task Force

N.J.A.C. Delegate
NJIIF Liaison

ALL THREE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners' Office
Personnel Division
CFO/Treasurer's Office
Purchasing Department
County Counsel
Information Systems
Department of Public Information
Planning Department
Boards of School Estimate

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [12]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

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RESOLUTION 4-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES
INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A COMMISSIONER
LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2021**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the municipalities of Warren County are divided into three districts and a Commissioner is assigned as liaison to each district as follows:

Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski

Allamuchy Township
Blairstown
Frelinghuysen
Hackettstown

Hardwick
Independence
Mansfield

Commissioner Lori Ciesla

Belvidere
Harmony Township
Hope
Knowlton
Liberty Township

Oxford
Washington Boro
Washington Township
White Township

Commissioner James R. Kern, III

Alpha
Franklin
Greenwich
Lopatcong Township

Phillipsburg
Pohatcong

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

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

RESOLUTION 5-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2021**

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren for the year 2021. All regular meetings shall be held in the Commissioner Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	16 at 9:00 am B	May	26 at 6:00 pm R
January	20 at 6:00 pm B	June	9 at 6:00 pm R
January	23 at 9:00 am B	June	23 at 6:00 pm R
January	27 at 6:00 pm R	July	14 at 6:00 pm R
January	30 at 9:00 am B	July	28 at 6:00 pm R
February	3 at 6:00 pm B	August	11 at 6:00 pm R
February	6 at 9:00 am B	August	25 at 6:00 pm R
February	10 at 6:00 pm R	September	8 at 6:00 pm R
February	24 at 6:00 pm R	September	22 at 6:00 pm R
March	10 at 6:00 pm R	October	13 at 6:00 pm R
March	24 at 6:00 pm R	October	27 at 6:00 pm R
April	14 at 6:00 pm R	November	9 at 6:00 pm R*
April	28 at 6:00 pm R	November	23 at 6:00 pm R*
May	12 at 6:00 pm R	December	8 at 6:00 pm R

R= Regular Meeting

B = Budget Meeting

All Work Session Meetings will be advertised in The Star-Ledger as needed.

* Please note that meetings in November are being held on Tuesday, November 9th and Tuesday, November 23rd.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

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

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 6-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE STAR-LEDGER AS THE
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND THE DAILY RECORD AS THE
ALTERNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER IN WHICH SHALL BE
PUBLISHED ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES
REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED ON BEHALF OF
THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that The Star-Ledger is hereby designated as the official newspaper and the Daily Record as the alternate official newspaper in which shall be published all advertisements and notices required by law to be published on behalf of the County of Warren. This action is taken pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:23-13 and N.J.S.A. 35:1-2.2 et seq.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak _____ Clerk
Item [15]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 7-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION
IN NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Association of Counties requires official designation of voting and alternate members for each county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby appoint, for representation in the New Jersey Association of Counties, James R. Kern, III as the Voting Member and Jason J. Sarnoski as the 1st Alternate Voting Member and Alex J. Lazorisak as the 2nd Alternate Voting Member.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak Clerk
Item [16]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 8-21

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO
THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
AUTHORITY, INC., FOR THE YEAR 2021**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that David K. Dech is hereby appointed as the alternate voting member, representing the County of Warren, to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., at those meetings when Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski is unable to attend during the year 2021.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [17]

Clerk

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RESOLUTION 9-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN
DESIGNATING OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO INVEST AND
DISBURSE FUNDS, AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES, PERMITTED
INVESTMENTS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
FOR WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC MONIES**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of The County of Warren that, pursuant to N. J. S. A. 40A: 5-14, the annual Cash Management Plan prepared by the Chief Financial Officer of the County of Warren, is hereby approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the official charged with the custody of public funds covered under the plan to deposit and invest said funds in accordance with the provisions of said plan.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak

Clerk

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RESOLUTION 10-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE
UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$22,086,821.00 THROUGH THE
DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2021 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2021 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty days of January, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the prior year budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$84,140,273.00 and

WHEREAS, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2020 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and public assistance in said 2020 budget is the sum of \$22,086,821.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations in the total amount of \$22,086,821.00 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer's Department for their records.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

Item [19]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 11-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE
TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$1,077,080.75 TO FUND THE PERMANENT
DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN
THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2021 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 20 of the year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 inclusive:

DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY OF WARREN, NJ

Principal Payment of Bonds	\$ 920,000.00
Interest Payment on Bonds	141,200.00
Principal Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00
Interest Payment on Notes	0.00
Green Trust Loan Payments	<u>15,880.75</u>
Total Debt Service	<u>\$ 1,077,080.75</u>

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 12-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH
JOSEPH J. BELL, ESQ., COUNTY COUNSEL AND REAPPOINTING
DAVID T. SHIVAS, AND JOSEPH J. BELL IV AS WARREN COUNTY
ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSELS**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren as follows:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43, Joseph J. Bell, Esq., an Attorney-at-Law of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 150 Mineral Springs Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866 shall continue as Warren County Counsel and the Retainer Agreement between the Board and Mr. Bell, setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation which Retainer Agreement is made a part of this resolution by reference is incorporated herein as if set forth verbatim, is hereby approved and the Commissioner Director is authorized to execute said Retainer Agreement on behalf of the Board.
2. David T. Shivas and Joseph J. Bell IV members of the firm of Bell & Shivas, P.C. are hereby reappointed as Warren County Assistant County Counsels.
3. Contract WC1973FO for County Counsel for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Joseph J. Bell, Rockaway, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$75,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . October 25, 2019

4. This proposal was 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 legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [21]

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RESOLUTION 13-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2076FO FOR
LEGAL SERVICES –A, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR
GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY
OF WARREN TO BELL & SHIVAS, P.C., FOR THE
PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AT THE RATE OF \$165.00
PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT \$410,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2076FO for Legal Services – A, Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Bell & Shivas, P.C., Rockaway, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$165.00 per hour, estimated amount \$410,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 24, 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 legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [22]

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RESOLUTION 14-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2076FO FOR
LEGAL SERVICES –B, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR
LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI,
STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI, TIPTON & TAYLOR,
LLC, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 AT THE RATE OF
\$175.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT
\$125,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2076FO for Legal Services – B, Special Counsel for Labor Related Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC., Phillipsburg, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$175.00 per hour, estimated amount \$125,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 24, 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 legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [23]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 15-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2076FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – C, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO LAVERY, SELVAGGI, ABROMITIS & COHEN, PC., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 AT THE RATE OF \$140.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT \$66,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2076FO for Legal Services – C, Special Counsel for Land Preservation Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen, PC., Hackettstown, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$140.00 per hour, estimated amount \$66,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 24, 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 legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds for this contract are provided in trust account 03895/5067 – Open Space Trust Farmland Acquisitions and 01894/5065 – Open Space Trust, Recreation and Conservation Acquisitions

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 16-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2076FO FOR
LEGAL SERVICES – D, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR
GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE
WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE WARREN
COUNTY ADJUSTER FOR THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF
WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT,
CAPPELLI, TIPTON & TAYLOR, LLC, FOR THE
PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AT THE RATES OF \$175.00
PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT \$157,500.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2076FO for Legal Services – D, Special Counsel for the Warren County Department of Human Services, its Divisions and the Warren County Adjuster for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

**to . . . Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC., Phillipsburg,
New Jersey**

in the amount of . . . \$175.00 per hour, estimated amount \$157,500.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 24, 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 legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds for this contract are provided in budget accounts 013450/5029 – TASS Contracted Services and 013570/5029 – WC Adjuster Contracted Services

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 17-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2076FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E, BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 AT THE BASE FEE \$3,500.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2076FO for Legal Services – E, Bond Counsel Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLC, Roseland, New Jersey

in the approximate amount of . . . Base Fee \$3,500.00 plus \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of bonds issued

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 24, 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 bond counsel legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners, and quality of past services rendered.

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

Funds are or will be provided for this purpose upon adoption of Bond Ordinances as required by N.J.S.A.40A:-2.20

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 18-21

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 2021.

**APPOINTMENT OF A FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE NEW JERSEY
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND**

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby appoints County Commissioner James R. Kern, III as the Fund Commissioner and Wells Fargo Insurance Services Risk Management Consultant John Daly as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund.

RECORDED VOTE: Ms. Ciesla yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak Clerk

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