

*\* These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 10, 2021. Full texts of resolutions appear at the end of this document.*

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren met in Regular Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on February 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Due to social distancing directives, this meeting was conducted without any members of the public in attendance. The public had the opportunity to listen to the meeting, and participate if they chose, via internet and telephone.

The meeting was called to order by Director Kern and upon roll call, the following participants were present: Commissioner Lori Ciesla, Commissioner Deputy Director Jason Sarnoski, Commissioner Director James Kern III, Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell IV, County Administrator Alex Lazorisak, County Engineer Bill Gleba, County Planner Dave Dech, and Deputy Commissioner Clerk Holly Luberto. County CFO Kim Francisco and County Health Officer Pete Summers participated online.

After leading the flag salute, Mr. Kern read the following OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) statement: ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT IN THE ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE. SAID NOTICE WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK, TRANSMITTED TO THE STAR LEDGER AND DAILY RECORD AND POSTED ON THE PUBLIC BULLETIN BOARDS AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD COMMISSIONERS AND THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE AND ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE.

FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, IT IS THE POLICY OF THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS UPON ADVANCE REQUEST. THE MEETING AGENDA AND OTHER PUBLIC DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WHETHER PARTICIPATING IN-PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE OR REMOTE OPTION, WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING. THOSE PARTICIPATING TELEPHONICALLY OR REMOTELY WILL REMAIN ON MUTE UNTIL SUCH TIME. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE RULES OF

**MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

CONDUCT AND DECORUM THAT ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the minutes of the Regular Session of February 10, 2021 were approved.

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

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the minutes of the Executive Session of February 10, 2021 were approved.

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

There were no public comments on agenda items.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 105-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

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

**RESOLUTION 106-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY TAX LEVY LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK AS PER N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14.

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

**RESOLUTION 107-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX LEVY CAP TO BE APPLIED TO THE 2021 COUNTY BUDGET.

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

**RESOLUTION 108-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND COUNTY PURPOSE TAX LEVY OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021.

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

**RESOLUTION 109-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY AND ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR

THE USE OF THE WARREN COUNTY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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

**RESOLUTION 110-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$6,170,180 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

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

**RESOLUTION 111-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2021 COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND LEVY.

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

Mr. Sarnoski said he was proud of this budget, and was pleased the process was complete before the end of January. While there were challenges to overcome, this cohesive board was prepared to meet the challenges. Mr. Sarnoski's eleventh county budget, he said this was one of the best administrative teams he had the pleasure of working with over the years. He praised County CFO Kim Francisco for doing a great job despite difficulties, particularly due to COVID-19. "I'm very proud of this county, I've very proud of this board, and I'm very happy with this budget," Mr. Sarnoski said.

Ms. Ciesla agreed, saying she had been very impressed with the process, and thanked department heads for their cooperation. "We did the best job we possibly could," said Ciesla.

While Mr. Kern described the budget as difficult, he thought the reason the commissioners were able to present such a responsible budget was due to the county's past practices and decisions, over the course of about 10 years. He said the state, and other counties, will be in a much more difficult position. When Mr. Sarnoski first joined the freeholder board, he had to make some tough decisions. Likewise for Ed Smith when he came on board, and of course Rick Gardner presided over many budgets. As a result, the county was in a good spot.

“We’re able to ultimately come to the taxpayers with something, at the end of the day, is not going to raise taxes for property owners in Warren County,” Mr. Kern said.

Mr. Kern thanked Mr. Francisco and County Administrator Alex Lazorisak for holding department heads in line. He appreciated everyone’s hard work. The public hearing and final adoption of the budget was scheduled for March 24.

**RESOLUTION 112-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 113-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO ACCEPT AND TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS #SCP-21-PS-21, SCP-21-PM-21, FC-21-21 WITH THE NEW JERSEY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION TOTALING \$296,688 (\$195,937 STATE/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDS & \$100,751 IN FAMILY COURT FUNDS) TO BE USED BY THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION.

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

**RESOLUTION 114-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON THE VASS FARM, BLOCK 46 LOT 2, BLOCK 46.01 LOT 1 & BLOCK 47 LOT 4 IN KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 93.55 GROSS ACRES.

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

**RESOLUTION 115-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WC2114 THE LEASING OF BLOCK 11 LOT 1 AND BLOCK 18 LOT 27 IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FOR AGRICULTURE.

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

**RESOLUTION 116-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR INSURANCE FRAUD REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE FRAUD PROSECUTOR CYCLE 2021, AMOUNT OF THE AWARD IS \$250,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 117-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PREFERRED PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR THE NJ 57/CR 519 INTERSECTION PROJECT AS PREPARED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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

**RESOLUTION 118-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING WEIGHT LIMIT OF 13 TONS ON PORTIONS OF COUNTY ROUTE 519 AND COUNTY ROUTE 521 BETWEEN U.S. 46 IN WHITE TOWNSHIP AND INTERSTATE 80, INTERCHANGE 12, IN HOPE TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY.

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

Mr. Sarnoski remarked on both resolutions involving Route 519. The first requested that improvements to the intersection of County Route 519 and State Route 57 be given a higher priority by the NJ TPA, something Warren County has been seeking for a long time, and supporting its new preferred preliminary plan.

With respect to the weight limit, Mr. Sarnoski said this what the DOT requested of us as a support resolution. “We are going to send this down along with our study on 519, which is critical, and this also points out that there is support needed from the affected municipalities in the area as well, which is important,” said Mr. Sarnoski. “I think that Warren County has done its part with this resolution... and we’re doing as we promised we would do,” he said.

Ms. Ciesla thanked Mr. Sarnoski all others involved, including Dave Dech, for efforts to protect our roads and traverse them in a safe manner, and protecting the center of Hope. She also mentioned the I-80 rockfall project, referring to it as ridiculous. “And yet we can’t get something done that’s been on the docket now for 30 years, down on 57 and 519, so I appreciate your work on all that,” she said.

Commenting on the weight limit resolution, Mr. Kern noted it had been a process to get to this point. After meetings with the DOT and the townships, now the County is following through. “Now this is in the hands of municipalities to take action... the county has done everything that we can do with respect to this matter,” Mr. Kern said.

**RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS**

**RESOLUTION 119-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC2113 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE GARRET D. WALL PARK SIDEWALK AND LIGHTING PROJECT.

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

Ms. Ciesla said she was very excited about the Garret D. Wall Park project. Mr. Sarnoski concurred, recalling the presentation at the commissioners’ last meeting. He thanked Commissioner Kern for spearheading it. “I think this is going to be fantastic,” Mr. Sarnoski said. Mr. Lazorisak said the goal was to complete the project in time for Belvidere’s Victorian Days in September.

**RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS**

**RESOLUTION 120-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2111R FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A GENERATOR AT THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD GARAGE – HOPE TO THE GREAT MEADOWS DESIGN GROUP, LLC OF GREAT MEADOWS, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500.00.

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

RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

**RESOLUTION 121-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD.

APPOINT: TIFFANI WARREN – TERM TO EXPIRE: 10/31/2023

REAPPOINT: GUS R. RUTLEDGE – TERM TO EXPIRE: 10/31/2024

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

**RESOLUTION 122-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY PEQUEST RIVER MUNICIPALITY UTILITIES AUTHORITY.

JOSEPH KENNEDY, SR. – TERM TO EXPIRE: 02/01/2026

JOSEPH P. ROTH – TERM TO EXPIRE: 02/01/2026

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

Mr. Sarnoski noted some date changes in the Tech School appointment terms, and thanked all appointees for their service. Ms. Ciesla said, “We really appreciate your time and effort.”

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 123-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN APPOINTED PERSONNEL OF THE PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PROSECUTOR.

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell IV said he had two brief matters for Execution Session.

County Engineer Bill Gleba had nothing new to report.

County Planner Dave Dech announced an interactive online endeavor seeking feedback from the public on the transportation planning process, now posted on the county website. This sought reaction to issues already identified, as well as other feedback. In addition, there would be an online virtual meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 9 to discuss the transportation process and entertain questions.

County CFO Kim Francisco reiterated that the public hearing and final adoption of the county budget would be on March 24.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak said there was nothing out of the ordinary on the latest vacancy report.

Today was day number 350 since the formation of the COVID-19 task force. Mr. Lazorisak said the county's call center was still a work in progress, but doing much better thanks to input from Bob Sidie and the task force. In the last 30 days, it received 18,700 calls. There were 10,600 calls over the last two weeks, and 3,500 in the past seven days. The online vaccination appointment system was going well, and the county was still working with the 500 doses per week allotment from the state. The latest 250 appointments posted online filled up in four minutes. To date, 4,133 first doses were distributed by county government, as well as about 3,000 second doses. FEMA was now accepting reimbursement applications for out-of-pocket expenses related to vaccine distribution, so finance was preparing our first submission. However, going all the way back to August, the county was still out about \$200,000 from FEMA.

Mr. Kern said he had been receiving complimentary feedback from citizens that had been vaccinated. "I just want our county employees to know how appreciative they feel; how well it's run," Mr. Kern said. He thought despite the "haphazard" rollout guidance from the state, that the county has done a good job managing the different criteria. "I think being able to help our senior population has really been a priority in this county and you've done a great job," Mr. Kern said.

Mr. Lazorisak said planning was underway to reopen the libraries on a limited basis sometime in March. With transmission rates down, he said he was comfortable opening up a few days a week.

County Health Officer Pete Summers began by thanking all involved in helping with the call center. "I cannot tell you how great it is to have a call center that helps people schedule appointments, as opposed to just doing it online," he said, "And it's a lot harder than in sounds... it's really helpful."



Total COVID-19 cases to date were 6,137. The daily rate was down a bit, to 24 cases per day, and the positivity rate was about 10 percent. With respect to hospitalization, Mr. Summers said ICU bed availability was about 30 percent and ventilator capacity was about 65 percent for our two hospitals. Mr. Lazorisak had already provided vaccination numbers administered by the county, but the total number of first doses administered by all providers to Warren County residents was 10,909 first doses and 5,509 second doses. “The county probably shouldered about 35 percent of that total, with the rest coming from the hospitals and other providers in the community,” Mr. Summers said, and was grateful to all the other providers. Overall, ten percent of Warren County residents had received their first dose.

Recent snowstorms had affected the county’s testing days, but Mr. Summers expected to have an additional saliva testing option offered on the county website.

### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Ciesla began by thanking Mr. Summers and all others involved in the vaccine rollout, saying she had also been getting a lot of very positive feedback from those vaccinated through the county program. She expressed appreciation to all the road crews that have been doing a great job clearing our roads from all the recent snow and ice.

Regarding the budget, she reiterated that she was very impressed with prior planning, which “Allowed us to be able to do what we had to do this year, in spite of the pandemic, and also plan for the future,” said Ms. Ciesla, noting there were no “smoke and mirrors” involved, and appreciated everyone’s cooperation.

Ms. Ciesla hoped to have something prepared for the next County Commissioners meeting With respect to the Route I-80 rockfall issue, and thanked Dave Dech for his help.

A Health and Wellness Field Day was scheduled for June 19, 2021, with a number of fun events and speakers being lined up. “I think now, more than ever, we need this,” Ms. Ciesla said, “Mental health is a huge issue in a situation like this, where people are locked in their homes and don’t have jobs, they’re trying to figure out how to make ends meet, and compounded with the kids being home from school... we’re hoping we can do this in person and have a good time.”

Mr. Sarnoski mentioned having gone on a vaccination site tour, thanking all the volunteers and Dennis Riley. “All the comments I have been getting about the county side of the vaccine rollout have absolutely positive,” he said, “The only complaints I get are the ones that are out of our control, such as bringing kids back to school and how much vaccine we’re getting.” If we get more vaccine, we are ready to administer more, and Mr. Sarnoski wanted to see teachers vaccinated as well. He said that is up to the governor’s administration and not under our purview.

Picking up on that point, Mr. Kern said the states surrounding New Jersey have handled the vaccine distribution differently. He thought Connecticut, which prioritized by age, should have been a national model. New Jersey was focused on the definition of the word “essential,” and then various sub-categories, and seniors were at a disadvantage. “Now we’re at a point where we have to adapt and react and deliver difficult messaging to residents because they’re just so confused with how the state is rolling it out,” he said. “At the end of the day, we’ll get through it; as more vaccine becomes available, we’ll be able to handle it,” said Mr. Kern. While the process was frustrating, he was proud of our county workers and leaders for handling the pandemic exceptionally well.

Mr. Kern said the first regional planning meeting with municipalities was scheduled for March 31, a fifth Wednesday that should be open for most elected officials. Information discussed in our light industrial traffic study will be reviewed. The first group will be Alpha, Franklin, Greenwich, Phillipsburg, Lopatcong and Pohatcong. The purpose will be to discuss major issues facing the county’s southern region, find commonality, and find a path forward to resolve those issues. Specific focus will be on communicating with each other with respect to the impact of development on roadways. It had come to his attention that this concept had been raised by former freeholder Susan Dickey about 20 years ago. Local planning boards ceding their control to a regional entity may not work in all places, “But again, it’s a discussion and a dialog that these communities need to have,” Mr. Kern said. Even though the county does not have authority, he thought it was important for the county to do the best it can to help facilitate these discussions.

### CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tara Mezzanotte thanked the commissioners for sticking with the rockfall mitigation matter and following through with things they said they would do. She knew there was a lot of work behind the scenes, and “It means a lot to a lot of people,” she said, “Thank you very much.” Mr. Kern said he appreciated her efforts as well.

There were no comments or questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**RESOLUTION 124-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 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 at 6:31 p.m.

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

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the board adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

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

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, and there being no further business before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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**RESOLUTION 105-21**

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 February 24, 2021.

**Be and it is hereby resolved** that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2021-6 and 2021-7, dated February 24, 2021**, in the amount of **\$2,382,170.42** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of County Commissioners.

2021-6	2/17/2021	\$560,488.79	
2021-7	2/24/2021	<u>417,400.91</u>	
TOTAL			\$977,889.70
PNC Bank Commercial Card	1/13/2021	<u>1,228.55</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			1,228.55
Payroll (including fringe)	2/11/2021	\$1,382,121.88	
Subsistence	2/11/2021	0.00	
Uniform Pay	2/11/2021	<u>20,930.29</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,403,052.17</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$2,382,170.42</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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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 106-21**

**RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY TAX LEVY LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK AS PER N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a county shall limit any increase in its county tax levy to **1%** unless authorized by resolution to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's county tax levy, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a county may, when authorized by resolution, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual county tax levy and the 3.5% percentage rate, subject to certain exceptions, as an exception to its final county tax levies in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5%, subject to certain exceptions, over the previous year's final county tax levy, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that a two and one half percent increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ **1,349,780** in excess of the increase in final county tax levy otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not levied, as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final county tax levy in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2021 budget year, the budget of the County of Warren shall, in accordance with this resolution and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 2.5%, amounting to \$ **1,349,780**, and that the CY 2021 county budget for the County of Warren be approved and adopted in accordance with this resolution; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not levied as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final county tax levy in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution upon adoption, with the recorded vote included there on be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 24, 2021:**

**ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION**

**ON FIRST READING**

**DATED: February 24, 2021**

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Ms. Ciesla</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Sarnoski</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Kern</b>	<b>Yes</b>

On motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ the resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 24, 2021:

**ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION**

**ON SECOND READING**

**DATED: March 24, 2021**

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Ms. Ciesla</b>
	<b>Mr. Sarnoski</b>
	<b>Mr. Kern</b>

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 107-21**

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX LEVY CAP TO  
BE APPLIED TO THE 2021 COUNTY BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the County introduced its 2021 County Budget on February 24, 2021, which is scheduled for adoption by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners on March 24, 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, the County's Budget has to be reviewed and approved by the Division of Local Government Services within the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division has reviewed the County's Budget, has determined that the 1977 and 2010 maximum allowable amount to be raised by taxation is the same and is requiring that the County signify adoption of a tax levy cap by Resolution of its Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, a careful review of the New Jersey Local Budget Law which governs the formulation, approval and adoption of a County Budget, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45a(1) requires that the amount to be raised by taxation in the case of a County shall not exceed the amounts permitted under the 1977 Tax Levy Cap Law; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon a review of the Local Budget Law provisions, the County Counsel and County Chief Financial Officer believe that the law requires the County to adhere to the tax cap levy provisions established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.4 and 40A:4-45.45;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the County does hereby adopt the 1977 tax levy cap provisions provided for in the aforementioned statutes and that said provisions shall govern the enactment and enforcement of Warren County's 2021 Budget.

**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.

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Alex J. Lazorisak

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

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On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND  
COUNTY PURPOSE TAX LEVY OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the following statements of revenues and appropriations herein set forth shall constitute the County Budget for the year 2021;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a summary of said budget shall be published in the Star Ledger in the issue of March 10, 2021.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date herein indicated. A public hearing on the County Operating, Open Space and County Library budget and Tax Resolution is scheduled on Wednesday March 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 So., Belvidere (White Township), New Jersey. Objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2021 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

**SUMMARY OF BUDGET REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2021**

Total Appropriations	\$ 91,901,430.34
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 20,501,430.34
Amount to be Raised by Taxation – County Purpose Tax	\$ 71,400,000.00

**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

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Alex J. Lazorisak

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

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

**RESOLUTION 109-21**

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE  
WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY AND ESTABLISHING THE  
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR THE USE  
OF THE WARREN COUNTY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Warren County Public Library budget herein set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$4,460,000.00 for the county to be raised by taxation and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

General Revenues	
Surplus Appropriated	\$ 1,099,844.00
State Aid	\$ 39,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	\$ 85,702.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	<u>\$ 4,460,000.00</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$ 5,684,546.00</u>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

General Appropriations	
Operations Including Contingent	\$ 4,387,920.00
Capital Improvements	<u>\$ 1,296,626.00</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 5,684,546.00</u>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33-9, the sum of \$4,460,000.00 is hereby authorized to be raised by taxation for the use of the Warren County Free Public Library; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby instructed to notify the Warren County Board of Taxation of this action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a summary of said budget shall be published in the Star Ledger in the issue of March 10, 2021.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date herein indicated. A public hearing on the County Operating, Open Space and County Library budget and Tax Resolution is scheduled on Wednesday March 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 So., Belvidere (White Township), New Jersey. Public comments on the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2021 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

**On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 24, 2021:**

**ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION                      ON FIRST READING**

<b>DATED: February 24, 2021</b>	<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Ms. Ciesla</b>	<b>Yes</b>
		<b>Mr. Sarnoski</b>	<b>Yes</b>
		<b>Mr. Kern</b>	<b>Yes</b>

On motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ the resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 24, 2021:

**ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION                      ON SECOND READING**

<b>DATED: March 24, 2021</b>	<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Ms. Ciesla</b>
		<b>Mr. Sarnoski</b>
		<b>Mr. Kern</b>

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

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**COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE**

**RESOLUTION 110-21**

**NUMBER 2021-A**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$ 6,170,180  
FROM THE WARREN COUNTY GENERAL CAPITAL  
FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The capital improvements described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance are hereby authorized as General Improvements to be made by the County of Warren, New Jersey. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$6,170,180 from the General Capital Improvement Fund for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2(A).

Section 2(A). The improvements hereby authorized and the proposed appropriations are for the following purposes:

(1)	Road Resurfacing Improvements	\$ 753,894
(2)	Road and Drainage Improvements Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county roads and intersections.	\$ 560,000
(3)	Bridge and Culvert Improvements  Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county bridges and culverts	\$ 1,000,000
(4)	Equipment and Furnishings  Acquisition of office, communications, safety & security, maintenance equipment, furniture & furnishings, and computer hardware and software	\$ 2,232,700
(5)	Buildings & Grounds Improvements  Design, construct or renovate and improve various county facilities	\$ 520,181
(6)	Specialty Vehicles and Maintenance and Construction Equipment Trucks, snowplows, sanders, tractors, mowers, and maintenance and heavy construction equipment	\$ 420,405
(7)	New Building and Land Acquisitions	<u>\$ 683,000</u>
		<u>\$ 6,170,180</u>

Section 2(B). The maximum amount of money to be appropriated for said purposes is \$ 6,170,180 no part of which is to be borrowed.

Section 3. The said purpose(s) described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance are not Current Expenses and can be funded by the issuance of bonds if they were not being permanently funded by capital funds on hand.

Section 4. These appropriations are made as a result of the need to improve existing county infrastructure and facilities.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be published, together with a Notice of Introduction thereof and of the Date of Final Passage in the manner provided by law. Final Passage is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM., in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey or at such other date and time to which it may be adjourned.

Section 6. At least one (1) week prior to the date set for Final Passage of this Ordinance, there shall be posted on the bulletin board of the Board of County Commissioners, a copy of this Ordinance and a notice that copies of same will be made available upon request during the ensuing week up to and including the date set for final passage and the notice shall set forth the place at which such copies may be made available; and

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage as provided herein.

**On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, Capital Improvement Ordinance 2021-A was introduced on the first reading by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 24, 2021:**

**ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 110-21 ON FIRST READING DATED: February 24, 2021**

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

On motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Improvement Ordinance 2021-A was adopted on the second reading by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held April 24, 2021:

**ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION XXX-21 ON SECOND READING DATED: March 24, 2021**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak

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

Wayne Dumont, Jr., Administration Building  
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Belvidere, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 111-21**

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held on February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2021 COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION,  
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND LEVY**

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 1993, the County, pursuant to a ballot question, created a dedicated tax in the amount of 2 cents per \$100.00 of County equalized real property for the County Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, said dedicated tax was increased by an additional 2 cents per \$100.00 of the county equalized real property on the November 2, 1999 election to assess up to a maximum of 4 cents per \$100.00 of the total County equalized real property valuation, and that the County would annually determine the rate to be levied, which could not exceed the maximum of 4 cents per \$100.00 of total County equalized real property valuation; and

**WHEREAS**, said dedicated tax was increased again by an additional 2 cents per \$100.00 of the county equalized real property on the November 5, 2002 election to assess up to a maximum of 6 cents per \$100.00 of the total County equalized real property valuation, and that the County would annually determine the rate to be levied, which could not exceed the maximum of 6 cents per \$100.00 of total County equalized real property valuation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners have reviewed the proposed 2021 expenditures from the Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund, and have determined that the amount of **2.0 cents** per \$100.00 of County equalized real property valuation will be sufficient to assist the Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Program in the County of Warren for the year 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners hereby approves a 2021 levy of **2.0 cents** of County equalized real property valuation pursuant to the County Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust fund established in November, 1993, modified in November, 1999, and modified again in November, 2002; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners hereby certifies to the Warren County Board of Taxation, the 2021 Warren County Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund levy in the amount of **2.0 cents** per \$100.00 of the County equalized real property valuation, which is estimated to provide a levy of \$2,271,056.

**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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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Belvidere, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 112-21**

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held on February 24, 2021.

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S  
"Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment  
Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

**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 dated above mentioned.

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Belvidere, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 113-21**

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 February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO ACCEPT AND TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS #SCP-21-PS-21, SCP-21-PM-21, FC-21-21 WITH THE NEW JERSEY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION TOTALING \$296,688 (\$195,937 STATE/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDS & \$100,751 IN FAMILY COURT FUNDS) TO BE USED BY THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION**

**WHEREAS**, Warren County applied to the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) for anticipated funding in the amount of \$296,688 (\$195,937 State/Community Partnership funds & \$100,751 in Family Court Funds); and

**WHEREAS**, the JJC has subsequently awarded the county this amount to be used by the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration for program services, program administration and Family Court services during the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute grant agreements #SCP-21-PS-21, SCP-21-PM-21, FC-21-21 with the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission totaling \$296,688 (\$195,937 State/Community Partnership funds & \$100,751 in Family Court Funds) to be used by the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration for program services, program administration and Family Court services during the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 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.

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**  
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**RESOLUTION 114-21**

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 February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF  
A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON THE VASS FARM,  
BLOCK 46 LOT 2, BLOCK 46.01 LOT 1 & BLOCK 47 LOT 4  
IN KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP CONSISTING OF  
APPROXIMATELY 93.55 GROSS ACRES**

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has determined that the property known as the Vass Farm, owned by Wayne and Mary Vass, located on Block 46 Lot 2, Block 46.01 Lot 1, Block 47 Lot 4, Knowlton Township and consisting of approximately 93.55 net acres has available for purchase a development easement in accordance with the requirements of the farmland Preservation program; and

**WHEREAS**, final approval for the purchase of development rights on this farm has been granted by resolution from the Warren County Agricultural Development Board at its February 18, 2021 meeting and preliminary approval of the purchase by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) is dependent upon that approval and the approval of this Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the pressures from development have significantly heightened the degree of imminence of change of land use from productive agriculture to nonagricultural uses; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.9A(b) on October 7, 2019 it was determined by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) that the application for the sale of a development easement was complete and accurate and satisfied the criteria contained in N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.9(a); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.11, on May 14, 2020 in accordance with the SADC Resolution #FY2020R4 (14), Executive Director Payne and Secretary Fisher signed the Certification of Market Value and has certified a development easement value of \$4,700 per acre based on the zoning and environmental regulations in place as of the current valuation date of February 11, 2020 with an estimated total value of \$456,135.00; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the tract would encourage the survivability of production agriculture in Knowlton Township, and said tract falls within a predetermined County Agricultural Development Area and is in the North Project Area and the Township's Project Area 2; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2021, the Knowlton Township Committee voted by resolution to approve the owner's application for sale of the development easement, but is not participating financially in the easement purchase as the local municipal funds have been exhausted; and



**WHEREAS**, the WCADB had previously agreed to utilize the SADC’s MUNI PIG Grant for Knowlton Township to preserve this farm and is also contributing the Knowlton Township’s local cost-share of 21.24% to the County’s own cost-share; and

**WHEREAS**, the County’s cost share for the Vass Farm will be \$1,480 per acre (42.49%) since Knowlton Township has exhausted all of its local municipal funds for farmland preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of the development easement on the property will encourage the survivability of the productive agriculture in Knowlton Township and Warren County; and

**WHEREAS**, preliminary approval for the purchase of development rights on this farm has been granted by the State Agricultural Development Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the SADC is expected to grant final approval for funding amount on said application at its March 18, 2021 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost share is as follows:

**Cost share based on 97.05 acres:**

	<b><u>Total</u></b>
SADC	\$312,501.00 – 68.51% (\$3,220/acre)
<u>Warren County</u>	<u>\$143,634.00 – 42.49% (\$1,480/acre)</u>
<b>Total Easement Purchase</b>	<b>\$456,135.00 (\$4,700/acre)</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. The Board hereby grants permission for the purchase of the development easement on the above described property based on an easement value of \$4,700 per acre as certified by the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC). Cost to be shared with the SADC as follows: SADC \$3,220 per acre, Warren County \$1,480 per acre.
2. This approval includes the following conditions
  - a. One existing barn on premises
  - b. No existing agriculture labor housing on premises
  - c. Exceptions
    - 1) A 3 acre severable exception on Block 47 Lot 4 for future single family residence unit, restricted to one single family residential unit and future flexibility
    - 2) A 4.75 non-severable exception area on Block 46 Lot 2 for existing single family residential unit restricted to one single family residential unit and future flexibility
  - d. No Residual Dwelling Site Opportunities (RDSO’s)
  - e. No preexisting non-agricultural uses on premises
  - f. Access easements to be determined at title search
  - g. No proposed trails
  - h. SADC funding from Base grant, competitive round or both

3. The County's share in regard to the purchase of said easement is estimated at \$143,634.00. The Commissioner Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the Deed of Easement, the Cost Share Agreement, and any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of the development easement on the above property in the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, State of New Jersey under the terms outlined above.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby grants permission for the cost-share purchase price of \$143,634.00 for the development easement on the Vass Farm, Block 46 Lot 2, Block 46.01 Lot 1, and Block 47 Lot 4, Knowlton Township; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that adequate funds for the purchase price funding depending upon final surveyed acres in the amount of \$143,634.00 in account #03895-5067-8952103-5067 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

**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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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**  
Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building  
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Belvidere, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 115-21**

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 February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WC2114 THE LEASING OF BLOCK 11 LOT 1 AND  
BLOCK 18 LOT 27 IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FOR AGRICULTURE**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren (the “County”) purchased Block 11 Lot 1 and Block 18 Lot 27 in Franklin Township (the “Property”) as part of the County’s Open Space Acquisition program, which Property contains approximately 75 acres of land including approximately 25 acres of land suitable for agriculture, as well as a portion of the historic Morris Canal; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14, et seq. (the “Local Lands and Buildings Law”), the Board of Commissioners of the County of Warren (the “Board”) has determined that the Property should be leased for agricultural use to the highest bidder for a period of six (6) months from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and in accordance with the provisions thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, said lease shall be made to the highest bidder by open public bidding at auction or by submission of sealed bids; and

**WHEREAS**, advertisement of the method of bidding shall be published in a newspaper circulating in Franklin Township where the leasehold is situated by two insertions at least once a week during two consecutive weeks; the lease publication to be not earlier than seven days prior to the letting of the lease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board may fix a minimum rental with the reservation of the right to reject all bids where the highest bid is not accepted; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of such reservation shall be included in the advertisement of the letting of the lease and public notice thereof shall be given of the time of the letting of the lease; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the completion of the bidding, the highest bid may be accepted or all of the bids may be rejected; and

**WHEREAS**, the advertisement shall include the conditions, restrictions and limitations upon the tenancy subject to the lease; and

**WHEREAS**, acceptance or rejection of the bid or bids shall be made not later than at the second regular meeting of the Board following the completion of the bidding, and, if the Board shall not so accept such highest bid, or reject all bids, said bids shall be deemed to have been rejected; and

**WHEREAS**, any such award may be adjourned at the time advertised for not more than one week without readvertising.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren as follows:

1. The Board authorizes the leasing of Block 11 Lot 1 and Block 18 Lot 27 in Franklin Township for agricultural use with a six (6) month term beginning July 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 et seq., and in accordance with the terms thereof; and
2. The lease shall be made to the highest bidder by open public bidding at auction or by submission or sealed bids; and
3. Advertisement of the method of bidding shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(a); and
4. The Board has set a minimum bid of \$1.00 for the Property and reserves the right to accept the highest bid or reject all bids should the highest bid be rejected; and
5. Acceptance of the highest bid or rejection of all bids will be made by the Board no later than at its second regular meeting following the completion of the bidding; and
6. If the highest bid is accepted, the successful bidder will be required to enter into the lease included in the bidding materials (as may be modified by the County) within ten (10) business days of being notified by the County of the award, and provide all other documentation required in the County's bidding materials.

**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.

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Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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

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

**RESOLUTION 116-21**

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 February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
IN THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR INSURANCE FRAUD REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM  
ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE FRAUD PROSECUTOR CYCLE  
2021, AMOUNT OF THE AWARD IS \$250,000.00**

**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*.

**WHEREAS**, Warren County wishes to apply and accept funding of \$ 250,000.00. The award period is January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren has reviewed the 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 and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners 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) Office of Insurance Fraud Prosecutor shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren authorizes the Commissioner-Director to execute the Governing Body Resolution as required to validate the application.

**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

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 117-21**

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 February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PREFERRED PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR THE  
NJ 57/CR 519 INTERSECTION PROJECT AS PREPARED BY THE  
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren has been advised by the NJ Department of Transportation that operational and safety improvements are needed that will entail the provision of turning lanes and shoulders, the replacement of the bridges on NJ 57 and CR 519, and land acquisition to facilitate stormwater mitigation requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren, and the Township of Lopatcong have been consulted on this project and agree that the work must be done; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is in its preliminary engineering phase with construction programmed for Fiscal Year 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, this intersection has been one of the worst locations for crashes on the county road system and has been a high priority project to the County for approximately 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years both bridges have experienced deterioration and obsolescence to the extent that both must now be replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, The NJ Department of Transportation has presented a preferred preliminary plan alternative that is acceptable to the County of Warren.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby supports the preferred preliminary plan as presented by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and urges the Department to prioritize the project to ensure that it is completed before the bridges fall into a further state of disrepair and to provide for the safe movement of traffic through the region.

**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.

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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 118-21**

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 February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING WEIGHT LIMIT OF 13 TONS ON PORTIONS OF COUNTY ROUTE 519 AND COUNTY ROUTE 521 BETWEEN U.S. 46 IN WHITE TOWNSHIP AND INTERSTATE 80, INTERCHANGE 12, IN HOPE TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hope has requested that the Board of County Commissioners of Warren County impose a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) weight restriction on portions of County Route 519 and County Route 521 between US 46 and Interstate 80, Interchange 12; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, NJDOT, retains jurisdiction to establish weight restrictions on all roadways for CMV's; and

**WHEREAS**, a letter and study dated May 2020 were prepared by and for Hope Township were submitted to the NJDOT in support of a 13 ton gross vehicle weight restriction citing pedestrian safety and preservation of historic buildings as the primary purpose of the CMV; and

**WHEREAS**, In August 2020, a response to the request from Hope Township, the NJDOT prepared a Field Investigation Report ("FIR") to review a proposed 13-ton weight restriction on CR 519 and CR 521 from US 46 to I-80; and

**WHEREAS**, the FIR concluded that, among other items, no input or support was provided by Warren County or White Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren contracted with WSP USA to prepare an engineering report on behalf of the County of Warren in accordance New Jersey Department of Transportation regulations, and guidance provided by NJDOT officials and to address the input and support of the County of Warren; and

**WHEREAS**, WSP analyzed all of the required elements for the engineering report including existing roadway conditions, traffic volumes, crashes, crash types, entrapment, and a designated alternative route; and

**WHEREAS**, the WSP report concluded that a CMV weight restriction of 13 tons and more could be as follows:

- CR 519 in the northbound direction only, between the intersections of US 46 and CR 521/CR 609.
- CR 521 in both directions between the CR 519/CR 609 intersection and the intersection of Millbrook Road (CR 611);
- CR 521 in the southbound direction only between I-80, Interchange 12 and Millbrook Road (CR 611); and

**WHEREAS**, the designated alternate route to be signed for northbound CMV weight restricted trucks diverted from the CR 519/CR 521 corridor is via US 46 west to I-80, Interchange 4 to the east, and the designated alternate route to be signed for southbound CMV weight restricted trucks diverted from the CR 519/CR 521 corridor is via I-80 west to US 46 east at Interchange 4; and

**WHEREAS**, resolutions of support for the designated and signed alternate route will be required from the Townships of White, Knowlton, and Blirstown.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners, that vehicles having a registered gross vehicle weight of thirteen (13) tons and more be prohibited from County Route 519 and County Route 521 as follows:

- CR 519 in the northbound direction only, between the intersections of US 46 and CR 521/CR 609.
- CR 521 in both directions between the CR 519/CR 609 intersection and the intersection of Millbrook Road (CR 611);
- CR 521 in the southbound direction only between I-80, Interchange 12, and Millbrook Road (CR 611).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the designated alternate route to be signed for northbound CMV weight restricted trucks diverted from the CR 519/CR 521 corridor is via US 46 west to I-80, Interchange 4 to the east, and the designated alternate route to be signed for southbound CMV weight restricted trucks diverted from the CR 519/CR 521 corridor is via I-80 west to US 46 east at Interchange 4.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that resolutions of support from the Townships of White, Knowlton, and Blirstown shall be transmitted to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the CMV weight restriction of 13 tons and over shall take effect upon approval by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

**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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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 119-21**

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC2113 AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS  
FOR THE GARRET D. WALL PARK SIDEWALK  
AND LIGHTING PROJECT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that specification WC2113 for the Garret D. Wall Park Sidewalk and Lighting Project are 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 account 03892 5100 Maintenance of Recreation and Conservation

**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.

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Alex J. Lazorisak \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 120-21**

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 February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2111R FOR PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE INSTALLATION  
OF A GENERATOR AT THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD  
GARAGE – HOPE TO THE GREAT MEADOWS DESIGN  
GROUP, LLC OF GREAT MEADOWS, NEW JERSEY IN  
THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500.00**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for professional services of an engineer to provide engineering services for the installation of a generator at the Warren County Road Department Hope Garage, and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A 40A:11-5 et. seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “professional services” without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Warren County has received all necessary documentation to allow award of this contract including the Business Entity Disclosure Certification, Certificate of Compliance With Campaign Contribution Law and the Determination of Value and these forms are on file; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Purchasing has certified that this contract meets the statute and regulations governing the award of such contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in the following Capital Accounts 0413A606/5050, 0416A512/5050, and 0416A505/5062

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and Great Meadows Design Group, LLC, of Great Meadows, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director of The Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.

3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
  
4. A notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Ledger, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.

**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.

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Alex J. Lazorisak \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
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**RESOLUTION 121-21**

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE  
WARREN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoints and reappoints the following individuals to the Warren County Vocational Technical School Board:

**Appointing:**

Tiffani Warren  
9 Ridge Top Terrace  
Washington, NJ 07882

Term to expire: 10/31/23

**Reappointing:**

Gus R. Rutledge  
880 Strykers Road  
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Term to expire: 10/31/24

**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 Commissioner of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**RESOLUTION 122-21**

On a motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE  
WARREN COUNTY PEQUEST RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following members to the Warren County Pequest River Municipal Utilities Authority effective February 18, 2021.

Joseph Kennedy, Sr.  
315 Mill Street  
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire February 1, 2026  
Representing Town of Belvidere

Joseph P. Roth  
530 Third Street  
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire February 1, 2026  
Representing Town of Belvidere

**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.

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Alex J. Lazorisak

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**RESOLUTION 123-21**

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 February 24, 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN  
APPOINTED PERSONNEL OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PROSECUTOR**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that salary adjustments for two appointed personnel of the Prosecutor's Office as recommended by the Prosecutor, are hereby approved to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:157-10 et seq. and 2A:158-1 et seq., the Prosecutor shall recommend the compensation for appointed personnel of the Prosecutor's Office in accordance with County guidelines and within the budget allocation, and be made effective February 25, 2021.

<u>Name</u>	<u>ID#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>2020 Salary</u>	<u>Structured Adj.</u>	<u>2021 Salary</u>
Jessica Cardone	5738	Asst. Prosecutor	\$76,760	\$13,240	\$90,000
Kassandra Gray	6204	Advocate, Victim Witness Program	\$43,860	\$5,000	\$48,860

**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 124-21**

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held on February 24, 2021.

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION 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 County Commissioners 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 and Attorney-Client Privilege*: Items to be discussed include: Status of various litigation: Covanta/PCFA Negotiations, Status of W.M./C.C./R.M. Litigation, Depositions, Bastedo eviction from county property, Jeffress Litigation.

(2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining*: Items to be discussed include: PBA Local 280 – Sheriff’s Officers, CWA Local 1032 - Prosecutor’s Clerical, PBA Local 331 – Prosecutor’s Detectives, FOP 171 – Corrections Officers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board shall disclose to the public, as soon as practicable, the contents of the discussions after the final disposition of the matters discussed.

**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