

*\*These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on May 12, 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 April 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Due to social distancing directives, this meeting was conducted with a limited number of spectators. 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, County Administrator Alex Lazorisak, County Counsel Joe Bell, County CFO Kim Francisco, County Engineer Bill Gleba, County Planner Dave Dech and Deputy Commissioner Clerk Holly Luberto. 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, [WWW.CO.WARREN.NJ.US](http://WWW.CO.WARREN.NJ.US). 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 CONDUCT AND DECORUM THAT ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE.

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the minutes of the Regular Session of April 14, 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 April 14, 2021 were approved.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

**PROCLAMATION 213-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH, APRIL 2021.

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

After reading the proclamation, Ms. Ciesla remarked that it didn't say enough. She thought it wouldn't be possible to achieve all the things we do without the volunteers in our community – especially in government. Boards and committees on the county and municipal levels, and other volunteers, help to make sure kids, seniors, and everyone in between has the services and recreational activities they need. "I thank everyone who volunteers in any way for what you do," she said.

Mr. Sarnoski was pleased to be able to present proclamations in person again, and said volunteers were the backbone of Warren County. He noted the challenges due to the pandemic over the past year or so, as many of the county's volunteers are seniors. "I hope that we can get our volunteers back in action and doing what they love to do, because we need them and really appreciate them," he said.

Mr. Kern echoed his colleagues' sentiments, saying Warren County government was very nimble, thanks to the dedication and service of the volunteers. "Without them, we would be in dire straits," he said, emphasizing the extraordinary volunteers at our testing and vaccination sites that were necessary to respond to the pandemic. Once restrictions eased, he looked forward to be able honor and personally thank each of those volunteers. "Be it on our various boards, volunteering to clean our parks, or helping put a vaccine shot in the arm of someone in our county, we've had so many volunteers this past year, and we're incredibly thankful for their service to our county," said Mr. Kern.

CeCe Lindsley, Volunteer Coordinator for Visiting Homemaker Service of Warren County Inc., accepted the proclamation on behalf of all volunteers. “I’d like to thank the Warren County Division of Aging and Disability Services, Aging Services Advisory Council and the County Commissioners for recognizing all the wonderful volunteers that give their time to help our senior community throughout the year,” Ms. Lindsley said.

She noted many elderly, frail residents would not be able to remain safely in their homes without volunteers providing essential services. These relationships help reduce the risk of social isolation, which can lead to more serious conditions such as depression, eating disorders, and inability to make decisions. She said, “I can always depend on our volunteers,” and that she was truly honored to accept this proclamation on their behalf. “No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted,” concluded Ms. Lindsley.

**PROCLAMATION 214-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, PROCLAMATION – HONORING MILDRED RICE, WARREN COUNTY SHADE TREE COMMISSION SECRETARY, APRIL 28, 2021.

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

Mr. Sarnoski remarked that there was so much more to say about Milly Rice than the proclamation stated, and it was appropriate to honor her during Volunteer Month. Ms. Rice had coordinated many events over the years, particularly those related to veterans and POW/MIA remembrances. “Thank you so much for everything you do, and please keep volunteering, keep being a part of the community like I know you will be, and call on us whenever you need anything – we’re here for you,” he said.

Being new to her County Commissioner role, Ms. Ciesla did not attempt to remark on Ms. Rice’s long and varied tenure of county service, but said she could see the Shade Tree Commission was very well run, and 20 years of dedication was impressive. She thanked Ms. Rice for all she had done, and wished her well in her continued baking endeavors. “This room would be full if it could,” Ms. Ciesla said.

“Milly, now it sounds like you have some more time on your hands, we might be able to put you on something else,” joked Mr. Kern, who then turned sincere and thanked Ms. Rice for all she has done for many different groups. “You’re the glue that keeps so many of these groups together,” he said, adding it was his honor to present this to her in person.

The commissioners were joined by Shade Tree Chairman Joe Bruschetta as they presented the proclamation and a gift from Shade Tree members.

Ms. Rice said 20 years went by quick, but she enjoyed the work, found it fulfilling, and had fun planting trees. She noted Arbor Day was coming up later in the week. Mr. Bruschetta handed her a gift of appreciation for her dedication and service, and for going beyond the call of duty. “You are greatly missed,” he said. “Thank you very much, I appreciate this,” said Ms. Rice.

Ms. Rice then put on her veterans hat to announce a program hosted by the Warren County War Memorial at 1:00 p.m. on May 23 to mark National Poppy Day and two other historical milestones.

### MEETINGS

Mr. Kern then introduced New Jersey Highlands Council Executive Director Lisa Plevin and Planning Manager MaryJude Haddock-Weiler (participating online), whom he had invited to share dialog regarding the potential of the county opting into the Highlands Planning Area. He thought the time had come for these important discussions, and had positive experiences working with them with over the past couple of years on some grant opportunities. “I think there’s some strong momentum here to have this conversation,” Mr. Kern said, and turned the meeting over to Ms. Plevin.

Ms. Plevin said she was grateful for the invitation and opportunity, and referenced the recent “very productive” industrial site assessment collaboration between Warren County and the Highlands Council. She began by reviewing the mission of the Highlands Act, passed in 2004, to recognize the importance of regional planning, and which established boundaries of the Highlands region. The region consists of Preservation Areas, where development is highly regulated, and Planning Areas, where conformance to the Highlands Act is voluntary. The Act also created the Highlands Council, which was tasked with implementing the Highlands Act and the Regional Master Plan (the roadmap for conforming with the legislation). Ms. Plevin said the Council has learned a lot in the last 15 years, such as what does and does not work, and that it has to be flexible.

The Highlands encompasses 88 municipalities and 7 counties. About three-quarters of Warren County is in the Highlands (19 of its 22 municipalities). Of those 19, 11 were fully conforming with the Act; 4 had started the process of conforming; and the 7 remaining municipalities (Alpha, Lopatcong, Oxford, Hackettstown, Pohatcong, Phillipsburg and Washington Borough) were designated Highlands centers.

Ms. Plevin outlined some benefits of conforming with the Highlands Act. Noncompetitive grants were available to counties and municipalities for design, planning and engineering soft costs. She said they can be creative and grants can be for anything to advance the goals of the Act. Examples included lake management planning, storm water management, redevelopment planning, transportation planning, and trails and recreation. Washington Borough obtained a \$100,000 grant for downtown redevelopment; Lopatcong Township received \$60,000 for water use and conservation management; and the county was granted \$60,000 for the light industrial site study mentioned earlier.

Other benefits of coming on board included an economic sustainability plan for the region with a sharp focus, and land preservation. Ms. Plevin noted Warren County boasted the most preserved farms in the Highlands, consisting of about 2,000 acres. She said other advantages of working with the Highlands Council were technical expertise and aligned goals. The conformance process would be driven by the county's goals. "Regional planning works best at the county level," she said.

Ms. Haddock-Weiler then took over to explain the process. First, the county would file a petition for Plan Conformance, which would entail the following: a resolution passed by the County Commissioners requesting to conform, a self-assessment report, and an implementation agenda. The resolution would align the goals and missions (a template was available), and would incur no outside costs. The self-assessment report would entail a large amount of work; Hunterdon County hired a consultant. The implementation agenda would prioritize projects to be undertaken in partnership with the Highlands. This process would take about six months. Highlands Council staff would review all the materials and match with funding, and a public hearing on the petition would be held.

Master Plan Conformance would further entail notice requirements (informing the Council of any pending development and county projects, such as bridge widening and road improvements); a county storm water management plan; and county water use reporting. Beyond those requirements, it would come back to what the county's goals are. This could be economic development, agricultural retention, land preservation, historic preservation, etc. Grant funding would be available to help achieve these goals, but not for capital costs. Achieving Plan Conformance would result in the Highlands Council's endorsement of the county's plan, and the appeal of this partnership would be a guided process according to the county's stated priorities.

The Highlands presentation now complete, Mr. Kern invited Mr. Sarnoski to ask questions. Mr. Sarnoski began by thanking Ms. Plevin and Ms. Haddock-Weiler for their time, and for having attended the Board of Agriculture Legislative Dinner the

prior week. He said while he has had his issues with the Highlands Act, he always had respect for its Executive Directors and staff with whom he had worked there.

Mr. Sarnoski then launched into a bit of history, saying he had always been an opponent of the Highlands Act, even before he became a Freeholder 10 years ago. “I felt that it was an unfair land grab; it reduced our property values, our development potential and population growth in our area, while allowing for better opportunities in other parts of the state – and unfortunately without compensation for our landowners,” he said. Years ago, Warren County fought the Act on its Constitutionality, then later challenged the science behind it, arguing that our aquifers flowed to the Delaware River and our water was not preserved for the rest of the state; and also took issue with nitrate dilution levels. Despite all these arguments, no significant changes came about. “I’m hoping that now, if we start talking about working together, we can affect change that will benefit Warren County and ultimately find the equity that we have been so long lacking,” Mr. Sarnoski said.

He continued to ask a series of questions, and make points of his own, and subsequent discussion revealed the following:

- Of the seven counties in the Highlands Region, two (Passaic and Somerset) have completed the conformance process. Hunterdon had gone through all the steps and was expected to achieve conformance soon. All others (aside from Warren) had taken at least some steps toward conformance.
- Warren County comprises roughly 20-25 percent of the Highlands Region, yet there were no Warren County residents on the 15-member Council. There were currently four vacancies. “In order for me to feel comfortable that we’re moving forward with the Highlands, I need to know that we have voices that reside here,” said Mr. Sarnoski. Members are appointed by the governor. Ms. Plevin said she would pass the message on to the governor’s office, and suggested the county do the same.
- Mr. Sarnoski asked what rights the county would be giving up by opting into the Planning Area. Ms. Haddock-Weiler said the procedures had been “simplified, streamlined, and focused more on partnership,” and she didn’t think Warren County would be giving up anything. “I actually think you gain quite a bit,” she said, as it gives the county more power.
- The county’s plans and projects would have to be consistent with the goals, policies and objectives of the Highlands Act and the Regional Master Plan. Ms. Plevin said, “Obviously, we’re talking about protection of resources, we’re talking about protection of water supply.” Ms. Haddock-Weiler added that this was planning for future growth. “We’re very aware of the need to balance the protection with the need to continue to have a viable community,” she said.

- As stated earlier, 11 of the 19 Warren County municipalities within the Highlands borders were in full conformance. Four have begun the conformance process (Greenwich, Independence, Liberty and White). Hope, Mansfield, Belvidere and Frelinghuysen have not moved toward conforming. Should the county choose to pursue conformance and an affected municipality were to disagree on certain details, the county would still not be able to control local zoning, but some areas of disagreement could be open to interpretation.
- The issue of equity would persist. The grants mentioned would not help landowners in the Preservation Area, whose land values plummeted because it had basically become undevelopable. Mr. Plevin acknowledged the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program was not functioning as they had hoped. She said they were very aware of it, were continuing to work on it, and trying to come up with a creative idea. One other mechanism was a credit program.
- Regarding agriculture and farmers, opting in to conformance really has no impact as farm activity was excluded. Opportunities for solar fields with agriculture underneath could be pursued in the Preservation Area. Only the posts and footings count as impervious surface. With respect to greenhouses and other specifics, the Highlands Council would defer to the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Sarnoski concluded his remarks by saying, "In order for me to really agree to opting in to the Planning Area, I'd certainly need to know that we're getting adequate representation on the Highlands Council. I would also like to know that there's a plan for land value adjustment and equity improvements in our region to provide better equity for our land owners that have seen devaluation to their land due to the Highlands." He could potentially see a path forward if there was progress in these areas; he could envision better opportunities for Warren County's preservation programs and stronger controls on our development potential, and an improved regional planning initiative. This would be a long process with many steps along the way. Mr. Sarnoski thanked the Highlands staffers for openly answering his questions.

Ms. Ciesla said she didn't have an issue with the intent of the Highlands Act; she thought it was admirable. The unfortunate part was that farmers were not equitably compensated for the loss of their development rights. "We want to make sure we don't hurt them any more," she said, and added that she agreed with Mr. Sarnoski with respect to representation on the Council. Ms. Ciesla expressed concern about the four municipalities that had not pursued conformance (Mansfield, Hope, Belvidere and Frelinghuysen). "I don't want to be in a position that I do something here that forces them to do something that they don't want to do," she said. Ms. Haddock-Weiler said the Highlands Council would not require those municipalities to do anything specific. However, countywide plans and regulations should go across the county. Should the county opt in, and made some plans that Mansfield didn't like, Ms. Ciesla expressed

concerns about potential legal ramifications.

It was pointed out that since most of Mansfield Township was within the Highlands Preservation area, even though it hadn't taken steps toward conformance, the DEP Highlands rules applied there anyway. Mr. Kern thought this was an important point, and also noted municipalities could potentially opt out after starting the process.

The Highlands had now been endorsed by the state's master plan, and Mr. Kern asked for some elaboration. Ms. Haddock-Weiler explained that when a county or municipality successfully completes the Highlands plan endorsement process to meet Plan Conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan, that translates into being endorsed by the state as well.

Mr. Kern offered the public an opportunity to comment on the Highlands meeting, but there were no comments. He thanked Ms. Plevin and Ms. Haddock-Weiler, along with the entire Council, for their partnership over the last two years. As Mr. Sarnoski had said, this has been a complicated relationship, but "We are the individuals sitting in these seats, working with the facts and law as it is today; how we can provide the best quality of life for Warren County," said Mr. Kern. He looked forward to a continued collaboration and for good things to follow. Ms. Plevin and Ms. Haddock-Weiler said they appreciated the opportunity to have these important discussions. This meeting concluded at 7:25 p.m.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

**FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 215-21**

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

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

**RESOLUTION 216-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, **INSERTION INTO THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,619.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, OPIOID PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE – OPERATION HELPING HAND GRANT #OHH-21-2020.**

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



**RESOLUTION 217-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, INSERTION INTO THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$637,637.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION, SECTION 5311 TRANSPORTATION GRANT.

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

**RESOLUTION 218-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, INSERTION INTO THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$423,952.60 FROM THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION, SENIOR CITIZEN & DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 219-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION AWARDING SIX GRANTS TOTALING \$14,500.00 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY HISTORY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT.

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

**RESOLUTION 220-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON THE RIGGS FARM, BLOCK 51 LOT 1 IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 34 NET ACRES.

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

**RESOLUTION 221-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION AMENDING 31-21 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DIVISION OF CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE FOR 21-OLWR CONTRACT TO PROVIDE YIP ADMINISTRATION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,715 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

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

**RESOLUTION 222-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION OPPOSING CUTS IN STATE SCHOOL AID ALLOCATIONS TO WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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

Mr. Sarnoski said while our county has seen its population decrease, school funding has drastically decreased. “While other locations which have a much higher median income than ours, such as Hoboken, are receiving tons of school aid from the state, our schools – with impoverished students and reduced land values – are getting cut – including my own town of Independence – significantly,” he said. This resolution was a statement of support for districts that are objecting, as this would harm the quality of education for our children. “Please do not cut the state school aid any more than you’ve already done in Warren County,” Mr. Sarnoski said.

Ms. Ciesla agreed, noting how this tied in with the Highlands discussion. “Some of the schools that are being hardest hit are in the Preservation Area, and they don’t have the ability to bring in new ratables to help them with their school budgets,” she said, adding that COVID made matters worse. She couldn’t understand how the state could cut this aid, particularly in light of the federal money it has received. Ms. Ciesla urged restoration of funding to at least last year’s levels. Some schools were cut 20-25 percent. “That means cutting teachers and programs. There’s no other way around it,” she said.

Mr. Kern concurred with his colleagues. He thought the aid being cut to Warren County schools in these difficult times was indefensible. “This past year has impacted learning significantly, and students and educators will need as many resources as possible... to put these increased costs on back of the local taxpayer is wrong and the governor must allocate funds fairly for every child across the State of New Jersey,” he said, and pledged to continue to advocate for Warren County schools.

**RESOLUTION 223-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AND JURISDICTION OF THE COLLECTOR ROADWAY ACCESS TO WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

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

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

**RESOLUTION 224-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2118 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (OXFORD TOWNSHIP) FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 TO GARY D. PARR, FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$437.50.

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

**RESOLUTION 225-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2124R FOR PROFESSIONAL STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE BELVIDERE SALT/GRIT SHED FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CORNERSTONE STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, OF CHESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,000.

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

**RESOLUTION 226-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO REED SYSTEMS, LTD FOR FOUR 150 GALLON TAILGATE MOUNTED ELECTRIC PREWET SYSTEM, UNDER THE MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICES COMMISSION COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM, #ESCNJ, BID 17/18-30, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$22,816.40.

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

**RESOLUTION 227-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO THE LIBRARY CORPORATION, TO PROVIDE COMPUTER SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2021 THROUGH MAY 31, 2022 FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$22,300.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 228-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WC2008, APRIL 1, 2021 WITH AN INITIAL AMOUNT ENCUMBERED OF \$20,700.00 FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE CHANGE OF NAME FROM INDEPENDENCE ELEVATOR CO., LLC TO CHAMPION ELEVATOR CORPORATION.

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

**RESOLUTION 229-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ROUTE 23 AUTO MALL, FOR TWO 2021 FORD ESCAPE S AWD UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #15-C ITEM 1, COVERING VEHICLES, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$49,328.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 230-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ROUTE 23 AUTO MALL, FOR ONE 2021 FORD ESCAPE S AWD UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #15-C ITEM 1, COVERING VEHICLES, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DIVISION IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$27,374.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 231-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ZETRON INC., UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A83924 COVERING 9-1-1 TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FOR SILVER PLAN MAINTENANCE ON TELEPHONE SYSTEM EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$59,277.09.

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

**RESOLUTION 232-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC2023 WITH MIKE'S AUTO BODY SHOP, FOR AUTO COLLISION REPAIR FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT, FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2021 THROUGH MAY 31, 2022

FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THREE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 233-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR THE 2021-2022 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CONTRACT #WC2115.

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

**RESOLUTION 234-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WINNER FORD, FOR TWO 2021 FORD INTERCEPTOR EXPLORERS WITH TOW PACKAGE UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #20-FLEET-01189 FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$75,457.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 235-21**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO BEYER FORD LLC, FOR ONE 2021 FORD EXPLORER (K8B) BASE 4WD UNDER THE MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM, #65MCESCCPS, BID #20/21-09, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$32,587.07.

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

**PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 236-21**

On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME TEMPORARY POSITION OF TRUCK DRIVER, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ROADS DIVISION.

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joe Bell had matters for Executive Session, including the following cases: W.M., C.C., R.M., Jeffress and Bastedo evictions.

County Engineer Bill Gleba had nothing new to report.

County Planner Dave Dech showed off a plaque awarded by the U.S. Department of Interior, officially designating the Musonctcong River as a National Recreation Trail.

The U.S. Census apportionment data had recently been released, and nothing so far appeared to have an impact on Warren County. It showed the State of New Jersey grew by about 5.5 percent from 2010-2020. Redistricting data was to be released by September 30. Mr. Kern said all the work done by the Census team was evident and important, especially seeing how New York lost a Congressional seat over less than 100 people. “Kudos to you for making sure Warren County was fully counted,” Mr. Kern said. Mr. Dech said it was definitely a team effort.

The NJTPA voted on the TIP, and the intersection of Routes 519/57 was delayed again, from FY23 to FY26, and estimated costs increased by almost \$1 million. The Planning Department expected to submit comments. The Route 80 rockfall project was still on the TIP, with construction pushed back from FY23 to FY24.

County CFO Kim Francisco had no report.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak said the latest vacancy report contained nothing unusual. Regarding COVID-19, this was day number 413 since the task force was formed. Vaccinations were down not only in Warren County, but also across the state and nation. The week of April 14, we vaccinated about 1,000 people; the week of April 21 that dropped down to 500; this week, only about 100. Distribution was up, and Mr. Lazorisak thought the Johnson & Johnson pause might have had an impact.

The snowstorm that began on January 31, 2021 was declared a disaster, so the county will be able to pursue reimbursement (up to 75 percent) from FEMA.

In the commissioners’ packets for their review was an updated roadway solicitation request form, revised in consultation with County Counsel and our insurance company. Mr. Lazorisak said it was much improved and he was comfortable with it.

County Health Officer Pete Summers reported 29 new COVID cases this week, down from the prior week, and he expected that number to continue to drop. As mentioned, vaccine supply was plentiful – both J&J and Moderna. Including the county, there were currently 17 providers distributing vaccines in Warren County. As of last week, the county cleared 10,000 first doses and 6,078 second doses. Of the age 65+ age group, 71.2 percent were fully vaccinated, and the long-term care facility numbers were excellent as well. “If you’ve been holding out, get your vaccine, there’s plenty available,” said Mr. Summers. Mr. Sarnoski thought most people who wanted to be vaccinated already had been, and asked when the county would cease its vaccination program. There were no plans to do so.

### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Ciesla again thanked all volunteers throughout the county, saying she understood it took many people to help run various programs, which led her to comment on the county’s vaccination sites. She had gotten her first shot the prior week and found the process to run very smoothly.

Area legislators, as well as Congressman Gottheimer, joined on a phone call with members of the Ag Board and Farm Bureau to go over some of the issues facing our farmers. Ms. Ciesla said it appeared they would be putting together some legislation to try to help in terms of solar on farms and deer population issues. “I just want everyone to know that the commissioner board is in support of helping them with that, too,” she said.

A Health & Wellness Field Day was scheduled for June 19 (rain date: June 21). “We’re going to have a lot of groups there, with a lot of fun activities,” Ms. Ciesla said, “I think after everything we’ve been through, it’s going to be great to have everybody socially distancing outside.” The event was geared toward enhancing mental and physical health.

Regarding the Route 519/57 project status, Ms. Ciesla said while the county would be submitting comments, she also requested that Lopatcong be provided with a copy of the resolution recently passed by the commissioners, so the township could pass its own version.

Mr. Sarnoski followed up on the NJTPA TIP matter, saying all of Warren County’s comments were completely ignored. “They did the exact opposite,” he said. While the I-80 rockfall project delayed the start of construction, the finish date was moved up. “So they’re putting more money into a shorter period,” he said, noting these

funds were all for construction, as opposed to planning and design. He pledged to continue to be vocal about this at NJTPA. Support came from Sussex County in the form of a resolution, but Hunterdon’s resolution mentioned only projects within its own borders. “I guess they feel they have strength without numbers, rather than in numbers, in saying that there is a systematic issue with rockfall projects and planning on the DOT level,” Mr. Sarnoski said, which he thought actually weakened their argument. “We’re going to continue to fight at the NJTPA level,” he said.

Mr. Kern said that was unfortunate, as the counties of northwest New Jersey should really stick together on some of these issues. He appreciated all the work Mr. Sarnoski was doing.

Two pieces of legislation to keep an eye out for were a forest management bill that was another unfunded mandate that would put a lot of burden on local government agencies. Mr. Kern wanted to pursue passing a resolution opposing it.

The other item was a bill put forth by Senate President Stephen Sweeney pertaining to warehouses in the state, that would essentially require neighboring municipalities to be notified about such applications, and would create a new board on DCA that would essentially act as referee if there were opposition from neighboring municipalities. “I feel as if the Senate President is aware of what is happening across the state of New Jersey – specifically here in Warren County,” he said. We have already seen these conflicts arise, and “We want to be in a place where we have collaboration,” Mr. Kern said.

There were no closing public comments, nor comments or questions from the press.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION 237-21**

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 7:50 p.m.

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

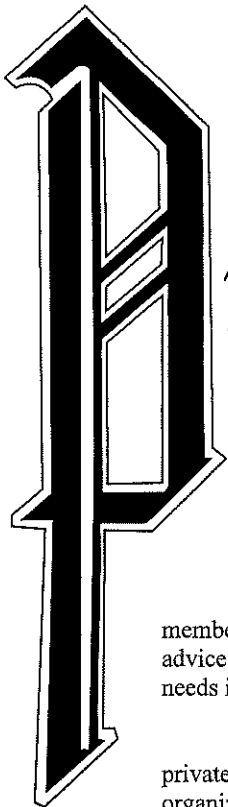
On motion by Ms. Ciesla, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the board adjourned Executive Session and returned to open session at 8:29 p.m.

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



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 8:30 p.m.

County of Warren  
Board of County Commissioners



**Proclamation**

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH  
APRIL 2021**

**WHEREAS**, volunteers are increasingly recognized as important members of government and community partnerships as they share expertise, advice on local program services and have input into prioritizing local community needs in the area of human and social services; and

**WHEREAS**, council or committee members represent a variety of both private and public sectors, including business, education, faith based organizations and other constituency groups;

**WHEREAS**, by helping the most vulnerable, or by enriching the lives of all through the arts, recreation and cultural activities, or by serving on boards and committees, Warren County volunteers are a resource we cannot underestimate or under appreciate; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers are vital to our future as we continue to face economic and social challenges that cannot be met by formal systems; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of those who volunteer in Warren County, our county is more healthy and vibrant place to live and work; and

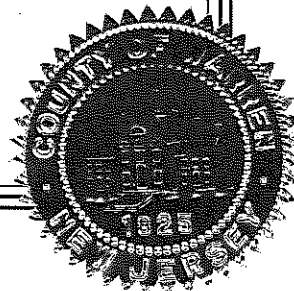
**WHEREAS**, it is fitting for all Warren County residents to join in this celebration of our rich volunteer heritage and to give special recognition to the dedicated volunteers and volunteer programs which contribute immeasurably to our communities and to individuals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as Volunteer Recognition month in Warren County.

*James R. Kern, III*, Director  
Board of County Commissioners

*Jason Sarnoski*, Deputy Director  
Board of County Commissioners

*Lori Ciesla*, Commissioner  
Board of County Commissioners



County of Warren  
Board of County Commissioners

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**Proclamation**

**HONORING MILDRED RICE  
WARREN COUNTY  
SHADE TREE COMMISSION SECRETARY  
APRIL 28, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, Mildred Rice became the Secretary for the Shade Tree Commission in the County of Warren, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred Rice worked diligently before retiring from the Commission on December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred Rice became a member of the Shade Tree Commission in September 2006 before resigning her position on December 31, 2020; and

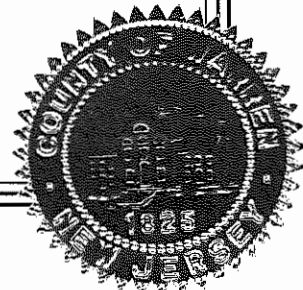
**WHEREAS**, Mildred Rice departs Warren County Shade Tree Commission for a well-deserved retirement where she can pursue her love of baking and volunteer work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners honors Mildred Rice for her many years of distinguished service, congratulates her on her retirement, and wishes her many happy years enjoying this next chapter of her life.

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*James R. Kern, III*, Director  
Board of County Commissioners

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*Jason Sarnoski*, Deputy Director  
Board of County Commissioners

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*Lori Ciesla*, Commissioner  
Board of County Commissioners



**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 215-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**Be and it is hereby resolved** that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2021-15 and 2021-16, dated April 28, 2021**, in the amount of **\$2,494,456.16** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of County Commissioners.

2021-15	4/21/2021	\$693,267.32	
2021-16	4/28/2021	<u>429,845.66</u>	
TOTAL			\$1,123,112.98
Open Space Wire	<i>(Detail Below)</i>	<u>61,224.24</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			61,224.24
Payroll (including fringe)	4/22/2021	\$1,305,542.94	
Subsistence	4/22/2021	0.00	
Uniform (including fringe)	4/29/2021	<u>4,576.00</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,310,118.94</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$2,494,456.16</u>

<u>Open Space</u>			<u>Reimburse-</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Wire Transfer:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>ments</u>	<u>Portion</u>
Route 47 Partnership	4/23/21	\$222,633.60	\$161,409.36	\$61,224.24

**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 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 216-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**INSERTION INTO THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE  
COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$47,619.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY,  
OPIOID PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE –  
OPERATION HELPING HAND GRANT #OHH-21-2020**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2021 in the sum of \$47,619.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Opioid Public Health Crisis Response - Operation Helping Hand Grant #OHH-21-2020

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$47,619.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Opioid Public Health Crisis Response - Operation Helping Hand Grant #OHH-21-2020 (Administered by the Prosecutors Dept.)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety

**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 217-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**INSERTION INTO THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE  
COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$637,637.00  
FROM THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION,  
SECTION 5311 TRANSPORTATION GRANT**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2021 in the sum of \$637,637.00, which item is now available from the New Jersey Transit Corporation, Section 5311 Transportation Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Match of \$205,545.00 is included in the 2021 County Budget, Match Funds for Grants – Sheet 16

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the revised sum of \$637,637.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

New Jersey Transit Corporation, Section 5311 Transportation Grant (administered by the Human Services Dept.)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

**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 218-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**INSERTION INTO THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE  
COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$423,952.60 FROM THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT  
CORPORATION, SENIOR CITIZEN & DISABLED  
RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2021 in the sum of \$423,952.60, which item is now available from the New Jersey Transit Corporation, Senior Citizen & Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$423,952.60 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

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

New Jersey Transit Corporation, Senior Citizen & Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance  
(administered by the Human Services Dept.)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

**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 219-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**AWARDING SIX GRANTS TOTALING \$14,500.00  
FROM THE WARREN COUNTY HISTORY  
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren (BCC) has received \$25,123.00 in funding from the New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC) through the County History Partnership Program (CHPP) for the 2021 round; and

**WHEREAS**, the CHPP enables the NJHC to support both existing and emerging local history organizations and practitioners serving diverse audiences through partnership with county re-granting agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, a panel composed of three independent experts (the “Warren County History Partnership Program Review Panel” or “Review Panel”) was retained to review and evaluate all applications received by the County of Warren against the criteria and guidelines set forth by NJHC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Review Panel recommends that the Musconetcong Watershed Association be awarded two-thousand dollars (\$2,000) in grant funds, and the other five of the below-listed recipients be awarded two-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$2,500) in grant funds, as follows:

1. Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee
2. Friends of Ramsaysburg
3. Greenwich Historical Society
4. Knowlton Township Historic Commission
5. Rutherford Hall Foundation

**WHEREAS**, the Review Panel’s above recommendations were further reviewed and endorsed by the Warren County Bicentennial Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds in the amount of \$14,500.00 are available in account S01805352 5029 and the remaining funds will be used for a second round of CHPP grants later this year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at its regular meeting on April 28, 2021, that such a grant be approved.

**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 220-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A  
DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON THE  
RIGGS FARM, BLOCK 51 LOT 1 IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY  
34 NET ACRES**

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has determined that the property known as the Riggs Farm, owned by Donald L. Riggs, located on Block 51 Lot 1, Franklin Township and consisting of approximately 34 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 April 15, 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**, State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) staff evaluated this application for the sale of development easement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-11.5 and the State Acquisition Selection Criteria approved by the SADC on September 26, 2019, which categorizes applications into "Priority", "Alternate" and "Other" groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property does not meet the SADC's Warren County minimum ranking criteria for size in the "Priority" (60 acres) or "Alternate" (44 acres) categories, although it's quality score is higher than 57, which is the minimum score required to be considered a "Priority" farm, therefore the Property is categorized as an "Other" farm due to its acreage, requiring SADC preliminary approval; and

**WHEREAS**, because this 34 acre farm has a quality score (66.89) higher than the County minimum for a "Priority" farm and is contiguous with another preserved farm in an area of significant farmland preservation, the SADC staff approved selecting the Property for processing as an "Other" farm on December 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-11.8, the State Agricultural Development Committee has certified a development easement value of \$5,100 per acre based on current zoning and environmental regulations with an estimated total value of \$173,400.00; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-11.9, the Owner accepted the SADC's offer of \$5,100 per acre for the development easement for the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, because the SADC categorized this farm as an “Other” farm the WCADB had given preliminary approval for cost-share of 20% at its September 17, 2020 meeting and this farm will utilize the SADC’s “Partnership Pool” as per the Direct Easement selection procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the property 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 Franklin Township, and said tract falls within a predetermined County Agricultural Development Area and is in the South East Project Area and the Highlands Planning Area; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, preliminary approval for the purchase of development rights on this farm has been granted by the State Agricultural Development Committee and the SADC is expected to grant final approval for funding amount on said application at its May 27, 2021 meeting; and

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

**Cost share based on 34 net acres at \$5,100/acre CMV:**

	<b><u>Total</u></b>
SADC	\$138,720.00 – 80 % (\$4,080/acre)
<u>Warren County</u>	<u>\$34,680.00 – 20 % (\$1,020/acre)</u>
<b>Total Easement Purchase</b>	<b>\$173,400.00 (\$5,100/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 \$5,100 per acre as certified by the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC). Cost to be shared with the SADC as follows: SADC \$4,080 per acre, Warren County \$1,020 per acre.
2. This approval includes the following conditions
  - a. One existing single family residential unit on premises
  - b. No existing agriculture labor housing on premises
  - c. No Exceptions
  - d. No preexisting non-agricultural uses on premises
  - e. Access easements to be determined by title search
  - f. No proposed trails
  - g. SADC funding
3. The County’s share in regard to the purchase of said easement is estimated at \$34,680.00. The Commissioner Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign 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 Franklin, 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 \$34,680.00 for the development easement on the Riggs Farm, located on Block 51 Lot 1, Franklin Township; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that adequate funds for the purchase price funding depending upon final surveyed acres in the amount of \$34,680.00 in account #03895-5067-8952104-5067 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.

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

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

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Belvidere, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 221-21**

On motion by **Ms. Ciesla**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING 31-21 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DIVISION OF CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE FOR 21-OLWR CONTRACT TO PROVIDE YIP ADMINISTRATION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,715 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners of Warren approved the execution for a contract application with the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Children's System of Care through the 21-OLWR contract in the amount of \$54,715.

**WHEREAS**, the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Children's System of Care has since reduced the contract ceiling available through the 21-OLWR contract with a new contract ceiling of \$54,712.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to execute the 21-OLWR contract application with the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Children's System of Care to provide YIP Administration services through the Warren County Department of Human Services in the amount of \$54,712, for the period January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; subject to the availability of funds.

**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 222-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING CUTS IN STATE SCHOOL AID ALLOCATIONS  
TO WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2022 K–12 State School Aid amounts have been released by the New Jersey Department Of Education, Office of School Finance; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County’s funding level will remain virtually unchanged from last year, with a 0.07% increase indicated; however, the 14 other counties receiving increases range from 5.39% (Gloucester) to 16.32% (Bergen); and

**WHEREAS**, only 8 of Warren County’s 23 school districts are receiving funding increases, while the remaining 15 districts will see dramatic cuts to their state school aid, with most of them receiving double-digit decreases; and

**WHEREAS**, the state school aid decreases for FY2022 in Warren County are as follows: Alpha Borough: -3.34%; Blairstown Township: -20.47%; Franklin Township: -20.67%; Frelinghuysen Township: -21.55%; Great Meadows Regional: -24.00%; Greenwich Township: -6.23%; Harmony Township: -1.17%; Hope Township: -21.74%; Knowlton Township: -28.65%; Lopatcong Township: -0.25%; North Warren Regional: -25.77%; Oxford Township: -7.12%; Warren Hills Regional: -2.12%; Washington Township: -23.97%; White Township: -22.01%; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners finds these decreases to be detrimental to our County’s school districts and will hinder their ability to provide the high quality of education that our students deserve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, opposes the announced Fiscal Year 2022 K–12 State School Aid amounts and urges the New Jersey Department Of Education, Office of School Finance to restore funding to our school districts.

**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  
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

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

**RESOLUTION 223-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AND JURISDICTION OF  
THE COLLECTOR ROADWAY ACCESS TO WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
AND CONSENTING TO A RECREATION TRAIL/SIDEWALK CONNECT PROJECT ON  
LOT 1, BLOCK 16.01, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren owns Lot 1 in Block 16.01 in the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Lot 1 in Block 16.01 has frontage on New Jersey State Highway 57 and is situated between a tract to the east in Washington Township, that contains Warren County Community College and a tract to the west known as Lot 9 in Block 16.01 in Franklin Township that contains the Warren County Vocational School; and

**WHEREAS**, Lot 1 in Block 16.01 in Franklin Township contains a number of facilities including the Fire Academy, a 911 Memorial, a wastewater treatment plant facility that services Warren County Community College and the Warren County Vocational School and a collector roadway that provides access to all the aforementioned facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the collector roadway begins at the New Jersey State Highway Route 57 and runs south and east to the common property boundary of lands known as Block 69, Lot 1 in Washington Township owned by the Warren County Community College; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Community College has expressed an interest in acquiring ownership and jurisdiction of the collector roadway access including the installation of a proposed pedestrian walking system known as the "Recreation Trail/Sidewalk Connect Project"; and

**WHEREAS**, lands north and east of the collector roadway in Lot 1 Block 16.01 in Franklin Township abut lands owned by the Warren County Community College in Washington Township known as Lot 1 in Block 69; and

**WHEREAS**, the collector roadway within Lot 1 Block 16.01 would become a part of the main campus of Warren County Community College; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Community College authorized the preparation of a pedestrian walkway system on Lots 1, 2 and 9 in Block 16.01 Franklin Township and Lot 1, Block 69 Washington Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the pedestrian walkway system's recreation trail/sidewalk connect project is depicted on a plan prepared by Maser Consulting/ Collier Engineering Design dated March 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren have reviewed said plan prepared by Warren County Community College to create a pedestrian walking system; and require that the County be indemnified and held harmless in all aspects to its installation, maintenance and repair,

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners are of the opinion that the pedestrian walking system recreation trail/sidewalk connect project and existing access roadway conveyance will enhance recreational and educational opportunities for the citizens of Warren County and the public as a whole and is beneficial; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren approves of the conveyance and transfer of the access roadway as depicted on the attached minor subdivision plan prepared by Maser Consulting P.A. dated December 3, 2014 to the Warren County Community College for inclusion in the overall College campus; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren agrees to provide for maintenance of the access roadway for the next 10 years at which time the roadway will be resurfaced by the County of Warren and will then become forever in all aspects the sole responsibility of the Warren County Community College while providing for the right of access to all existing parties; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren consents to the filing of any permit application by the Warren County Community College in connection with the Construction Plan for the Recreation Trail/Sidewalk Connect Project prepared by Maser Consulting/Collier Engineering and Design dated March 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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**RESOLUTION 224-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2118 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY  
PROPERTY (OXFORD TOWNSHIP) FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1,  
2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 TO GARY D. PARR, FOR  
ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$437.50**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Contract WC2118 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in Oxford Township, identified as Block 1.01, Lot 3, approximately 72 total acres, 8.75 acres which are available for agriculture is hereby awarded

**to...**Gary D. Parr, Oxford, New Jersey

annual rent of \$50.00 per acre for a total amount of \$437.50  
as per his bid submitted April 13, 2021

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

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

**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 225-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2124R FOR PROFESSIONAL STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE BELVIDERE SALT/GRIT SHED FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CORNERSTONE STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, OF CHESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,000**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the professional services of an Engineer to provide structural engineering services for the construction phase of the Belvidere Salt/Grit Shed for the Warren County Department of Public Works; 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 capital account 0420A702/5061 –

**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 Cornerstone Structural Engineering Consultants, of Chester, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$26,000 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.

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

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**THE BOARD OF CHOSEN COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 226-21**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Ms. Ciesla**, the following resolution was by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE  
ORDER TO REED SYSTEMS, LTD FOR FOUR  
150 GALLON TAILGATE MOUNTED ELECTRIC  
PREWET SYSTEM, UNDER THE MIDDLESEX  
REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES  
COMMISSION COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM,  
#ESCNJ, BID17/18-30, FOR THE WARREN  
COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT IN THE  
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$22,816.40**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for four 150 gallon tailgate mounted electric prewet system for the Warren County Road Department and is hereby awarded

**to . . .** Reed Systems, LTD, Ellenville, New York

**in the amount of . . .** \$22,816.40

at the prices established under the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Contract #ESCNJ, BID#17/18-30,

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital accounts 0421A609/5050 and 0421A606/5050 –

**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 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 227-12**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO THE LIBRARY CORPORATION, TO PROVIDE COMPUTER SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2021 THROUGH MAY 31, 2022 FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$22,300.00**

**WHEREAS**, it has been recommended that the county issue a purchase order for computer maintenance services on specific special licensed computer software; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd)) is an exception and requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts 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 meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contracts,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a contract be awarded to The Library Corporation, of Inwood, West Virginia for providing computer software maintenance on licensed products for the Warren County Information Systems Department

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

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a purchase order to The Library Corporation, of Inwood, West Virginia
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Exception" in accordance with 40A:11-5(dd) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services provided are for proprietary computer hardware and software maintenance.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the The Star-Ledger.

Funding for this contract is provided in budget account 153903/5029 – Library – 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 228-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WC2008,  
APRIL 1, 2021 WITH AN INITIAL AMOUNT  
ENCUMBERED OF \$20,700.00 FOR ELEVATOR  
MAINTENANCE-CHANGE OF NAME FROM  
INDEPENDENCE ELEVATOR CO., LLC TO  
CHAMPION ELEVATOR CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren awarded a contract to Independence Elevator Co., LLC for the period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 with the right to extend for two additional one year periods; and

**WHEREAS**, Independence Elevator Co., LLC, has legally changed its name to Champion Elevator Corp., and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Director reports that service under this contract have continued uninterrupted by Champion Elevator Corp., at the level of service required; and

**WHEREAS**, Champion Elevator Corp., has agreed to ratify and assume the contract previously entered into with Independence Elevator Co., LLC and to fulfill all obligations and to be bound by the terms herein;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners approves continuance of the contract for this service and authorizes the Director to sign an addendum to the contract reflecting the change in the name of the vendor to Champion Elevator Corp., and its ratification and assumption of the existing contract.

**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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**RESOLUTION 229-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ROUTE 23 AUTO MALL, FOR TWO 2021 FORD ESCAPE S AWD UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #15-C ITEM 1, COVERING VEHICLES, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$49,328.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for TWO 2021 Ford Escape S AWD for the Warren County Health Department, and is hereby awarded

to . . . Route 23 Auto Mall, Butler, New Jersey

**in the amount of . . . \$49,328.00**

at the prices established under the Morris County Co-op, Contract #15-C, Item 1

Funding for this contract has been provided in account 013150/5051 – Motor Pool and 34335 5051

**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 230-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ROUTE 23  
AUTO MALL, FOR ONE 2021 FORD ESCAPE S AWD UNDER  
THE MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #15-C ITEM 1,  
COVERING VEHICLES, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC  
WORKS DEPARTMENT, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DIVISION  
IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$27,374.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for one 2021 Ford Escape S AWD for the Warren County Public Works Department, Buildings and Grounds Division and is hereby awarded

**to . . .** Route 23 Auto Mall, Butler, New Jersey

**in the amount of . . .** \$27,374.00

at the prices established under the Morris County Co-op, Contract #15-C, Item 1

Funding for this contract has been provided in account 013150/5051 – Motor Pool

**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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**RESOLUTION 231-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ZETRON INC., UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A83924 COVERING 9-1-1 TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FOR SILVER PLAN MAINTENANCE ON TELEPHONE SYSTEM EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$59,277.09**

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

to . . . Zetron Inc., Redmond, Washington

in the amount of . . . \$59,277.09

at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A83924

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

**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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**RESOLUTION 232-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC2023 WITH  
MIKE'S AUTO BODY SHOP, FOR AUTO  
COLLISION REPAIR FOR THE WARREN COUNTY  
ROAD DEPARTMENT, FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE  
1, 2021 THROUGH MAY 31, 2022 FOR THE  
SECOND YEAR OF A THREE YEAR  
CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL  
PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE  
APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Warren County Contract WC2023 for providing auto collision repair for the Warren County Road Department is hereby awarded for the second year of a three year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(7) said contract is hereby extended for the period of June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022

to . . . Mike's Auto Body Shop, Washington, New Jersey

**In the approximate amount of . . . \$40,000.00**

**as per their bid submitted . . . May 5, 2020**

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 013150/5100 – Motor Pool Program Operating Expenditures

**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 233-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR THE 2021 – 2022  
MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CONTRACT #WC2115**

**WHEREAS**, Maintenance, Repair and Construction Materials are needed by the County for the 2021 – 2022 work schedule (May 01, 2021 to April 30, 2022); and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received on Tuesday, April 06, 2021 at 1:30 P.M. and reviewed by the Director of Purchasing and the County Supervisor of Roads; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that the following awards be made to the various companies at the lowest responsible and responsive bids;

**CONTRACT #WC2115-6 GARDEN STATE ASPHALT MATERIALS, INC.**

**TOTAL CONTRACT.....\$157,972.50**

Item #1	CRS-2P Polymer Modified Emulsified Asphalt	53,550 gal @ \$2.95 = \$157,972.50
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*[All items above are furnished, delivered and applied]*

**CONTRACT #WC2115-1 WARREN MATERIALS, DIV. OF H&K GROUP, INC.**

**TOTAL CONTRACT.....\$361,189.50**

Item #2	Hot Mix Asphalt, 9.5 M 64	4,600 tons @ \$ 56.49 = \$259,854.00
Item #3	Hot Mix Asphalt, 12.5 M 64	1,250 tons @ \$ 56.49 = \$ 70,612.50
Item #4	Hot Mix Asphalt, 19.0 M 64	250 tons @ \$ 52.37 = \$ 13,092.50
Item #5	Hot Mix Asphalt, Curb Mix	100 tons @ \$ 76.18 = \$ 7,618.00

*[All items above are furnished FOB (from our business) Producer's Plant: Stewartsville, NJ]*

Item #6	UPM High Performance Bituminous Cold Mix <i>[Delivered to Belvidere Garage]</i>	75 tons @ \$133.50 = \$ 10,012.50
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**CONTRACT #WC2115-8 TILCON NEW YORK INC**

**TOTAL CONTRACT.....\$88,811.25**

Item #7	1/4" Washed Broken Stone	
Item #7a	County Garage, C.R. #641, Alpha	50 tons @ \$ 31.50 = \$ 1,575.00
Item #7c	County Garage, C.R. #608, Hope	1,925 tons @ \$ 31.85 = \$ 61,311.25
Item #7d	County Garage, C.R. #631, Oxford	425 tons @ \$ 29.00 = \$ 12,325.00
Item #9	Dense Graded Aggregate	200 tons @ \$ 13.25 = \$ 2,650.00

*[Furnished FOB – County trucks at Mt Hope & Oxford Quarry]*

Item #10 Dense Graded Aggregate – RCA 1,000 tons @ \$ 10.95 = \$ 10,950.00  
 using Recycled Concrete Aggregate  
*[Furnished FOB – County trucks at Mt Hope & Oxford Quarry]*

**CONTRACT #WC2115-7 HARMONY SAND & GRAVEL, INC.**

**TOTAL CONTRACT.....\$ 58,683.00**

Item #8	Abrasive Grits (De-Icing Materials)	
Item #8a	County Garage, C.R. #641, Alpha	500 tons @ \$ 12.73 = \$ 6,365.00
Item #8b	County Garage, C.R. #519, Belvidere	1,800 tons @ \$ 9.98 = \$ 17,964.00
Item #8c	County Garage, C.R. #665, Hackettstown	500 tons @ \$ 11.68 = \$ 5,840.00
Item #8d	County Garage, C.R. #608, Hope	1,800 tons @ \$ 10.38 = \$ 18,684.00
Item #8e	County Garage, C.R. #631, Oxford	1,000 tons @ \$ 9.83 = \$ 9,830.00

*[All items above are furnished and delivered]*

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds have been established in, and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren do hereby award the above contracts to the companies as recommended above and the Director of the Board is hereby directed to execute the necessary contract forms.

**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 234-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE  
ORDER TO WINNER FORD, FOR TWO 2021  
FORD INTERCEPTOR EXPLORERS WITH TOW  
PACKAGE UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE  
CONTRACT #20-FLEET-01189 FOR THE WARREN  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE  
TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$75,457.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for two 2021 Ford Interceptor Explorers with tow package for the Warren County Department of Public Safety, and is hereby awarded

to . . . Winner Ford, Cherry Hill, New Jersey

**in the amount of . . . \$75,457.00**

at the prices established under the New Jersey State Contract #20-Fleet-01189

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0421A6-2/5050

**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 235-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE  
ORDER TO BEYER FORD LLC, FOR ONE 2021  
FORD EXPLORER (K8B) BASE 4WD  
UNDER THE MIDDLESEX REGIONAL  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM,  
#65MCESCCPS, BID #20/21-09, FOR THE WARREN  
COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,  
IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$32,587.07**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for one 2021 Ford Explorer (K8B) Base 4WD for the Warren County Public Works Department, and is hereby awarded

to . . . Beyer Ford LLC, Morristown, New Jersey

**in the amount of . . . \$32,587.07**

at the prices established under the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Contract #65MCESCCPS, BID#20/21-09,

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 013150/5051

**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 236-21**

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 April 28, 2021.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME TEMPORARY POSITION OF  
TRUCK DRIVER, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ROADS DIVISION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time temporary position of *Truck Driver*, classified, is created in the Warren County Public Works Department, Roads Division to ensure the efficacy and effectiveness of operations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the temporary full-time position of *Truck Driver*, classified, be abolished on October 29, 2021; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the temporary full-time position of *Truck Driver*, classified, is created and established on AFSCME Local 3287, R0640 and made effective April 29, 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**  
Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building  
165 County Route 519 South  
Belvidere, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 237-21**

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 April 28, 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, and 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