

**These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on February 22, 2023. Full texts of resolutions appear at the end of this document.*

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren met in Reorganization Session in Court Room #1 at the Warren County Courthouse, Belvidere, New Jersey on January 1, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Alex Lazorisak opened the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Tracy Matlock read the following OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) statement: ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF *JANUARY 1, 2023* WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF THIS REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR-LEDGER AND DAILY RECORD AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT THIS MEETING.

The Invocation was led by Pastor Hoff, who prayed for the public servants and their willingness to serve, along with the sacrifices given. He also prayed their service is done for the good of the community.

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

Certification of Election of Holly Mackey: Read by Emily Swanson, Deputy County Clerk.

The Oath of Office of County Clerk was administered to Holly Mackey, by Honorable Judge Kevin M. Shanahan.

Ms. Mackey took a moment to share her appreciation of everyone's faith in her in the past five years, along with looking forwarding to serving in the next five years.

Certification of Election of James J. McDonald, Warren County Sheriff: Read by Holly Mackey, County Clerk.

The Oath of Office of Sheriff was not administered to James J. McDonald, as

he was not in attendance.

Certification of Election of Michael J. Doherty, Warren County Surrogate: Read by Holly Mackey, County Clerk. Ms. Mackey noted, “Mr. Doherty was sworn into office on November 30, 2022.”

Certification of Election of Jason J. Sarnoski, Commissioner: Read by Holly Mackey, Warren County Clerk.

The Oath of Office of County Commissioner was administered to Jason J. Sarnoski by Surrogate Michael J. Doherty. Mr. Sarnoski was accompanied by his wife, Tammi, and children, Skyler and Jason.

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

RESOLUTION 1-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPOINTING LORI CIESLA AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2023.

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

The Oath of Office of the Director of the Board of County Commissioners was administered to Lori Ciesla by Congressman-Elect Thomas H. Kean, Jr. Ms. Ciesla was accompanied by seven of her friends, Scott Dorrler, Jackie Hlinka, Gail Perruzzi, Lori Fiore, Melissa Saykay, Katie Hirner and LisaMarie Agolio.

Commissioner Director Ciesla assumed control of the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Ms. Ciesla, to appoint James R. Kern, III as Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren for the Year 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 2-23

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

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

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

RESOLUTION 3-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A COMMISSIONER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 4-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 5-23

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

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

RESOLUTION 6-23

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

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

RESOLUTION 7-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 8-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION

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

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

RESOLUTION 9-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,056,185.00 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET.

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

RESOLUTION 10-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$586,400.00 TO FUND THE PERMANENT DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET.

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

RESOLUTION 11-23

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

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

RESOLUTION 12-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2276FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO BELL & SHIVAS, P.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 AT THE RATE OF \$175.00 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS AND \$115.00 PER HOUR FOR PARALEGALS, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$434,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION 13-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE:

AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2276FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – B, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI, TIPTON & TAYLOR, L.L.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 AT THE RATE OF \$200.00 PER HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND \$165.00 PER HOUR FOR ASSOCIATES PLUS COST AND EXPENSES ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$162,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION 14-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2276FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – C, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO LAVERY, SELVAGGI, ABROMITIS & COHEN, P.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 AT THE RATE OF \$140.00 PER HOUR PLUS COST AND FEES, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$66,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION 15-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2276FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – D, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE WARREN COUNTY ADJUSTER FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI, TIPTON & TAYLOR, L.L.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 AT THE RATES OF \$200.00 PER HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND \$165.00 PER HOUR FOR ASSOCIATES PLUS COST AND EXPENSES ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$157,500.00.

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

RESOLUTION 16-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTACT WC2276FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E, BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 AT THE BASE FEE \$3,500.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED.

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

RESOLUTION 17-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND (NJIIF) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023.

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

REMARKS BY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES.

Ms. Ciesla acknowledged our dignitaries present, County Clerk Holly Mackey, Prosecutor James Pfeiffer, Surrogate Michael J. Doherty, Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt, Congressman-Elect Thomas Kean, Jr. and Honorable Judge Kevin Shanahan. Commissioner Director Ciesla thanked all for coming today.

Ms. Ciesla acknowledged the Department/Division Heads and thanked them for all that they do for our county and as well as attending the reorganization meeting. Department/Division Heads in attendance are as follows: Calvin Inscho, Ken McCarthy, Bill Duffy, Bob Sidie, Corey Tierney, Scott Burd, Art Charlton, Emily Hammer, Marie Watters, Melissa Pritchett, Kim Francisco, Dennis Riley, Tom Nigro, Lauren Burd and Tom Thorp.

Ms. Ciesla acknowledged and thanked the municipal Mayors and Committee/Council members and former Mayor Steve Lonagan of Bogota, for being present.

Ms. Ciesla took a moment to acknowledge our partnering services in attendance, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center (DASACC), President Dr. Austin of the Warren County Community College, along with the College Foundation members and members of the Vo-Tech Board. She thanked them all for all that they do.

Mr. Sarnoski thanked Commissioner Director Ciesla for the opportunity to speak, as well as congratulated her on her appointment as director.

Mr. Sarnoski remarked, as he starts his fifth term as freeholder/commissioner, he took this opportunity to thank his family, wife Tammi and children, Skyler and Jason. Without their support none of this would be possible.

Mr. Sarnoski expressed his thanks to our new Surrogate Mike Doherty, who has sworn him in for the fifth time.

He also, thanked his fellow Commissioners, Lori and Jim, “We have the best working Commissioner Board, in my opinion, in the best county in the State of New Jersey.”

Mr. Sarnoski thanked all of his friends and volunteers of Warren County. He also thanked the employees of Warren County, “without their successes we would not be successful.”

Mr. Sarnoski thanked the voters of Warren County, for their constant faith in him. “Their trusts that I hold their values as my values, is what drives me to work harder each and every day.” Mr. Sarnoski reflected on all the hard work over the last twelve years and how much we have accomplished over that time. When he started, the county was in the middle of a housing recession, with an unsustainable budget and increasing debt. His early years as freeholder were spent righting the ship. Reducing the size of county government, giving our voters control over their debt. After that reducing spending to the lowest amount in a decade became easy. Eventually, county debt was eliminated and a sustainable controllable budget was created. The budgets can weather the changes in the economy, a pandemic and countless curve balls thrown at us by out of control state spending.

Mr. Sarnoski continued, at the same time we preserved thousands of acres of farmland and open space. We helped build one of the most successful county colleges in the country. We have created strong capital infrastructure in county government that is one of the most admired in the state. “With all that we have accomplished I feel the challenges that we faced are the easy ones and the hardest battles that we have are still ahead of us. Because the challenges of past, are the ones that we had, were fully out of our control. The challenges of the future are the ones that are being thrust upon us.” Debt was eliminated when we put the voters in charge of their borrowing and save for future projects. With the out of control state spending, double digit health and pension increases, pushing burden on local governments, controlling the costs of government continues to remain a challenge, especially for our municipalities. The county wisely saw these increases coming and got out of the State Health Benefits Plan and next year we will have a budget that does not increase taxes for health care costs and will not push that burden onto our employees. We’ve met that challenge and faced it, now we are trying to help the municipalities face their challenges.

It is easy enough for us to create a strong education system in Warren County with our county college and county technical school by educating for the jobs of the future. The state continues to push an agenda that takes critical education time away from subjects like, reading, mathematics and focuses their radical liberal agenda in our schools, which is why New Jersey test scores continue to decline. “I will continue to fight for our children’s education and our parental rights in that education, so that we can have a say in what our children are learning.” It was easy for the County Commissioners to support our public safety in our 2nd Amendment rights. We asked the courts to address the backlog of carry permits, and we support the Prosecutor’s Office to go after criminals, especially those that are targeting our children. Meanwhile, the state continues to pass laws that make it easier on our criminals, unconstitutional restrictions on our 2nd Amendment rights. I will always stand up for our resident’s public safety and their right to protect themselves.

Warren County has continued to push for proper planning and stronger laws that support cooperation in the planning process in the municipalities to be sure that towns are not over burdened by development. It has become obvious that this state is focusing on issues that do not exist like the rock fall on Route 80, while ignoring important issues that do exist, like deficient intersections and overdevelopment.

Mr. Sarnoski remarked, Warren County will continue to work with all of our municipalities and work toward developing a traffic plan that considers all of our towns concerns and directs trucks off our local and county roads as quickly as possible and onto the state and federal road where they belong.

Mr. Sarnoski said, “I will be addressing all of these issues true to my values, values that got me here. By remembering the bigger and more intrusive and expensive government is never the answer, by remembering that we have a strong constitution that allows us to protect ourselves and by what we believe in. By working with others that share these values. That is what I have always done, and that has made us strong in Warren County despite the challenges that the state puts on us, and this is how I will continue to lead Warren County into the future. I thank you all for support, God Bless you and God Bless Warren County.”

Mr. Kern was next to speak. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Commissioner Director Ciesla along with reminisced on a meeting or two of their municipal meetings together.

Mr. Kern thanked Commissioner Sarnoski for his leadership for this past year and for always keeping the tax payers in mind when making decisions.

Next, Mr. Kern congratulated “some similar faces in different places this year”, Michael Doherty as Surrogate, Senator Doug Steinhardt, along with Congressman-Elect Tom Kean, Jr. Commissioner Kern remarked he looks forward to working with them all.

Mr. Kern concurred with the comments of Mr. Sarnoski, Warren County being one of the most responsible governments in the State of New Jersey. Warren County essentially has no debt and we will continue to move in that direction over the next few years.

Mr. Kern commented on the good representation we have throughout the state and country, which includes Mayor Tim McDonough who sits on many boards and advocates for us in Trenton, along with other strong representation in Trenton. This includes Senator Doug Steinhardt, Senator Steve Oroho and Assemblyman John DiMaio. Mr. Kern mentioned, “I, myself am honored to follow in the footsteps of Freeholder Gardner who served on the NJAC Executive Board of the New Jersey Association of Counties. I will continue to advocate for issues affecting counties that the state is putting on undue regulations on us.”

In closing Mr. Kern, as a former mayor, “I know what the county has done over the past few years, in working and trying to establish strong relationships with our municipalities. The regulations and bureaucracy that comes out of Trenton makes your job so hard to do when you are dealing with such small amounts of staff in your communities.” Mr. Kern challenged our towns to help encourage and tell their residents, make them understand the different levels of governments. “The county is not an appellate court, we cannot over rule you. New Jersey is a home rule state, take that challenge and run with it, you have control of your own destinies and please take the challenge in 2023. If the State of New Jersey has elected leaders like we have in our municipalities around our county we will be in a much better state.” Mr. Kern expressed his appreciation for all the work that everyone does here, he looks forward to taking on the challenges in 2023. “I wish you all a Happy New Year.”

Ms. Ciesla came before the audience and thanked everyone for attending the 2023 reorganization meeting. She also thanked her colleagues, Jason and Jim for putting their faith in her to lead the Board this year. “I am excited and thrilled to be doing so, and very grateful for their support and their teamwork. We are truly a great team and I am lucky to serve with them.”

Ms. Ciesla also thanked Congressman-Elect Tom Kean, Jr., for swearing her in today and congratulated him on his win.

She also took a moment to congratulate all that had ran this year.

Ms. Ciesla has expressed her thanks to her friends for attending and their support.

Ms. Ciesla started her speech with a joke, you may look at us and think, “I am the mom of the group, and usually that is true, but sometimes I must admit I am a willing participant in some of the harmless shenanigans these guys pull on each other.”

Ms. Ciesla commented, she is honored to be the first female Commissioner Director. It has only been forty years ago, in 1983, that the first female ever, Irene Smith, was elected to be a freeholder in Warren County. Only three other women have been freeholder since then, Ann Stone, Susan Dickey, and herself. Ms. Ciesla was elected as a freeholder, then the title was changed when she was sworn in. It has been over twenty years since we had a female director. Ms. Ciesla remarked that your gender does not regulate whether you will be a good leader as leadership is not a quality that is just determined by your DNA. She commented on the low numbers of women in government positions even until today. Ms. Ciesla stated, “I am honored and grateful to be part of the positive statistics of female politicians.”

Ms. Ciesla quoted Vince Lombardi, “Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile.” This is true of both men and women, not only from their own hard work but those of them that are for them and those of them that support them. As a female elected official, I want to highlight the hardworking women before me because this year also marks the 150th anniversary of when Susan B. Anthony was arrested, tried and convicted of registering and voting of the previous year’s Presidential election. Also, 110 years ago in 1913, New Jersey’s own Alice Paul, helped form the congressional union for women’s suffrage to lobby for the constitutional right to vote which they achieved seven years later. If that doesn’t constitute hard work for the benefit for all of us, I don’t know what does. I am very thankful for the female leaders that have paved the way before me and I hope to be an inspiration to those who will come after me.

As leader of the Board of Warren County Commissioners for 2023, I promise I will work hard with Jim and Jason for everyone in our county. We will continue to focus on the issue that helps us maintain our Warren County way of life. “Thankfully, our county is in very good shape due to my current colleagues and those that have served before us.” We are likely, as Jason has mentioned, they only county that will not have a health care cost increase due to proactive measures that they took years ago

to get out of the State Health Benefit Plan. As others across the state are facing a huge increases of nearly twenty-five percent we will not have any.

Additionally, our pay as you go methodology is allowing us to improve buildings, such as the courthouse and building new buildings and without incurring debt burden for our tax payers. We are currently working on the plans for the new Department of Human Services building, reconfiguration and upgrades of our admin building, and we have begun the process of planning for renovations for the Catherine Dickson Hofman Branch. We will continue to enhance our buildings to meet the needs of our residents of today and for those of the future. We are looking to implement solar power for our buildings where we can, including EV charging stations to service our electrified fleet in years to come. All of this will be done with an eye on the bottom line. Ms. Ciesla stated, “We understand that our dollars are really your dollars and they do not grow on trees.”

Ms. Ciesla, touched on education. Education is key to success, the improvements of WCCC staff and board are making our already top rated county college are all she could dream of and more. “They are putting us on the map to be the educators to be the jobs of the future including future support of our agricultural community and businesses.” The county vo-tech high school is just as successful in delivering a great education along with technical skills to our students and they continue to grow and adapt to the needs of our community. The college and vo-tech have been streamlining their processes to maximize their budget dollars.

Ms. Ciesla spoke of the volunteers. “All of our volunteer boards are filled with dedicated volunteers looking to do the best that they can for our county. We cannot thank you enough.” If you are interested in joining one of our boards/commissions/committees check out our website, www.warrencountynj.gov. We’d love to have you.

Ms. Ciesla acknowledged employees who are hardworking and cream of the crop in the state of New Jersey. “Our employees are the major reason why this county is the best place to live,” in my humble opinion. The pandemic pushed them all to the limit, and they not only met but exceeded expectations on those challenges. As we come out of the pandemic, we still have a lot to deal with, particularly in human services. “Thank you to all of our employees for helping those that need it most along with our local partners who assist in those efforts.”

Ms. Ciesla, discussed her goals for the year. She plans to continue to be proactive and creative to preserve our way of life here in Warren County.

Communication is a major component of that and we are currently working on investigating what upgrades are needed for our emergency management systems, as well as studying the current state of cellular service in our county and petitioning our cell providers for upgrades and enhancements. The cellular drive test will be occurring this month. This will help us pin point where we need upgrades the most. The lack of broadband altogether in parts of our county is another major focus for us. We are presently working feverishly with the NJ BPU and their consultants to challenge the new FCC Broadband coverage map, which needs a lot of challenging. We need to do this by January 13th, 2023. Mayors have been emailed about this already, and Ms. Ciesla will continue to follow up. More money we can get into New Jersey, the more money we can get into Warren County. Ms. Ciesla has been in touch with our two state Senators, Senator Oroho and Senator Steinhardt, they are committed to helping us getting the funding we need so we can get the whole county online once and for all. The pandemic highlighted the lack of broadband in our area and if the federal government wants to finally give New Jersey back our federal tax dollars we must do what we can to truly get what we deserve. Beyond improving our needs of communications, we will also improve on what we communicate to all. Whether it be about our services, events or businesses we want our public to be well informed. We will continue to support our local businesses that help us maintain our Northwest Jersey rural character. We will fight hard against any state legislation that hurts us and we will work with our legislators to craft legislation that helps us.

Ms. Ciesla spoke of the big event on the horizon that will help us promote Warren County, our towns and businesses all throughout the state is our upcoming Bicentennial celebration in 2025, Warren County will be 200 years old, and we are planning a multi-year long party. We are not only looking to highlight our history, but present and our future. We have so much planned, if you would like to join us in the planning, we would love your help.

In closing, Ms. Ciesla stated, “We know we have challenges ahead too, and we will meet those head on and do all we can to do what is best for our county. I will never pretend to know all the answers because that is not how we learn to grow. My door will always be open to hear ideas and suggestions. I look forward to working with everyone in the upcoming year.” She ended her speech with a quote from the great Walt Disney, “Around here, however, we don’t look backwards for very long. We keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things because we’re curious... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.” “Our curiosity will help us find innovative ideas to meet our goals and maintain our character and the team we have assembled to serve our residents is curious and forward looking. Our future in Warren County is bright and I am very honored to be a part of it. God Bless you all

and Happy New Year.”

Commissioner Ciesla invited everyone to attend a reception at Tipton’s Tavern following this meeting.

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

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

RESOLUTION 1-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2023**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that Lori Ciesla is appointed Director of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2023.

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

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [12]

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

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

RESOLUTION 2-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

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

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

Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski

Education

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

County Departments

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

Additional Assignments

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

Commissioner Lori Ciesla

Land Use & Agriculture

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

Human Services

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

Additional Assignments

Library Commission
Mosquito Commission
Opiate & Addiction Awareness Task Force
Planning Board Member, Alternate Member
PRMUA Liaison
Shade Tree Commission

Commissioner James R. Kern, III

Cultural & Historical

Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs
Morris Canal Committee
Municipal & Charitable Conservancy
Trust Fund Committee
War Veterans

Public Safety

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center
Fire Chiefs Association
Police Chiefs Association
Prosecutor's Office
Public Safety
Sheriff's Office
Correctional Center

Public Health

Health Services

Additional Assignments

Planning Board Member
Transparency and Technology Task Force
COVID-19 Task Force
N.J.A.C. Delegate
NJIIF Liaison

ALL THREE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

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

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [15]

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

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Belvidere, NJ 07823

RESOLUTION 3-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

**RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES
INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A COMMISSIONER
LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2023**

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

Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski

Allamuchy Township
Blairstown
Frelinghuysen
Hackettstown

Hardwick
Independence
Mansfield

Commissioner Lori Ciesla

Franklin
Greenwich
Harmony Township
Hope
Knowlton

Liberty Township
Lopatcong Township

Commissioner James R. Kern, III

Alpha
Belvidere
Oxford
Phillipsburg

Pohatcong
Washington Borough
Washington Township
White Township

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

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [16]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 4-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2023**

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren for the year 2023. All regular meetings shall be held in the Commissioner Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	14 at 9:00 am B	May	24 at 6:00 pm R
January	18 at 6:00 pm B	June	14 at 6:00 pm R
January	21 at 9:00 am B	June	28 at 6:00 pm R
January	25 at 6:00 pm R	July	12 at 6:00 pm R
January	28 at 9:00 am B	July	26 at 6:00 pm R
February	1 at 6:00 pm B	August	9 at 6:00 pm R
February	4 at 9:00 am B	August	23 at 6:00 pm R
February	8 at 6:00 pm R	September	13 at 6:00 pm R
February	22 at 6:00 pm R	September	27 at 6:00 pm R
March	8 at 6:00 pm R	October	11 at 6:00 pm R
March	22 at 6:00 pm R	October	25 at 6:00 pm R
April	12 at 6:00 pm R	November	8 at 6:00 pm R
April	26 at 6:00 pm R	November	21 at 6:00 pm R*
May	10 at 6:00 pm R	December	13 at 6:00 pm R

R= Regular Meeting

B = Budget Meeting

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

* Please note that the second meeting in November is being held on Tuesday, November 21st.

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

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

Item [17]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 5-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

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

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

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

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

Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

Item [18]

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

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RESOLUTION 6-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

_____, Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

Item [19]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**
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Belvidere, New Jersey 07823

RESOLUTION 7-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO
THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
AUTHORITY, INC., FOR THE YEAR 2023**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that David K. Dech is hereby appointed as the alternate voting member, representing the County of Warren, to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., at those meetings when Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski is unable to attend during the year 2023.

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

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [20]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 8-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [21]

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

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RESOLUTION 9-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE
UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$23,056,185.00 THROUGH THE
DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2023 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

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

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the prior year budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$87,833,086.00 and

WHEREAS, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2022 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and public assistance in said 2022 budget is the sum of \$23,056,185.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations in the total amount of \$23,056,185.00 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer's Department for their records.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla 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 10-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE
TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$586,400.00 TO FUND THE PERMANENT
DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN
THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET**

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

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 inclusive:

DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY OF WARREN, NJ

Principal Payment of bonds	\$ 520,000.00
Interest Payment on Bonds	66,400.00
Principal Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00
Interest Payment on Notes	0.00
Green Trust Loan Payments	<u>0.00</u>
Total Debt Service	<u>\$ 586,400.00</u>

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla 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 11-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

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

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43, Joseph J. Bell, Esq., an Attorney-at-Law of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 150 Mineral Springs Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866 shall continue as Warren County Counsel and the Retainer Agreement between the Board and Mr. Bell, setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation which Retainer Agreement is made a part of this resolution by reference is incorporated herein as if set forth verbatim, is hereby approved and the Commissioner Director is authorized to execute said Retainer Agreement on behalf of the Board.
2. David T. Shivas and Joseph J. Bell IV members of the firm of Bell & Shivas, P.C. are hereby reappointed as Warren County Assistant County Counsels.
3. Contract WC2260FO for County Counsel for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

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

in the amount of . . . \$80,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 1, 2022

4. This proposal was reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners, and quality of past services rendered.

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

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

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

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

_____, Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

Item [24]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**
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RESOLUTION 12-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2276FO FOR
LEGAL SERVICES –A, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR
GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY
OF WARREN TO BELL & SHIVAS, P.C., FOR THE
PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AT THE RATE OF \$175.00
PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS AND \$115.00 PER HOUR FOR
PARALEGALS, ESTIMATED AMOUNT \$434,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2276FO for Legal Services – A, Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

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

in the amount of . . . \$175.00 per hour for attorneys and \$115.00 per hour for paralegals, estimated amount \$434,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 18, 2022

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

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

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

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

_____, Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [25]

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

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RESOLUTION 13-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2276FO FOR
LEGAL SERVICES –B, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR
LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI,
STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI, TIPTON & TAYLOR,
LLC, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 AT THE RATE OF
\$200.00 PER HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND \$165.00 PER
HOUR FOR ASSOCIATES PLUS COST AND EXPENSES
ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$162,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2276FO for Legal Services – B, Special Counsel for Labor Related Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

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

in the amount of . . . \$200.00 per hour for partners/ \$165.00 per hour for associates with an estimated amount of \$162,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 18, 2022

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

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

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla 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 14-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2276FO FOR
LEGAL SERVICES – C, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR
LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO LAVERY,
SELVAGGI, ABROMITIS & COHEN, PC.,
FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 AT THE RATE OF
\$140.00 PER HOUR PLUS COST AND FEES, ESTIMATED
AMOUNT OF \$66,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2276FO for Legal Services – C, Special Counsel for Land Preservation Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

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

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

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 18, 2022

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

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

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

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [27]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**
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RESOLUTION 15-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2276FO FOR
LEGAL SERVICES – D, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR
GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE
WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE WARREN
COUNTY ADJUSTER FOR THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF
WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT,
CAPPELLI, TIPTON & TAYLOR, LLC, FOR THE
PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AT THE RATES OF \$200.00 PER
HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND \$165.00 PER HOUR FOR
ASSOCIATES PLUS COST AND EXPENSES ESTIMATED
AMOUNT OF \$157,500.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2276FO for Legal Services – D, Special Counsel for the Warren County Department of Human Services, its Divisions and the Warren County Adjuster for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

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

in the amount of . . . \$200.00 per hour for partners/ \$165.00 per hour for associates with an estimated amount of \$157,500.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 18, 2022

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

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

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

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [28]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 16-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2276FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E, BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 AT THE BASE FEE \$3,500.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2276FO for Legal Services – E, Bond Counsel Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

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

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

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 18, 2022

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing bond counsel legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners, and quality of past services rendered.

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

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

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

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

_____, Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [29]

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 17-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2023.

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

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby appoints County Administrator Alex J. Lazorisak as the Fund Commissioner and County Commissioner James R. Kern, III as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund.

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

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
Item [30]