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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Regular Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on March 14, 2018 at 7:01 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Smith and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Richard Gardner, Freeholder Jason Sarnoski and Freeholder Edward Smith. Also attending were County Engineer Bill Gleba, CFO Dan Olshefski, County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Smith.

Director Smith read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2018 WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR-LEDGER, AND DAILY RECORD AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.”**

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the Minutes of the Regular Session held on February 28, 2018 were approved.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the Minutes of the Executive Session held on February 28, 2018 were approved.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

PROCLAMATION 115-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

CELEBRATING GIRL SCOUT WEEK, MARCH 11-17, 2018

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is a national leader in providing the best leadership development experience in the world for girls, using time tested methods and programs that speak to the strengths of leadership development backed by more than 100 years of experience and expertise in the field; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting is continuing a legacy of creating gender balanced leadership in the United States and the world in its second century of service by providing girls with the tools to become leaders dedicated to making this country and the world a better place; and

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WHEREAS, Girl Scouts offers hands-on learning in STEM, the outdoors and entrepreneurship and abundant opportunities to develop invaluable life skills.

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn, acknowledges each recipient's power and dedication to not only bettering herself, but to making the world a better place for others; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts was founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low whose life mission was to build girls of courage, confidence and character and today, more than 59 million American women are Girl Scout alumnae and 2.6 million girls and adult volunteers are active members with over 1,800 girl and adult members here in Warren County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby proclaim March 11-17, 2018 as **GIRL SCOUT WEEK** in Warren County recognizing the Girl Scout Movement and Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey and the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey where girls thrive and develop their talents and leadership skills.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

Mr. Gardner said the proclamation was quite impressive; he had no idea how high the numbers were. The Girl Scout Organization is extremely vibrant in the country. He said he and his fellow Freeholders would be happy to attend Gold Award ceremonies as they do for Eagle Scouts, but do not usually get invitations. He said the girls will have great futures and he was happy to have them here. He also praised the adult leaders for their guidance and dedication.

Mr. Sarnoski said he agreed with everything Mr. Gardner said. "I hope you're all getting your government badges for attending this meeting," he said. Mr. Sarnoski thanked the girls and leaders for coming, saying they make the community better.

Mr. Smith said the numbers were surprising to him as well. With the budget being adopted this evening, he thought the Girl Scouts had come to a particularly important meeting.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, **PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY TAX LEVY LIMITS** was opened at 7:11 p.m.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

There were no comments from the public.

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, **PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY TAX LEVY LIMITS** was closed at 7:12 p.m.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

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On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 COUNTY OF WARREN ANNUAL BUDGET** was opened at 7:12 p.m.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

Jim Kern, Pohatcong Township Mayor, came forward to commend the Freeholder Board and professionals within the departments for accomplishing this budget. He said it's no secret that it is very difficult in any level of government at this time with resources being as limited as they are, this budget is a true testament to the leadership of this county. He thought the State of New Jersey should look to what the Freeholders have done. It's nice to see. The Board thanked the Mayor.

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 COUNTY OF WARREN ANNUAL BUDGET** was closed at 7:14 p.m.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, **PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE 2018-A** was opened at 7:14 p.m.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

There were no comments from the public, but Mr. Gardner noted that this ordinance provides for the necessary capital improvements that need to be taken care of. Mr. Smith added that the increase in our road aid has put us in a position of being able to move forward.

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, **PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE 2018-A** was closed at 7:15

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 116-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2018-9 and 2018-10, dated March 14, 2018,** in the amount of **\$2,456,953.01** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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| 2018-9 | 3/7/18 | \$645,361.70 | |
| 2018-10 | 3/14/18 | <u>466,980.95</u> | |
| TOTAL | | | \$1,112,342.65 |
| PNC Bank Commercial Card | 3/6/18 | \$1,578.95 | |
| Lowe's | 3/12/18 | 72.89 | |
| Home Depot | 3/1/18 | <u>414.07</u> | |
| TOTAL-OTHER | | | 2,065.91 |
| Payroll (including fringe) | 3/1/18 | \$1,341,904.45 | |
| Subsistence | 3/1/18 | <u>\$640.00</u> | |
| TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS | | | <u>1,342,544.45</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL | | | <u><u>\$2,456,953.01</u></u> |

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 117-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

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

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a county shall limit any increase in its county tax levy to **2.5%** unless authorized by resolution to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's county tax levy, subject to certain exceptions; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2018 budget by up to 3.5%, subject to certain exceptions, over the previous year's final county tax levy, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby determines that a three and one half percent increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ **534,705** in excess of the increase in final county tax levy otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2018 budget year, the budget of the County of Warren shall, in accordance with this resolution and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 1.0%, amounting to \$ **534,705**, and that the CY 2018 county budget for the County of Warren be approved and adopted in accordance with this resolution; and,

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

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

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 118-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX LEVY CAP TO BE APPLIED TO THE 2018 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the County introduced its 2018 County Budget on February 14, 2018, which is scheduled for adoption by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders on March 14, 2018, and

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

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

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

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

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the County does hereby adopt the 1977 tax levy cap provisions provided for in the aforementioned statutes and that said provisions shall govern the enactment and enforcement of Warren County's 2018 Budget.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 119-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2018 COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 AND THAT THE BUDGET SHALL BE READ BY ITS TITLE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8. provides that the county budget may be read by its title at the public hearing if, at least one week prior to the date of the hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget is available for public inspection and copies are made available to each person requesting the same, during said week and during the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8. also provides that the governing body shall, by resolution passed by not less than a majority of the full membership, determine that the budget shall be read by its title and declare that the conditions set forth above have been met; and

WHEREAS, the public officer posted the approved budget on the County of Warren website and delegated the distribution of copies to the County Library branches. Copies were also made available to each person requesting the same, during said week and during the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby declare that the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 subsections 1.a and 1.b have been met; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by virtue of the fact that the prerequisite conditions have been met, the budget shall be read by its title. I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 120-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the budget herein set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$70,538,357.00 dollars for the county to be raised by taxation and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues

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| Surplus Anticipated | \$ 9,319,966.83 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated | \$ 10,354,282.77 |
| Receipts for Delinquent Taxes | 0.00 |

2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR COUNTY PURPOSES

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| Total General Revenues | <u>\$ 70,538,357.00</u> |
| | <u>\$ 90,212,606.60</u> |

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

3. General Appropriations

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| (a&b) Operations Including Contingent | \$ 75,102,710.10 |
| (c) Capital Improvements | \$ 6,258,707.00 |
| (d) County Debt Service | \$ 1,645,961.50 |
| (e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures-County | \$ 7,205,228.00 |
| (f) Judgements | \$ 0.00 |
| (g) Cash Deficit | <u>\$ 0.00</u> |
| Total General Appropriations | <u>\$ 90,212,606.60</u> |

It is hereby certified that this summary is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders on the March 14, 2018. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2018 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

Mr. Sarnoski read the following prepared statement about the budget:

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Six years ago, I was a lone “no” vote on the County Budget because at the time, I felt the County was not addressing some serious fiscal issues facing us. We were using surplus and were looking to cut where I felt we couldn’t cut. I feel we have come a long way since then and we’ve made some smart choices and good decisions that have led us to this budget we have before us today. While it is no secret that I feel that this budget cuts more than we should from the tax levy, I don’t feel that it cuts more than it can cut, but I stress that municipalities and taxpayers should not expect a tax cut such as this in the future. I cannot give all credit for this tax cut to the increase in the Transportation Trust Fund money. Instead, I credit the smart choices and difficult decisions this Board has made over the past few years for where we are today. We maintained strong roads without borrowing when the Transportation Trust Fund was not as well funded which allows us to give back more now because we are well positioned. If we have the need in the future, we may have to bring the County portion of the road funding back up to address additional work should we have the resources to accomplish it, but that’s an issue for a future year; not this year.

My biggest fear for the future of the County Budget in years to come is not in our control. It is the current Governor and his administration that seems determined to raise taxes and the fiscal burden on local entities, middle class families and business owners. Just yesterday, Governor Murphy presented his plan for our State’s Budget and its future. This includes a raise of the sales tax, a promise already being broken from when it was decreased due to the gas tax legislation, and I’m worried that the other part of that negotiated decrease, the Estate Tax, is not far behind; and an increase in the minimum wage to \$15/hour that I’m sure will seriously hurt our small business owners and seasonal business on which much of Warren County depends. The loss of these businesses and the jobs they create will seriously hurt our tax base and free County College tuition will have an impact on the way we fund and manage our County College and potentially increase our cost to maintain the quality institution that the College and the Freeholders have created. This just names a few of the issues the current administration has created for us.

All of this will be paid for by a tax on millionaires that will drive out the only people who, due to their financial resources, can afford to leave the state. The proposed legalization of marijuana, aside from its moral costs, will increase the burden on our local social services and public safety organizations who fight the issues that addiction inevitably brings with it. This will further cripple our financial resources. Meanwhile, the administration takes from us, the only tools we have to fight tax increases such as the two percent Cap on interest arbitration that Director Smith rightly points out in his budget comments.

This is not to say that I am not proud of this budget or the work we have done. I only stress caution. We got to where we are today because we did not budget in a one-year box. We have been forward-thinking, knowing that Warren County will exist for many years and many boards to come and the decisions we make today impact the future. As long as I am blessed to have this position, I will continue to think that way. Having said all that, I am proud to vote “yes” to a budget that was, due to the long, hard efforts of this whole board; and pray for a future that is bright for our county, our state and our country. Thank you.

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Thus concluded Mr. Sarnoski's remarks. He apologized for being "a little long-winded", but wanted to make sure he addressed some of the concerns of Governor Murphy's budget address and what he thought the future could potentially hold for county funding.

Mr. Gardner's remarks began with an expression of thanks to department heads. He said they plan their budgets very carefully with the Freeholders' concern for the taxpayers in mind which is why we don't have big spending in Warren County. He expressed appreciation to the County Administrator for keeping his finger on the pulse in this county as well as County Counsel for trying to mitigate the problems as they arise. "We are in great shape," said Mr. Gardner.

In terms of the State of New Jersey, while the County has been able to deal with everything imposed on us, Mr. Gardner said the Highlands Act of 2004 has made it very difficult to attract new businesses. It is even challenging for existing businesses to amend and augment their business plans here.

In terms of this year's County Budget, Mr. Gardner said he thought we were in the right place. "We have room; we have enough budget surplus; we're in a very good position." The question becomes how much of the public's money do you need to save? That is a balancing act. Each member of the Freeholder Board may have his own opinion and respectfully disagree. "I felt we had good cushion and I think we'll have good cushion in future years," he said.

Regarding Mr. Sarnoski's concerns about keeping an eye on what the State of New Jersey does, Mr. Gardner said he had a personal conversation with Senate President Steve Sweeney a few weeks ago who made assurances that he would not sign anything to raise the Estate Tax. "I think there's going to be pushback against this governor if he tries too many things too soon," Mr. Gardner said, but overall, he was pleased with the County's position.

He was pleased that we were going to have a brand new library this year. In 2017, Warren County was recognized as the most improved Library System in the State of New Jersey. "We have made improvements for the public and it's your money and we expect to do that time and time again," said Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Smith then took his turn to remark on the budget. He clarified that the budget component of this was not where the Board was able to cut. We were able to cut in capital. We did not have a surplus from the operating expenses side. While he applauded efforts of department heads to keep costs down, by the time we were done with contract negotiations and things like that, we ended up nearly at the Cap. The capital side is where we were able to come up with the extra. "The fact that we were in a position fiscally to be able to move forward has been a cumulative effort of this Board, some very difficult meetings and also everybody on staff because we were able to keep our capital costs under control. The other portion of the tax cut would be in the Open Space which is a retirement of debt, so I think if we're genuine here, I think that we've bargained in good faith. We are truly constrained by the two percent Cap on the operating side... for the most part, our labor negotiations and operating expenses have increased at the Cap level. The good part is that we have been able to control our capital costs through reduction of debt and also in terms of projects."

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Addressing Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Smith said, "I share your concerns in terms of the fact that it does not appear that the commitment to control property taxes moving forward is as clear with this administration as it was before and I have to say, it was somewhat muddled towards the end of the last administration. So, we'll deal with those challenges and move forward and do the best we can."

RESOLUTION 121-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2018 BUDGET FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY AND
ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR THE USE OF THE WARREN
COUNTY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Warren County Public Library budget herein set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$4,386,636.00 dollars for the county to be raised by taxation and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

General Revenues

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| Surplus Appropriated | \$ 747,083.00 |
| State Aid | \$ 37,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated | \$ 32,000.00 |
| AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION | <u>\$ 4,386,636.00</u> |
| Total General Revenues | <u>\$ 5,203,219.00</u> |

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

General Appropriations

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Operations Including Contingent | \$ 4,507,153.00 |
| Capital Improvements | <u>\$ 696,066.00</u> |
| Total Appropriations | <u>\$ 5,203,219.00</u> |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33-9, the sum of \$4,386,636.00 is hereby authorized to be raised by taxation for the use of the Warren County Free Public Library; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a summary of said budget shall be published in the Star Ledger in the issue of February 28, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date herein indicated. A public hearing on the County Operating, Open Space and County Library budget and Tax Resolution is scheduled on Wednesday March 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 So., Belvidere

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(White Township), New Jersey. Objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2018 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 122-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

ORDINANCE 2018-A – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$4,758,707 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES

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

Section 1. The capital improvements described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance are hereby authorized as General Improvements to be made by the County of Warren, New Jersey. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$4,758,707 from the General Capital Improvement Fund for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2(A).

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

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| (1) | Road Resurfacing Improvements | \$ 44,757 |
| (2) | Road and Drainage Improvements | \$ 660,000 |
| | Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county roads and intersections. | |
| (3) | Bridge and Culvert Improvements | \$ 1,200,000 |
| | Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county bridges and culverts | |
| (4) | Equipment and Furnishings | \$ 753,745 |
| | Acquisition of office, communications, safety & security, maintenance equipment, furniture & furnishings, and computer hardware and software | |
| (5) | Buildings & Grounds Improvements | \$ 1,279,900 |
| | Design, construct or renovate and improve various county facilities | |
| (6) | Specialty Vehicles and Maintenance and Construction Equipment | \$ 820,305 |
| | Trucks, snowplows, sanders, tractors, mowers, and maintenance and heavy construction equipment | |
| (7) | New Building and Land Acquisitions | <u>\$ 0.00</u> |

\$ 4,758,707

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Section 2(B). The maximum amount of money to be appropriated for said purposes is \$ 4,758,707 no part of which is to be borrowed.

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

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

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be published, together with a Notice of Introduction thereof and of the Date of Final Passage in the manner provided by law. Final Passage is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM., in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey or at such other date and time to which it may be adjourned.

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

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

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On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

TRANSFER IN THE 2017 BUDGET RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| TO: | VARIOUS-OE | \$ 8,100.00 |
| | VARIOUS-S&W | <u>\$27,250.00</u> |
| | | \$35,350.00 |
| FROM: PROVISIONS FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENT, S&W | | <u>\$35,350.00</u> |
| TOTAL | | <u>\$35,350.00</u> |

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 states that transfers can be made after November 1, and

WHEREAS, by unforeseen demand there has arisen the necessity for expenditures to fulfill the purposes of the appropriations as stated in the 2017 Budget and Tax Levy in the following accounts:

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| VARIOUS - OE | \$ 8,100.00 |
| VARIOUS - S&W | - <u>\$ 27,250.00</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 35,350.00</u> |

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and there being an excess in appropriations heretofore made as follows:

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| PROVISIONS FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENT, S&W | <u>\$ 35,350.00</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 35,350.00</u> |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that by a Majority Vote of this Board that the following transfer in the 2017 Budget Reserve Appropriations be made:

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| TO: 011500 R5100 BOARD OF TAXATION, OE | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 011550 R5100 COUNTY COUNSEL, OE | \$ 1,800.00 |
| 013540 R5029 NUTRITION, OE | <u>\$ 3,300.00</u> |
| TOTAL OE | \$ 8,100.00 |
| 011010 R5011 PURCHASING, S&W | \$ 4,000.00 |
| 011110 R5011 CLERK OF THE BOARD, S&W | \$ 6,900.00 |
| 011300 R5011 TREASURER, S&W | \$ 10,800.00 |
| 012522 R5011 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, S&W | \$ 3,600.00 |
| 013540 R5011 NUTRITION, S&W | <u>\$ 1,950.00</u> |
| TOTAL S&W | \$ 27,250.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | <u>\$ 35,350.00</u> |

FROM:

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|---|---------------------|
| 014250 R5011 PROVISIONAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT, S&W | <u>\$ 35,350.00</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL | <u>\$ 35,350.00</u> |

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

“Good job everybody,” Mr. Smith said, “I think everybody deserves kudos on this whole process.”

RESOLUTION 124-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT FUNDING OF UP TO \$150,691 FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2018

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

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

WHEREAS, CHEA grant funds up to \$150,691 are available to the County of Warren for state fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorizes the Health Officer to make application for state fiscal year 2018 CEHA funding and if accepted, to execute a CEHA grant agreement with the NJDEP in an amount up to \$150,691, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders agrees to provide in-kind matching funds up to \$150,691, pursuant to the match requirements of the grant; and

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 125-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS WITH THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE HEERES FARM IN HARMONY TOWNSHIP AND THE HENSLER FARM, LLC IN WHITE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren has determined that farmland preservation easements on the properties known as the Heeres Farm (Block 45 Lot 26 in Harmony Township, consisting of approximately 67.2 gross acres), and the Hensler Farm, LLC (Block 18 Lot 16 in White Township, consisting of approximately 40.77 gross acres together totaling approximately 107.97 gross acres (103.37 net), are available for purchase within the requirements of the farmland preservation program; and

WHEREAS, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey (TLC-NJ) has obtained a non-profit grant from the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) and has targeted these farms for preservation using those grant funds; and

WHEREAS, TLC-NJ has proposed an agreement with Warren County to participate in the purchase of these development easements; and

WHEREAS, The Warren County Agriculture Development Board (WCADB) has approved the purchase of development easements on these properties at its February 15, 2018 meeting; and

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WHEREAS, the purchase of development easements on these properties will encourage the survivability of productive agriculture in Warren County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the agreement with TLC-NJ for the purpose of development easements on the following farms is hereby approved as follows:

- 1) The Heeres Farm (Block 45 Lot 26 in Harmony Township; approximately 65.6 net acres) at an easement value not to exceed \$4,000.00 per acre, with the County to cost share 50% of the acquisition costs of no more than \$2,000 per acre;
- 2) The Hensler Farm, LLC (Block 18 Lot 16 in White Township; approximately 37.77 net acres) at an easement value not to exceed \$5,200.00 per acre, with the County to share 50% of the acquisition costs of no more than \$2,600 per acre;
- 3) The County shall share the associated due diligence costs, including but not limited to appraisals, surveys and title fees, at an amount not to exceed \$22,500.

The County's total share of the costs is estimated to be \$251,902. The Freeholder Director or County Administrator is authorized to sign the Agreement with TLC-NJ, Assignment of Deed of Easements, and any other documentation necessary for the acquisition of the development easements on the above properties under the terms outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED adequate funds in the amount totaling \$251,902 are available in accounts:

- 1) Heeres Farm - 03895-5067-8951803-5067, \$131,200;
- 2) Hensler Farm, LLC - 03895-5067-8951804-5067, \$98,202.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 126-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION FOR RECEIPT AND OPERATION OF ONE SECTION 5310 PARATRANSIT VEHICLE

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved an application with NJ Transit for one paratransit vehicle through the FY '13 Section 5310 program; and

WHEREAS, NJ Transit has subsequently made available to Warren County the following vehicle through the Section 5310 program:

One (1) 2017 Freightliner Defender; and

WHEREAS, NJ Transit requires that the county execute a Lease Agreement to operate the vehicle.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to execute a Lease Agreement with New Jersey Transit for the operation of the paratransit vehicle through the FY '13 Section 5310 program.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 127-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PENDING SENATE BILL S1229 AWARDED PAY RAISES TO HIGH RANKING STATE OFFICIALS AND STATE EXECUTIVE LEVEL OFFICERS AND STAFF

WHEREAS, New Jersey State lawmakers are poised to pass legislation awarding generous pay raises to all of the State's Justices of the Supreme Court, all Superior Court Judges, all County Prosecutors, State Executive level cabinet officers and cabinet level staff and other high level State officials; and

WHEREAS, the legislation is being proposed at a time when New Jersey already has some of the highest property taxes in the United States, has chronic struggles funding its annual budget and has a huge unfunded public employee pension liability; and

WHEREAS, some legislators have made statements that the pay raises would have minimal impact on County Boards of Chosen Freeholders' budgets though they run in the millions across the State; and

WHEREAS, the timing of the proposed across-the-board increases in pay for these officials, though not condemning the value of any official's services, cannot generate enthusiastic public support in Warren County or the other New Jersey counties whose taxpayers will be burdened with new and higher taxes to fund the increases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren oppose the passage and enactment of Senate Bill S1229 and direct that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of New Jersey, the Legislators of Districts 23 and 24 and the New Jersey Association of counties.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 128-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION TO ACCEPT A MATCHING STATE/COUNTY LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM GRANT AWARD OF \$66,441 FOR FY 2018 FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

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WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33A-1, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted a Resolution creating the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission on October 11, 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission was designated as the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Block Grant Agency by Warren County Resolution dated October 23, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the development of the arts in Warren County is deemed a valuable cultural asset and will have a positive impact on the quality of life in Warren County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby authorize the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission to accept and administer the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Block Grant funds in the amount of \$66,441 for FY 2018 in Warren County.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 129-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 SUBREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. AND THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,740.00

WHEREAS, in order to improve Subregional or county transportation planning, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has initiated a program to pass Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funds through to individual counties to supplement existing state and regional planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, this Subregional transportation planning effort is aimed at developing staff capability and improving institutional systems in the Warren County Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, this Subregional Transportation Planning Program is jointly administered by the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., (NJIT/NJTPA), and has been undertaken in Warren County by the Warren County Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, Warren County's proposed Subregional Transportation Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2018 follows a specific program designed jointly by the Warren County Planning Department, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Warren County's proposed Subregional Transportation Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2018 has been approved by the NJIT/NJTPA; and

WHEREAS, the NJIT/NJTPA allocated \$84,740.00 for the Subregional Transportation Planning Program as outlined in Volume II of the FY 2017 Unified Work Program for Warren County; and

WHEREAS, under the subcontract, Warren County is authorized to incur costs, starting July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 to a maximum of \$84,740; and

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WHEREAS, this amount consists of Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration planning funds of \$67,792 (80%) and \$16,948 (20%) of Warren County in-kind match; and

WHEREAS, the funding level and the contract agreement are subject to adjustment based on the availability of federal funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The agreement for Subregional Transportation Planning for FY 2018 between the County of Warren, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., is approved subject to adjustment based on the availability of federal funds.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby directed to execute said agreement.
3. Costs incurred under this contract shall not exceed \$84,740.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 130-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order to procure electricity for the County of Warren; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the "Act") authorizes the purchase of electricity supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Freeholder Director of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County of Warren any electricity contract proffered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

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On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO ENTER INTO AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF LOT 3.01, BLOCK 44 IN THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC, TELEPHONE, CABLE T.V. SERVICES AND METERING EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROUTE #604 (WILLOW GROVE STREET)

WHEREAS, Owner of Lot 3.01, Block 44 has constructed underground electric, telephone and cable T.V. services and metering equipment in the right-of-way of County Route #604 to service Lot 3.01, Block 44 in the Town of Hackettstown; and

WHEREAS, the County owns the right-of-way of County Route #604 (Willow Grove Street) in the Town of Hackettstown; and

WHEREAS, the lot Owner and Warren County agree that the lot Owner shall own and be responsible for the maintenance of the underground electric, telephone and cable T.V. services and metering equipment; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey hereby approves the Underground Utility Service Agreement between the Owner of Lot 3.01, Block 44 and the County of Warren for the maintenance of the above underground electric, telephone and cable T.V. services and metering equipment within the right-of-way of County Route #604 (Willow Grove Street) in the Town of Hackettstown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

Regarding the purchase of electricity supply services for public use (Agenda Item E7), Mr. Gardner asked if we had ever done this before. Purchasing Director Chris Pessolano answered yes, two years ago, and our rates did go down.

Mr. Sarnoski mentioned Agenda Item E4, opposing pay raises to high ranking State officials, etc. He thought this was in line with the Freeholders' earlier remarks about the budget; this is contrary to the County's efforts to control costs.

RESOLUTION 132-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE
#16009/HUNTERDON COUNTY BRIDGE #L-25-W, POINT MOUNTAIN ROAD OVER THE
MUSCONETCONG RIVER, TOWNSHIPS OF MANSFIELD AND LEBANON**

BE IT RESOLVED that the plans and specifications for the Reconstruction of Warren County Bridge 16009/Hunterdon County Bridge L-25-W, Point Mountain Road over the Musconetcong River, in the Townships of Mansfield and Lebanon are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hunterdon County Engineer is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the above project at least 10 days prior to the receipt of bids in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 133-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

**RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT #WC1707FO-1 TO CHERRY, WEBER & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING & SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF
WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE #16044, VALLEY ROAD OVER THE POHATCONG CREEK, MANSFIELD
TOWNSHIP IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$153,701.00**

WHEREAS, the County has received Qualification Statements for Contract #WC1707FO for Bridge and Culvert Survey, Design, and Permitting; and

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

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Cherry, Weber & Associates, P.C. meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of \$153,701.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in accounts 0413A302 5064 and 0416A305 5064 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Cherry, Weber & Associates, P.C. of Phillipsburg, N.J. for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$153,701.00, currently on file in the Office of the County Engineer, be made a part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.

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2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 134-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT #WC1730 WITH SALMON BROTHERS, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WARREN COUNTY CULVERT #20024, MOUNTAIN ROAD OVER AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER, POHATCONG TOWNSHIP FOR A NET DECREASE OF \$13,933.00 AND A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$345,981.00

WHEREAS, Contract #WC1730 was awarded to Salmon Brothers, Inc. for the Replacement of Warren County Culvert #20024, Mountain Road over an Unnamed Tributary to the Musconetcong River, Pohatcong Township in the amount of \$359,914.00; and

WHEREAS, final as-built quantities resulted in a net decrease of \$13,933.00; and

WHEREAS, said changes were recommended by the County Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve change order #1 for the above project with Salmon Brothers, Inc. for a net decrease of \$13,933.00 and a final contract amount of \$345,981.00.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 135-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1765 FOR LIBRARY FURNITURE AND SHELVING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY TO LIBRARY INTERIORS, INC. IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$286,510.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1765 for library furniture and shelving for the Warren County Southwest Branch Library is hereby awarded to . . . Library Interiors, Inc., Brick, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$286,510.00 as per their bid submitted . . . March 6, 2018

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

Funds for this contract are provided in capital account 0416B701/5061 – New Library.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

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On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1804 FOR LABORATORY TESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING OFFICE OF THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019 IN THE APPROXIMATE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$9,856.58

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1804 for laboratory tests for the Warren County Public Health Nursing Office of the Warren County Health Department is hereby awarded to . . . Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, Raritan, New Jersey in the approximate amount of . . . \$9,856.58 as per their bid submitted . . . February 27, 2018 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts 013302/5030 – Public Health Nursing Community Health services Operating Supplies and 013302/5046 – Public Health Nursing Community Health Service T.B. Program.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 137-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1805 FOR TIRES AND TUBES TO PETTY'S TIRE & AUTO CENTER FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019 IN THE APPROXIMATE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$157,446.67

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BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1805 for tires and tubes is hereby awarded to . . . Petty's Tire & Auto Center, Washington, New Jersey in the approximate amount of . . . \$157,446.67 as per their bid submitted . . . February 27, 2018 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget account 013150/5100 – Motor Pool Program Operating Expenditures.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 138-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1806 MICROWAVE RADIO MAINTENANCE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER TO TUWAY WIRELESS FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE APPROXIMATE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$32,633.00

BE IT RESOLVED that Warren County Contract WC1806 for microwave radio maintenance for the Warren County Communications Center is hereby awarded to . . . TuWay Wireless, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in the approximate amount of . . . \$32,633.00 as per their bid submitted . . . February 27, 2018 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

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

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 139-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

MINUTES**MARCH 14, 2018****RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1813FO FOR THE BLUE ACRES APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ROBERT F. HEFFERNAN & ASSOCIATES IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$9,450.00**

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1813FO for Blue Acres Appraisal Services for the Warren County Department of Public Safety is hereby awarded to . . . Robert F. Heffernan & Associates, Oldwick, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$9,450.00 as per their proposal submitted . . . February 22, 2018 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing ballot printing services under the direction of the Warren County Clerk, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds will be provided in grant account F72515351/5100 – Homeland Security Mitigation Grant.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 140-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1814FO FOR THE LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL SITE REMEDIATION PROFESSIONALS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO BROCKERHOFF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$28,800.00

BE IT RESOLVED that contract WC1814FO for Licensed Environmental Site Remediation Professionals for the Warren County Department of Public Safety is hereby awarded to . . . Brockerhoff Environmental Services, Washington, New Jersey in the amount of . . . \$28,800.00 as per their proposal submitted . . . February 22, 2018 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing ballot printing services under the direction of the Warren County Clerk, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds will be provided in grant account F72515351/5100 – Homeland Security Mitigation Grant.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 141-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR HEALTH AND PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE PROGRAM TO HORIZON BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,500,000 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018, TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$14,302,000.00

WHEREAS, Warren County has a need to acquire services for its health and prescription insurance program, through a fair and open process; and

WHEREAS, the County received a proposal for Medical and Prescription insurance, as follows:

| | <u>Estimated Annual Fees</u> |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| Horizon BCBS | \$14,302,000.00 |

WHEREAS, the Broker of Record and the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders have reviewed the proposal received, and recommend that a one (1) year contract be awarded to Horizon Blue Cross Blue shield of New Jersey, 3 Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07105, to provide health and prescription insurance services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15, allows contracts for health and prescription services for a term of one (1) year; and

WHEREAS the term of this contract shall be from May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Horizon BCBS has filed a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which certification provides that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to candidate committees, joint candidates committees or political party committees representing the elected officials of the County in the one year period preceding the award of the Contract, and that the Contract will prohibit the firm from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract that would bar the award of this Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification further provides that the firm has not made any and will not make any contributions or solicit any contribution of money or pledge of a contribution in violation of law; and

WHEREAS, Horizon has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure Form and Stockholder Disclosure Certification, as required

And Stockholder Disclosure Certification, as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, disclosing all reportable political contributions (more than \$300.00 per election cycle) made over the 12 months prior to submission to the committees of the government entities listed on the Form provided by the County; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren as follows:

1. That the aforesated recitals be and hereby are incorporated herein in full.
2. That Warren County hereby awards, and the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are hereby authorized to execute, a contract between warren County and Horizon BCBS of NJ, 3 Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07105 for its health and prescription insurance program for a one (1) year term commencing May 1, 2018, in a form acceptable to the County Counsel.
3. That the Business Disclosure Entity Certification, Chapter 271 Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form, Stockholder Disclosure Certification, the Determination of Value, the Certificate of Availability of Funds, be placed on file with this Resolution.
4. That this contract shall be awarded through a fair and open process.
5. That the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders be and and hereby are authorized to take all reasonable and necessary actions to effectuate the same.
6. That adequate funds are in available in accounts 01220/5029 – Group Insurance for Employees, 153901/5092 Library Employee Insurance and 03891/5092 – Open Space Employee Medical Insurance and certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
7. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 142-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO THE LIBRARY CORPORATION TO PROVIDE COMPUTER SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2018 THROUGH MAY 31, 2019 FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$29,796.00

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,

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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 Chosen Freeholders 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 153903/5026 – Library – Contracted Consultant Services.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 143-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ALLSTATE OFFICE INTERIORS FOR LIBRARY OFFICE FURNITURE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY, SOUTHWEST BRANCH, CDH BRANCH AND LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT A81705 COVERING FURNITURE, OFFICE AND LOUNGE AND THROUGH THE ESCNG COOPERATIVE CONTRACT 17/18-16 IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,059.24

BE IT RESOLVED that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for Library Office Furniture for the Warren County Library, Southwest Branch, CDH Branch and Library Headquarters and this purchase is hereby awarded to . . . Allstate Office Interiors, Hamilton, New Jersey in the amount not to exceed . . . \$52,059.24 at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A81705 and Cooperative Contract ESCNJ 17/18-16

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts 153906/5053 CDH Branch Office Furniture, 153902/5053 Headquarters Office Furniture and 153901/5057 – Southwest Branch Office Furniture.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

MINUTES**MARCH 14, 2018****RESOLUTION 144-18**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR INFOSHARE INFOSUPPORT COMPUTER MAINTENANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT A89851 COVERING COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND LICENSES AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$36,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for Infoshare Infosupport Maintenance for the Warren County Prosecutor's Office and this purchase is hereby awarded

to . . . SHI International Corp., Somerset, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$36,000.00

at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A89851

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012750/5026 – Prosecutors Contracted Equipment.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 145-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: NAMING FAIRVIEW INSURANCE AGENCY ASSOCIATES, INC. AS BROKER OF RECORD FOR HEALTH AND PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Warren County is in need of a licensed insurance broker to provide licensed insurance services and for Health & Prescription Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Fairview Insurance Agency Associates, Inc., 25 Fairview Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 is qualified, ready willing and able to provide said licensed insurance broker services at the cost of insurance carrier standard commissions; and

WHEREAS, this contract constitutes a "Professional Service" contract under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service is a recognized profession, licensed and regulated by the State of New Jersey, and therefore may be awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is awarded under the Non-Fair & Open Contracting requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44:A:20.4.5

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren as follows:

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1. The County of Warren is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Fairview Insurance agency Associates, Inc., 25 Fairview Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 for licensed insurance broker services for the period commencing May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2021.
2. That this professional services contract is at a cost of insurance carrier standard commissions.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

Mr. Gardner inquired about Agenda Item H1, engineering and surveying services for County Bridge #16044. He thought the dollar amount was high for a short bridge. County Engineer Bill Gleba said typically, the fees for professionals are about 15-20 percent of the cost of the structure if it were to be replaced. He said this was a reasonable, fair number.

RESOLUTION 146-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following individual to the Warren County Aging Services Advisory Council.

Maureen Shupe
5 Raven Drive
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Term to expire: 12/31/20

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 147-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY
ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

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WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Engineer's Department** for fiscal 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Engineer's Department** and made effective March 22, 2018.

Promotions:

1. Create one (1) full-time position of Principal Engineering Aide, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1340. (Inscho)
Abolish one (1) full-time position of Sr. Public Works Inspector.
2. Create one (1) full-time position of, Senior Engineer, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1740. (Raffay)
Abolish one (1) full-time position of Assistant Engineer.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 148-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Environmental Health Department** for fiscal 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Environmental Health Department** and made effective March 22, 2018.

Status Change:

1. Create a full-time position of Hazardous Materials Specialist 40 hours, classified, (Nigro) AFSCME Local 3287, R1840.
Abolish a full-time position of Hazardous Materials Specialist 35 hours, classified.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 149-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Finance Department** for fiscal 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Finance Department** and made effective March 22, 2018.

Salary Adjustments:

1. Establishing a salary adjustment for Accountant, classified, (Corbett), AFSCME Local 3287, R1340
2. Establishing a salary adjustment for Accountant, classified, (McGuire), AFSCME Local 3287, R1340
3. Establishing a salary adjustment for Accountant, classified, (Semmel), AFSCME Local 3287, R1340
4. Establishing a salary adjustment for Accountant, classified, (Smolar), AFSCME Local 3287, R1340

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 150-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Human Services Department** for fiscal 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Human Services Department** and made effective March 22, 2018.

Salary Adjustments:

1. Establishing a salary adjustment for Supervisor of Accounts, classified, (Tichenor), AFSCME Local 0671, R1640

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

MINUTES**MARCH 14, 2018****RESOLUTION 151-18**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Human Services Department, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services** for fiscal 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Human Services Department, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services** and made effective March 22, 2018.

Status Change:

1. Create a full-time position of Human Services Specialist 2 B/L, classified, (Vacant) CWA-1071, R18.

Abolish a part-time position of Human Services Specialist 2 B/L, classified.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 152-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Library** for fiscal 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Library** and made effective March 22, 2018.

New Positions:

1. Create a full-time position of Library Associate, classified, on AFSCME Local 3287, R1135.

Abolish a full-time position of Principal Library Assistant, classified.

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2. Create a full-time position of Library Assistant, classified, on AFSCME Local 3287, R0235.
Abolish a part-time position of Library Assistant, classified.
3. Create two full-time positions of Librarian 4, classified, on AFSCME Local 0671, R1935.
Abolish a full-time position of Librarian 1, classified, and a full-time position of Librarian 3, classified.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 153-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Personnel Department** for fiscal 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Personnel Department** and made effective March 22, 2018.

Salary Adjustments:

1. Establishing a salary adjustment for Technical Assistant Personnel, classified, (Bulmer), AFSCME Local 3287, R1540
2. Establishing a salary adjustment for Principal Employee Benefits Clerk, classified, (Bayliss), AFSCME Local 3287, R1340

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 154-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Planning Department** for fiscal 2018; and

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WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Planning Department** and made effective March 22, 2018.

Promotions:

1. Create one (1) full-time position of Keyboarding Clerk 2, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R0540. (Nicolls)

Abolish one (1) full-time position of Keyboarding Clerk 1.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 155-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Public Safety Department** for fiscal 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Public Safety Department** and made effective March 22, 2018.

Salary Adjustments:

1. Establishing a salary adjustment for Supervising PST/911 Coordinator, classified, (Hill), AFSCME Local 0671, R1540

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 156-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Public Works Department, Buildings and Grounds Division** for fiscal 2018; and

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WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Public Works Department, Buildings and Grounds Division** and made effective March 22, 2018.

Promotions:

1. Create one (1) full-time position of Electrician, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1237. (Kilts)

Abolish one (1) full-time position of Electrician's *Helper*.

New Positions:

1. Create one (1) full-time position of Assistant Supervisor Building Service, classified, AFSCME Local 0671, R0840.

Abolish one (1) full-time position of Sr. Maintenance Repairer LPL.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 157-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BRIDGE DIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Public Works Department, Bridge Division** for fiscal 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Public Works Department, Bridge Division** and made effective March 22, 2018.

Promotions:

1. Create one (1) full-time position of Sr. Bridge Repairer, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R0940. (Purvis)

Abolish one (1) full-time position of Bridge Repairer.

Salary Adjustments:

1. Establishing a salary adjustment for Sr. Bridge Repairer, classified, (Colaluce), AFSCME Local 3287, R0940

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

MINUTES**MARCH 14, 2018****RESOLUTION 158-18**

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, ROAD DIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Public Works Department, Road Division** for fiscal 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Public Works Department, Road Division** and made effective March 22, 2018.

Salary Adjustments:

1. Establishing a salary adjustment for Laborer1, classified, (Burke), AFSCME Local 3287, R0440
2. Establishing a salary adjustment for Sr. Maintenance Repairer, classified, (Farano), AFSCME Local 3287, R0940
3. Establishing a salary adjustment for Sr. Mechanic, classified, (Pennell), AFSCME Local 3287, R1140

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 159-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Weights and Measures Department** for fiscal 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Weights and Measures Department** and made effective March 22, 2018.

Promotions:

1. Create one (1) full-time position of Keyboarding Clerk 2, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R0540. (Popiak)
- Abolish one (1) full-time position of Keyboarding Clerk 1.

MINUTES**MARCH 14, 2018****Salary Adjustments:**

1. Establishing a salary adjustment for Assistant Superintendent Weights and Measures, classified, (Tomkins), AFSCME Local 3287, R1035

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

RESOLUTION 160-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2017 RETENTION AND MERIT BASED SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN APPOINTED PERSONNEL OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PROSECUTOR

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:157-10 et seq. and 2A:158-1 et seq., the Prosecutor shall recommend the compensation for the appointed personnel of the Prosecutor's Office in accordance with the County guidelines and within the budget allocation, and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor has recommended retention and merit based salary adjustments for certain appointed personnel and has so memorialized by schedule which document is incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby approve the 2017 retention and merit based salary adjustments for certain appointed personnel of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office to be made effective January 1, 2017.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

Mr. Smith said he would be remiss if he didn't mention the contract to be awarded regarding health insurance and prescription change. "We've moved in a positive direction here," he said, thanking CFO Dan Olshefski, Benefits Coordinator Danielle Davis and Fiscal Officer Kim Francisco for their time and effort to make this come to fruition. It should be a positive for employees and the County alike.

Reports and Comments

County Counsel Joe Bell said he had a few litigation issues to discuss in Executive Session and reported that the County did prevail in the Appellate Division in Novak v. County of Warren.

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County Engineer Bill Gleba said repair work to the Still Valley Road Bridge in Pohatcong Township had to be postponed. They didn't want to close the road down after all the damage sustained from the last storm. The roadway is scheduled to be closed down on Monday, March 19 for about three days.

County Planner Dave Dech reported having received the certification letter from the NJ DEP on our Solid Waste Plan Amendment that called for the expansion of the landfill. The one requirement in the letter is for us to update our recycling plan; a process already being undertaken by SWAC (Solid Waste Advisory Council) and due by the end of this year. The State's goal is to recycle 50 percent of solid waste and the County's latest numbers are 35 percent.

County CFO Dan Olshefski made a joke about getting started on the 2019 Budget.

County Administrator had only the latest Vacancy Report.

Freeholder Comments

Mr. Gardner had plans to attend an NJAC Meeting the following week and expected a very full agenda.

He spoke for a few minutes about the widespread power outages resulting from recent storms. He received several phone calls from residents and elected officials. After Superstorm Sandy, he said, he thought we had some progressive and productive meetings with JCP&L resulting in changes in protocol that he thought went well. He talked about how rare it was to lose power around here when he was growing up and into his 30's. Mr. Gardner had a feeling that there was an issue with JCP&L being owned by First Energy. "I think sometimes they're pennywise and pound foolish," he said. When JCP&L had its own crews, it seemed better than it is now. He wondered if there should be another meeting with JCP&L to achieve changes. "It shouldn't have been the magnitude that it was all around this county," he said. Something has to change.

Mr. Sarnoski said it is no secret that he works for JCP&L, but he doesn't own the company. He said Mr. Gardner's comments were valid, but not directed at the crews out there working hard. Mr. Sarnoski wanted to thank all the workers, especially our County Road Crews and Public Safety officials who work as best they can to restore roads. He received no complaints about the condition of the roads and asked that Public Works Director Alex Lazorisak take the compliment back to the workers.

Mr. Sarnoski said he agreed with much of what Mr. Gardner said and was interested in getting involved in bringing some parties together as a JCP&L employee and County Freeholder to talk about different ways to improve in the future.

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Mr. Smith said it was worthy of mention, the genuine effort on the part of JCP&L to get power back. It was a very broad storm and it pulled resources from neighboring areas since we were so severely impacted. He was unhappy with Verizon's response to felled telephone poles. "It's not a JCP&L problem alone," he said. It was a challenging situation and Mr. Smith was out of power for six days.

Regarding the PCFA, Mr. Smith said there has been headway and we've moving in a positive direction. He thanked Mr. Dech and County Counsel for their efforts.

Mr. Smith attended Family Promise and Abilities events. He said it was nice to see the community helping itself and doing things we can't address with the resources that we have. It's a great cooperative effort.

Finally, Mr. Smith reported having attended a meeting on voting machines earlier in the day. The Election Board is actively seeking proposals. There are many factors to consider and the County has been involved in trying to find upgraded solutions and have been budgeting accordingly. Bilingual requirements are coming and machines must accommodate people with disabilities.

There were no closing comments from the public, but Mr. Marvin asked where JCP&L representation was this evening. He found the absence odd.

RESOLUTION 161-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, at 7:50 p.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is subject to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.*, and

WHEREAS, the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12*, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby excludes the public in order to discuss such matters. The general nature of the subjects to be discussed are as follows:

- (1) *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and Attorney-Client Privilege*: Items to be discussed include: Status of various litigation: SDA, Novak, W.M./R.M./C.C., et al.; Status of Memorandum of Understanding with NJ DEP for wildlife mitigation land at PCFA and discussion with Tilcon re: purchase of County proeprty.
- (2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining*: Items to be discussed include: Status of labor negotiations with FOP 171, CWA 1071-TASS; Prosecutor mediation with PBA 331-Detectives; PBA 280-Sheriff's Officers; AFSCME 671; CWA 1032- Prosecutor's Clerical.

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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.

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Board adjourned executive session at 8:52 p.m. and returned to open session.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Smith yes

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board