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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 September 12, 2018 at 7:30 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, Deputy County Counsel Joseph J. Bell IV and County Administrator Steve Marvin. CFO Dan Olshefski was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Smith.

Director Smith read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 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 August 22, 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 August 22, 2018 were approved.

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

PROCLAMATION 421-18

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 12, 2018.

PROCLAMATION– LIBRARY CARD MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2018.

WHEREAS, the library card is the most important school supply of all; and
WHEREAS, libraries are an essential service for the nation’s children by providing free access to important educational resources; and
WHEREAS, libraries provide resources in many formats including books, ebooks and online databases; and
WHEREAS, many of these resources are available online and are always available to students; and

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WHEREAS, library staff can guide students in their research by providing resources that are authenticated and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide access to lifelong learning opportunities and access to new technologies; and

WHEREAS, a library card is the key to accessing library services

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby recognize September 2018 as Library Card Sign-Up Month and encourage everyone to sign up for a library card – the “smartest card” you can own.

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

As library liaison for “many, many years,” Mr. Gardner was pleased that the new Southwest Library was to have its formal grand opening on September 22, describing it as state-of-the-art. He noted that in 2017, Warren County won the award for most improved library system in the State of New Jersey. He expressed pride in the staff, library director, and commissioners.

Mr. Sarnoski said of all the proclamations the Freeholders endorse year after year, this is the first time he had seen this particular one. He thought it was appropriate and timely with the new branch now in operation, which has prompted the issuance of the most library cards in our history. “We have a strong library system in Warren County,” he said, and he appreciated all whose efforts make it so.

Mr. Smith said a library card is a ticket to what is probably the best value of any resource out there. It is about far more than books; electronic media is ever changing. He was very excited about the new library’s official grand opening.

Warren County Library Director Maureen Baker Wilkinson accepted the proclamation and informed the Board that 1,500 new cards have been issued so far at the Southwest Branch, in addition to 1,700 renewals of lapsed cards. “It’s been a very good month so far for library cards,” she said.

PROCLAMATION 422-18

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 September 12, 2018.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY – SEPTEMBER 21, 2018.

WHEREAS, in each of America’s past wars, our Prisoners of War have represented a special sacrifice. On them has fallen an added burden of loneliness, trauma and hardship. Their burden becomes double when there is inhumane treatment by the enemy in violation of common human

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compassion, ethical standards and international obligations (proclamation by President Jimmy Carter, 1979); and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed a resolution authorizing the first National POW/MIA Recognition Day be observed on July 18, 1979 and later moved the event to be observed on the third Friday in September; and

WHEREAS, in Warren County, we are committed to remembering all veterans who served their country and those presently serving their nation in all corners of the globe and those still Missing In Action and Prisoners of War and remind everyone of the personal sacrifices made by all war veterans to ensure that future generations of American citizens will be able to enjoy our country's freedoms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and The American Legion, Carl D. Archer Post 528 in White Township, does join our nation in this day of remembrance to demonstrate the country's continued commitment to the POW/MIA issue at the ceremony held at the established permanent POW/MIA Memorial in White Township.

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Sarnoski said he was honored to endorse this proclamation each year, as it is important to remember people who have served and those who did not come back. He was grateful to the local Rolling Thunder Chapter and the American Legion - Carl D. Archer Post – for their diligence in this regard. The late Terry Lee always comes to mind when we are discussing veterans' affairs, Mr. Sarnoski said, and we will never forget him. He is always in our hearts.

Mr. Gardner said he was both proud and honored to play a small part in bringing the POW/MIA issue to the forefront. He hoped a version of this proclamation was on the dais of all Freeholder boards across the country. He mentioned the recent death of Sen. John McCain, a notable POW who had been held captive for five and a half years. To come back to the U.S. and serve in the Senate for as long as he did is quite remarkable, he said.

Mr. Gardner said it was very important to get MIAs back home whenever possible, noting that remains from the Korean War recently came home to be laid to rest. We should not let any veteran go unnoticed, he said.

Mr. Smith sought to recognize all who continue to perpetuate this message, as that is the key to closure for everyone. He led a moment of silence in honor of POW/MIAs prior to presenting the proclamation to the following members of the Carl D. Archer post: Charlie Rothenbeck, Al Martin, Dennis Smith and Milly Rice. Ms. Rice announced a ceremony to be held on September 21 at the Oscar Unangst Memorial Fields in White Township, as well as the 20th anniversary of the Warren County War Memorial to be celebrated on November 11.

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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 September 12, 2018.

PROCLAMATION – CONSTITUTION WEEK, SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2018.

WHEREAS, General William Maxwell Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in Belvidere, Warren County, New Jersey on December 21, 1931; and

WHEREAS, Chapters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution all over the world are requesting proclamations and recognition of the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2018 marks the two hundred and thirty-first anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Warren County do hereby proclaim September 17 through September 23, 2018 is proclaimed Constitution Week.

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Smith said we just recognized our veterans and MIAs; the reason they went through that was most likely to defend our Constitution and our way of life memorialized within. He said, "That brings it all together for me," adding that he still thinks it is a fantastic document that we drift away from at times. "It has succeeded in mooring us back to its core meaning more than once, and hopefully it will continue to do so," he said.

Mr. Gardner agreed, and mentioned the current confirmation hearings for a new Supreme Court Justice, one who is seriously involved in protecting the Constitution as it was written. "This is what helps to keep order in our country," he said, calling it the greatest document. If we stray too far from it, our democracy will get into serious trouble.

Mr. Sarnoski said these days, when our government seems more divided than ever, it's good to know that we can rely on the Constitution, the bedrock of our freedoms.

General William Maxwell Chapter Regent Jan Holland accepted the proclamation, thanked the Board, and encouraged the public to see the recently installed plaque at a county

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facility now known as the Cummins Building. She referred to it as the Maxwell Robeson Cummins house, celebrated because of its close ties to the beginning of this DAR chapter.

RESOLUTION 424-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2018-34, 2018-35, and 2018-36, dated September 12, 2018,** in the amount of **\$ 3,675,901.70** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2018-34	8/29/18	\$199,044.60	
2018-35	9/5/18	407,807.18	
2018-36	9/12/18	<u>509,692.57</u>	
TOTAL			\$1,116,544.35
Horizon BCBS-September	8/30/18	\$1,238,638.76	
PNC Bank Commercial Card	9/11/18	8,959.75	
Home Depot	9/4/18	4,035.12	
Open Space Wires	<i>(Detail Below)</i>	<u>3,104.30</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			1,254,737.93
Payroll (including fringe)	8/30/18	\$1,304,619.42	
Subsistence	8/30/18	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,304,619.42</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$3,675,901.70</u>

<u>Open Space</u>			<u>Reimburse-</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Wire Transfers:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>ments</u>	<u>Portion</u>
Pittenger Farm	8/29/18	\$348,869.30	\$345,765.00	\$3,104.30

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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 September 12, 2018.

INSERTION INTO THE 2018 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,642.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, SART/SANE GRANT #VS-64-15.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2018 in the sum of \$ 117,642.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, SART/SANE Grant #VS-64-15

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grant Match of \$ 29,337.00 is included in the 2018 County Budget, Sheet 19 Prosecutor's Office S&W.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 117,642.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

"UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES"
State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, SART/SANE Grant #VS-64-15
(administered by the Prosecutor's Dept.)

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

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 426-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – DIVISION OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION TOTALING \$40,000 TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 TO IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH INITIATIVE ASSISTING WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH ACCESSING AND ENROLLING IN MEDICARE FUNDED SERVICES, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

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WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Department of Aging Services has made a grant opportunity available to New Jersey Area Agencies on Aging to develop and implement a Medicare Special Benefits Outreach & Enrollment Assistance program; and

WHEREAS, as the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services meets and exceeds all needed qualifications to apply for this Medicare Special Benefits Outreach & Assistance grant and will develop a strategy to outreach, enroll, educate and provide Medicare information and enrollment assistance, subject to the availability of funds through this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren authorizes the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services to submit a grant application to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services in the amount of \$40,000 to assist Warren County residents in enrolling in benefits for which they are entitled and to increase awareness of wellness and prevention services available through the Medicare 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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 427-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY DIVISION OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES TO SUBMIT THE WARREN COUNTY 2019 AREA PLAN ON AGING CONTRACT DOAS19AAA022 TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES, WITH AN INITIAL ALLOCATION OF \$583,421.

WHEREAS, as Warren County's designated Area Agency on Aging, the Division of Aging & Disability Services is required to annually submit a countywide Area Plan on Aging; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren may accept any and all funds from and enter into an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Human Services-Division of Aging Services to provide and fund programs and services to Warren County residents age 60 and older, and their caregivers under the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended and updated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren authorizes the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services to submit the 2019 update to the Area Plan on Aging to the NJ Department of **Human Services, Division of Aging Services with an initial allocation of \$583,421.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to execute the necessary 2019 Area Plan on Aging contract documents.

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 428-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO AUCTION ONLINE CONFISCATED ITEMS, 2012 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH A 1999 GREAT DANE TRAILER, OF THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the County of Warren is presently storing confiscated items, from the Warren County Prosecutor's Office no longer needed for public use by county departments and agencies;

WHEREAS, the County of Warren desires to authorize the auction of the surplus equipment with an on-line auction with US Gov Bid a division of Auction Liquidation Services, Eatontown, for 3.5% full service package said vendor "approved" by the Division of Local Government Services as noted in LFN 2008-09 and LFN 2008-212-3-08 Sections 1. and 2.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County of Warren pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36, that the said equipment, be and the same are hereby ordered to be disposed of by Public Online Auction, beginning Saturday, September 22, 2018 beginning at 9:00 A.M. prevailing time and ending on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Notice of said sale be published and in newspapers at least seven (7) days prior to sale;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all items shall be sold to the highest bidder, and the terms of the sale shall be sold as is and where is, without warranty or guarantee of any kind, upon payment of the full amount, subject to all lawfully advertised terms and restriction:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to perform all acts and to execute, on behalf of this body, all documents required by Statute or this Resolution to effectuate said sale.

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 429-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING JURISDICTION AND OWNERSHIP OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE 631 (WASHINGTON AVENUE), FROM NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 31 TO COUNTY ROUTE 624 (WALL STREET/ BELVIDERE AVENUE) OXFORD TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, the County of Warren wishes to discontinue a portion of County Route #631 (Washington Avenue), from New Jersey State Highway Route 31 to County Route 624 (Wall Street/ Belvidere Avenue) as a County roadway and transfer jurisdiction, ownership, control

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and responsibility of said roadway to Oxford Township; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren will resurface this portion of County Route 631 during the calendar year of 2018-2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Oxford has expressed its willingness to assume jurisdiction, ownership, control and responsibility of this portion of County Route 631; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to discontinue this portion of County Route 631 as a County roadway and transfer jurisdiction of said portion of roadway to the Township pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:16-28(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:16-71, the Board of Chosen Freeholders consents to the Townships assumption of control over the said roadway; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby relinquish all jurisdiction, ownership and responsibility for the construction, reconstruction, repair and/or maintenance of said portion of County Route 631 to the Township and that said road is hereby discontinued as a County road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Oxford Township Clerk within ten (10) days of passage for action by the Municipal governing body pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:16-28(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this transfer of jurisdiction and ownership shall become effective upon the recording of a certified copy of this Resolution and the Oxford Township Ordinance in the Office of the County Clerk.

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Smith said in the end, this transfer of jurisdiction should help control Traffic and allow for more parking opportunities in town, particularly during Shippen Manor events. He thought this was a positive move all around.

RESOLUTION 430-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES BY NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE #15017, COUNTY ROUTE #519 OVER THE LOPATCONG CREEK, (AT RAILROAD UNDERPASS) LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, Warren County has initiated a bridge construction contract with CMS Construction, Inc. for the Rehabilitation of Warren County Bridge #15017, County Route #519 over the Lopatcong Creek, (at Railroad Underpass) Lopatcong Township; and

WHEREAS, the bridge is located within a underpass structure owned by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company which requires execution of an agreement for construction

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engineering services for the review of the contractor's submittals and oversight by Norfolk Southern for the estimated amount of \$40,434.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 0416A304 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. Hereby approve construction engineering services in the amount of \$40,434.00.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said Norfolk Southern Agreement for Construction Engineering Services by signing same.

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 431-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1854 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CCTV MAINTENANCE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2018 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2019 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7).

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC1854 for CCTV Maintenance for the Warren County Correctional Center, Sheriff's Department and Prosecutor's Office is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for bids for the above in The Star-Ledger.

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget account 012800/5026 – Correctional Center – Contracted Equipment Maintenance, 012700/5026 – Sheriff's Contracted Equipment Maintenance

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 432-18

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 September 12, 2018.

**RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR CONTRACT #WC1837
2018 WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE PAINTING PROGRAM**

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WHEREAS, bids were received on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, for Contract #WC1837 for the 2018 Warren County Bridge Painting Program; and

WHEREAS, the bids exceeded the County Engineer's cost estimate and the available funding; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has recommended that all bids be rejected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that the bids for Contract #WC1837 for the 2018 Warren County Bridge Painting Program, received on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, be rejected.

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 433-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1855R FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, DESIGN AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE OXFORD SALT SHED PROJECT, TO MASER CONSULTING PA, OF HAMPTON, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,500.00.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of an engineer to provide engineering services, design and specifications for the Oxford Salt Shed Project; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in capital account 0417A701/5061 – Oxford Salt Shed

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 Maser Consulting PA, of Hampton, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$42,500.00 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.

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

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 434-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LAURA J. BRILL & ASSOCIATES, OF BLAIRSTOWN, NEW JERSEY FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE SHANDOR FARM PROPERTY, HARMONY TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 46, LOT 2, APPROXIMATELY 105.7 ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,900.00.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for Preservation for the year 2018; and

WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in obtaining surveys on various farm properties as listed in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, land surveys are required by the State Agricultural Development Board prior to negotiations for acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, said surveys will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention and Development Act, N.J.S. A. 4:1C-11, et. Seq.,

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

WHEREAS, Laura J. Brill & Associates, was pre-qualified as a surveyor by WC1756FO on November 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 03895 5067 – Open Space Trust – Preliminary Expenses

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Laura J. Brill & Associates, in the amount of \$7,900.00 to prepare a survey on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-LEDGER, as required by law, within ten (10) days of 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 September 12, 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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1849 FOR A 2019 FORD F-450 SUPER CAB CHASSIS WITH A STEEL SERVICE UTILITY BODY #MCB SB 132 M 5320-T72, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO SMITH MOTOR CO. INC., IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$68,178.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1849 for a 2019 Ford F-450 Super cab Chassis with Steel Service Utility Body for the Warren County Road Department is hereby awarded to: **Smith Motor Co. Inc., Washington, New Jersey**...in the amount of...**\$68,178.00**...as per their bid submitted...**August 28, 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 capital accounts 0418A608/5050 – 2018 Truck and 0417A604/5050 – Sign Shop Truck

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 436-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO SPACE FARMS, INC., UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #51 DEER CARCASS REMOVAL & DISPOSAL SERVICES, FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2018 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, AT THE PRICE OF \$38.00 PER DEER, ESTIMATED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue purchase orders for Deer Carcass Removal and Disposal for the Warren County Road Department and is hereby awarded to...**Space Farms, Inc., Sussex, New Jersey**...in the approximate amount of...**\$20,000.00**...at the prices established under Morris County Cooperative Contract #51

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012900/5029 – Road Department Contracted 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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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Mr. Smith remarked that we are fortunate to be able to take care of the deer carcasses in a reasonable manner. Mr. Marvin referred to it as “adaptive re-use.”

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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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1741 WITH BEST CLEANING SERVICE INC., FOR JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR VARIOUS WARREN COUNTY OFFICES, FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL YEAR OF A TWO YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15 IN THE APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$131,820.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County Contract WC1741 for janitorial services for various Warren County Offices is hereby awarded for the second and final year of a two year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15 said contract is hereby extended for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 ...**Best Cleaning Service Inc., Ridgfield, New Jersey**...in the approximate amount of...**\$131,820.00**...as per their bid submitted...**August 29, 2017**.

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 013100/5024 – Buildings & Grounds Facility Maintenance, Repair & Cleaning & 153908/5024 – Library Facility Maintenance, Repair & Cleaning

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 438-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT WC1768FO GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FEMA FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., OF WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AN INCREASE OF \$54,000.00, AND A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$191,500.00.

WHEREAS, Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc., of Washington, New Jersey were awarded a contract for Grant Management Services Associated with the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program for the Warren County Department of Public Safety in the contract amount of \$137,500.00; and

WHEREAS, there was a need for additional environmental services; and

WHEREAS, this change in award will result in a net increase of \$54,000.00 and a final contract amount of \$187,500.00

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WHEREAS, adequate funds have been established in grant account F72515351/5029 – Hazard Mitigation Grant

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 contract for a net increase of \$54,000.00 and a final Contract in the amount of \$191,500.00

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 439-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ROBERT F. HEFFERNAN & ASSOCIATES, OF OLDWICK, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE ROUTE 57/PATEL FARM PROPERTY, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 1, LOT 6, APPROXIMATELY 69.1 TOTAL ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,900.00.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for preservation for the year 2018; and

WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in obtaining appraisals on various properties as listed in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the State Agricultural Development Board prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Farm Easement Purposes; and

WHEREAS, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention Program Appraisal Handbook, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice;

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

WHEREAS, Robert F. Heffernan & Associates, was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC1757FO on November 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 03895/5067, – Open Space – Preliminary Expenses

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Robert F. Heffernan & Associates, in the amount of \$1,900.00 to prepare an appraisal on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-LEDGER, as required by law, within ten (10) days of 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 September 12, 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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LANDMARK I APPRAISAL, LLC, OF CHESTER, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE ROUTE 57/PATEL FARM PROPERTY, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 1, LOT 6, APPROXIMATELY 69.1 TOTAL ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,770.00.

WHEREAS, the Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for preservation for the year 2018; and

WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in obtaining appraisals on various properties as listed in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the State Agricultural Development Board prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Farm Easement Purposes; and

WHEREAS, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention Program Appraisal Handbook, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice;

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

WHEREAS, Landmark I Appraisal, LLC, was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC1757FO on November 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 03895/5067, – Open Space – Preliminary Expenses

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Landmark I Appraisal, LLC, in the amount of \$1,770.00 to prepare an appraisal on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-LEDGER, as required by law, within ten (10) days of 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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 441-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT #WC1702FO-10 TO M-TEC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2018 WARREN COUNTY SHOTCRETE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,440.00.

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WHEREAS, the County requested proposals to be received on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 for Contract #WC1702FO for Construction Phase Engineering/Inspection Services; and

WHEREAS, inspection services are needed for the above project; 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 M-Tec Construction Services, LLC meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of \$29,440.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 0418A305 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 M-Tec Construction Services, LLC of Phillipsburg, N.J. for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$29,440.00, 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.
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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RECOMMENDATION

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following recommendation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 12, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MAUREEN SHUPE FROM THE WARREN COUNTY AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a recommendation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 442-18

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 September 12, 2018.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following individual to the Warren County Advisory Council on Disabilities:

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Rosetta Lango
6N. Terrace Road
Columbia, NJ 07832

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 443-18

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 September 12, 2018.

**RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT A REGULAR MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS
TO THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoints the following members to the Warren County Planning Board with terms to expire September 19, 2021.

Louis J. Baduini
P.O. Box 427
Vienna, NJ 07880

Term: 9/20/18 – 9/19/21

Adam Baker, Alternate 1
177 State Route 94
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Term: 9/20/18 – 9/19/21

Robert Hopkins, Alternate 2
12 Ramseyburg Road
Columbia, NJ 07832

Term: 9/20/18 – 9/19/21

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner expressed gratitude for those agreeing to serve, noting that the Planning Board members have been in place for a long time.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joe Bell IV said he had one brief matter for Executive Session regarding litigation.

County Engineer Bill Gleba reported that the annual traffic crash report has been released and copies were distributed to the Freeholders, county departments, municipalities and police

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departments. He had additional copies for anyone interested. They will also be available in his office.

In late August, Mr. Gleba said our 2019 County Aid allocation from the NJ DOT had been received. It will be the same amount as last year - a little over four million dollars.

The County's 2018 road resurfacing program is currently underway. Mr. Gleba said work is being done on CR 517 in Allamuchy from Interstate 80 to the Sussex County line. The following week was to be the Warren Glen area in Pohatcong. "We'll see how far we get this year; it's really dependent upon the weather," he said, adding it is an aggressive program that may have to go into next year.

Point Mountain Road is now closed where our inter-county bridge structure with Hunterdon is located. Mr. Gleba estimated it would remain closed until about March 2019.

The NJ DOT is working on some bridge reconstruction on County Route 608 – Silver Lake Road. Mr. Gleba anticipated that should be done within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Smith inquired about that "little spot" near Interstate 78. Mr. Gleba said they put in a request to do that through the Morris County Co-op. The numbers seemed favorable compared to the amounts received from the bid. The co-op is somewhat backed up, but Mr. Gleba hoped it would be done this year.

Regarding the aid allocations, Mr. Sarnoski encouraged future planning to rebalance the financing. "Because we don't want to leave that money on the table," he said. Mr. Gleba said, "I can assure you we already have the money earmarked for projects next year and then some for budgeting purposes."

The increase to the gas tax was mentioned, and how this funding increase would not have been possible without it. The impact to our property tax levy would have been staggering.

County Planner Dave Dech reminded everyone of the paper-shredding event to be held on September 22. A recent electronic waste collection program received about half the amount of vehicles that had participated in the one held the prior spring. Mr. Dech said he arrived at 11:00 a.m. and had to wait about five minutes. Mr. Smith said that was good; we are getting caught up with the backlog. The PCFA is planning to set up a somewhat permanent site for this purpose.

County CFO Dan Olshefski was away.

County Administrator Steve Marvin had only the Vacancy Report, noting a number of retirements, but nothing unusual.

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Mr. Gardner planned to attend an NJAC meeting later in the week, as well as Preservation Day over the weekend, being held at the Roseberry House in Phillipsburg.

Mr. Gardner reported on a recent Municipal & Charitable Trust Fund Committee meeting, saying he was pleased with the new procedure of committee members going out in the field to view properties prior to the grant applicants coming in, so they are prepared with detailed questions.

The previous day having been the anniversary of the September 11 terror attacks, Mr. Gardner said this was a very important day in the history of our country, hoping we never see anything like that again. We need to protect America. The Patriot Day ceremony at our 911 Emergency Services Memorial has been rescheduled for October 13.

Mr. Sarnoski spoke of having attended a candlelight vigil in August to remember those lost to the opioid crisis. It was very well attended; he was shocked by how many families have been affected in Warren County. He announced a resource fair for addiction services - including a panel discussion - to be held on October 12 at Warren County Community College.

Regarding the upcoming election, Mr. Sarnoski took a few moments to talk about another unfunded mandate by the State of New Jersey. He explained that anyone who requested a vote by mail ballot for the 2016 election would have to continue to vote by mail unless opting out in writing to the County Clerk's Office within just a few days of receiving the notification. The short notice is not the fault of the County Clerk's Office; staff had to hastily organize a mailing to comply with the new law passed in August. Those who do not opt out in writing but show up to the polls to vote will have to vote provisionally, which is another process. Those votes will have to be manually counted, slowing down the process. This law provided no funding for paper, postage or printing. Mr. Sarnoski said this is another poor decision on the part of the legislature, for which we are paying the price.

Mr. Sarnoski noted that the reason the Patriot Day ceremony was rescheduled was due to the death of Steve Matuszek. Matuszek was a public servant who had retired from the Warren County Prosecutor's Office; was involved in various Public Safety divisions, including instructing at the Fire Academy; was a former Chief of Mountain Lake Fire Company; and was involved in the Special Olympics. He passed away after a long, tough battle with cancer. A moment of silence was observed in his honor.

Mr. Smith reported having the opportunity to attend the Governor's Economic Forum in Parsippany, predominantly based on tax abatements. The concept that existing taxpayers are supposed to pick up the costs of new residents moving in makes Mr. Smith uncomfortable. Businesses that have been in existence for decades should not be looking at a greater tax burden to invite competition. He brought up that topic, as well as the challenges of the Highlands Act.

Mr. Smith looked forward to the new library dedication on September 22. While this is a

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happy occasion, we do need to work to fill the void and address concerns in the Washington area in terms of library services.

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center held a fundraiser recently. Unfortunately, these are very real problems that do exist in our area, and the organization has experienced a loss in funding from the County because of peer group funding changes. The organization is making an effort to reach out and continue to provide these services.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Purchasing Agent Christopher Pessolano reported on the County's annual surplus auction held the prior weekend, which brought in about \$56,000. Some towns were involved as well. A future online auction for a tractor-trailer is already generating some interest. Mr. Pessolano thanked Public Information Director Art Charlton for taking photos, and the Road Department and Buildings & Grounds for their help and cooperation.

Warren County Technical School Superintendent Ed Zalewski provided some information regarding the school's opening. It had 133 freshmen show up for orientation; 28 new LPN students for the night program; a total of 475 regular students; and 10 new staff members. He said the most popular programs this year are Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Health Sciences, Engineering, and Law & Public Safety. He said the year is off to a great start.

Mr. Gardner inquired about carpentry and welding programs. Mr. Zalewski said they are working on it, starting evening recruitment programs with parental involvement. He found it is more about convincing the parents than the students. He said welding is doing well, with a couple of female students outpacing the males. Recruiting also continues in the grammar schools and on social media.

RESOLUTION 444-18

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, at 8:15 p.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 12, 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

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discussed include: Status of various litigation: W.M./R.M./C.C., et al., AJSC Rivas decision Re: Courtroom 2, Status of Prosecutors Motion for reconsideration.

(2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining*: Items to be discussed include: Status of labor negotiations with FOP 171 (Mediation/Arbitration), CWA 1071-TASS Negotiations and Unfair Labor Practice.

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.

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 September 12, 2018.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the Board adjourned executive session at 8:58 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 8:58 p.m.

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

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board