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**Audio of this meeting is unavailable due to a technical problem.*

The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Reorganization session in Court Room #1 at the Warren County Court House, Belvidere, New Jersey on January 1, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski welcomed everyone and read the following statement: **“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF JANUARY 1, 2019 WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL 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.”**

Mr. Sarnoski asked all to rise for the invocation, led by Betty Schultheis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Certification of Election of James R. Kern, III, Freeholder, was read by Holly Mackey, Warren County Clerk.

The Oath of Office of Freeholder was administered to James R. Kern, III, by Senator Michael J. Doherty. Mr. Kern was accompanied by his parents, Joan and James R. Kern, Jr.; sister, Elizabeth McGuinness; brother, John Kern; and his girlfriend, Carina Sitkus.

The meeting was then called to order by Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder James R. Kern, III, Freeholder Richard D. Gardner and Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski. Also attending were County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and Deputy County Administrator Alex Lazorisak.

RESOLUTION 1-19

On motion by Mr. Kern, 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 January 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JASON J. SARNOSKI AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2019

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Jason J. Sarnoski is appointed Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2019.

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 January 1, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

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The Oath of Office of the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders was administered to Mr. Sarnoski by Douglas J. Steinhardt, Esquire.

RESOLUTION 2-19

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD D. GARDNER AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2019

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Richard D. Gardner is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2019.

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 January 1, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 3-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

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

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

Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski

Public Safety

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

County Departments

Board of Elections
Board of Taxation
County Clerk
Housing Program
Surrogate
Trustee-Warren County Legal Services

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North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority	Planning Board Alternate
Public Works	PCFA Liaison/Solid Waste
Engineering	

Freeholder Richard D. GardnerLand Use & Agriculture

Agriculture Development Board
 Board of Agriculture
 Board of Recreation Commissioners
 Cooperative Extension Service
 Soil Conservation
 Weights and Measures

Cultural and Historical

Cultural and Heritage
 Library Commission
 Morris Canal Committee
 Municipal & Charitable Conservancy
 Trust Fund Committee
 Shade Tree Commission
 War Veterans

Additional Assignments

Projects Committee Liaison	N.J.A.C. Delegate
Planning Board Member	PRMUA Liaison

Freeholder James R. Kern, IIIEducation

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

Public Health and Human Services

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

Additional Assignments

Planning Board Member	Economic Development Advisory
N.J.A.C. 1 st Alternate	Council Liaison
Mosquito Commission	NJIIF Liaison

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Freeholders' Office
 Personnel Division
 CFO/Treasurer's Office
 Purchasing Department
 County Counsel
 Information Systems
 Department of Public Information
 Planning Department
 Boards of School Estimate

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 4-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

**RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND
 ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2019**

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

Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski

Allamuchy Township
 Frelinghuysen Township
 Hackettstown
 Hardwick Township

Independence Township
 Liberty Township
 Mansfield Township

Freeholder Richard D. Gardner

Alpha Borough
 Belvidere
 Blairstown Township
 Franklin Township

Greenwich Township
 Harmony Township
 Hope Township
 Knowlton Township

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Lopatcong Township
Oxford Township
Phillipsburg
Pohatcong TownshipWashington Borough
Washington Township
White Township

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 5-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2019

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren for the year 2019. All regular meetings shall be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	16 at 7:00 pm B	June	12 at 7:30 pm R
January	19 at 9:00 am B	June	26 at 7:30 pm R
January	23 at 7:00 pm R	July	10 at 7:30 pm R
January	26 at 9:00 am B	July	24 at 7:30 pm R
January	30 at 7:00 pm B	August	14 at 7:30 pm R
February	13 at 7:00 pm R	August	28 at 7:30 pm R
February	27 at 7:00 pm R	September	11 at 7:30 pm R
March	13 at 7:00 pm R	September	25 at 7:30 pm R
March	27 at 7:00 pm R	October	9 at 7:00 pm R
April	10 at 7:00 pm R	October	23 at 7:00 pm R
April	24 at 7:00 pm R	November	13 at 7:00 pm R
May	8 at 7:30 pm R	November	26 at 7:00 pm R*
May	22 at 7:30 pm R	December	11 at 7:00 pm R

R= Regular Meeting

B = Budget Meeting

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

* Please note that this meeting in November is being held on Tuesday, November 26th.

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 6-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

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

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

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 January 1, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 7-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION IN NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

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

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

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 January 1, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 8-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

MINUTES**JANUARY 1, 2019****RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2019**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that David K. Dech is hereby appointed as the alternate voting member, representing the County of Warren, to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., at those meetings when Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski is unable to attend during the year 2019.

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 January 1, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 9-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

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

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

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

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 January 1, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 10-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,211,394 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2019 BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2019 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

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

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the prior year budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$92,233,882 and

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WHEREAS, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2018 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and public assistance in said 2018 budget is the sum of \$24,211,394.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations in the total amount of \$24,211,394 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer's Department for their records.

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 January 1, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 11-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$1,083,661.50 TO FUND THE PERMANENT DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2019 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 inclusive:

DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY OF WARREN, NJ

Principal Payment of bonds	\$ 850,000.00
Interest Payment on Bonds	201,900.00
Principal Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00
Interest Payment on Notes	0.00
Green Trust Loan Payments	<u>31,761.50</u>
Total Debt Service	<u>\$ 1,083,661.50</u>

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 12-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

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

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43, Joseph J. Bell, Esq., an Attorney-at-Law of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 150 Mineral Springs Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866 shall continue as Warren County Counsel and the Retainer Agreement between the Board and Mr. Bell, setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation which Retainer Agreement is made a part of this resolution by reference is incorporated herein as if set forth verbatim, is hereby approved and the Freeholder Director is authorized to execute said Retainer Agreement on behalf of the Board.
2. David T. Shivas, Joseph J. Bell IV, and Paula Ortega members of the firm of Bell & Shivas, P.C. are hereby reappointed as Warren County Assistant County Counsels.
3. Contract WC1688FO for County Counsel for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to...Joseph J. Bell, Rockaway, New Jersey in the amount of...\$75,000.00 as per their proposal submitted...November 22, 2016
4. This proposal was reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal 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 January 1, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 13-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1882FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO BELL & SHIVAS, P.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 AT THE RATE OF \$165.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$410,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1882FO for Legal Services – A. Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to...Bell & Shivas, P.C., Rockaway, New Jersey in the amount of...\$165.00 per hour, estimated amount \$410,000.00

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as per their proposal submitted...November 26, 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 legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of 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 January 1, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 14-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1882FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – B. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO FLORIO PERRUCCI STEINHARDT & CAPPELLI, L.L.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 AT THE RATE OF \$165.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1882FO for Legal Services – B. Special Counsel for Labor Related Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to...Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Cappelli, L.L.C., Phillipsburg, New Jersey in the amount of...\$165.00 per hour, estimated amount \$125,000.00 as per their proposal submitted...November 26, 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 legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of 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 January 1, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 15-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

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RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1882FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – C. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO LAVERY, SELVAGGI, ABROMITIS & COHEN, PC., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 AT THE RATE OF \$140.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$66,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1882FO for Legal Services – C. Special Counsel for Land Preservation Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

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

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

as per their proposal submitted...November 26, 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 legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

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

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 January 1, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 16-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1882FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – D. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE WARREN COUNTY ADJUSTER FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO FLORIO PERRUCCI STEINHARDT & CAPPELLI, L.L.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 AT THE RATES OF \$165.00 PER HOUR, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$80,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1882FO for Legal Services – D. Special Counsel for the Warren County Department of Human Services, its Divisions and the Warren County Adjuster for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded

to...Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Cappelli, L.L.C., Phillipsburg, New Jersey

in the amount of...\$165.00 per hour, estimated amount \$80,000.00

as per their proposal submitted...November 26, 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

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with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

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

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

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

RESOLUTION 17-19

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1882FO FOR SERVICES – E. BOND COUNSEL FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 AT THE BASE FEE \$3,500.00 PLUS \$1.00 PER \$1,000.00 OF BONDS ISSUED

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC1882FO for Legal Services – E. Bond Counsel Legal Services for the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is hereby awarded to...McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLC, Roseland, New Jersey in the approximate amount of...Base Fee \$3,500.00 plus \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of bonds issued as per their proposal submitted...November 26, 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 bond counsel legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and quality of past services rendered.

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

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

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Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded vote: Mr. Kern yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Sarnoski yes

The business portion of the meeting now concluded, Mr. Sarnoski was the first to take to the podium to address the audience. He began by thanking his fellow Freeholders for their support for him as Director, saying it was an honor to work with such fine gentlemen.

Mr. Sarnoski then described an exceptional leader who succeeded Chamberlain during a difficult and transitional time, utilizing strong leadership and uncompromising values. He continued, noting honesty and transparency, and other traits of a successful leader.

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“Of course, I am speaking of Winston Churchill,” Mr. Sarnoski said, which resulted with laughter from the crowd. “In any other place, many of you would have realized who I was speaking about right away, as those words came directly from a biography, but in Warren County it is easy to assume I was speaking about our own Ed Smith,” said Mr. Sarnoski. “Ed is all these things and more,” continued Mr. Sarnoski, “and he will be sorely missed by this Board and all that worked with him.”

On December 12, the Freeholders had surprised Mr. Smith with a proclamation honoring his service to Warren County, and today he was presented with a clock/plaque to mark his retirement.

Mr. Smith accepted the gift and thanked everyone for their support, including staff members. It had been “a great ride,” he said. He expressed confidence in Mr. Kern, saying he was sure he would do a great job. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and returned to his seat.

Mr. Sarnoski then delved into his remarks. He said the most important job of this board is to assure that the hard work it has done continues, now and for generations to come. Low debt, low taxes, and stable county government cannot be undone by an unreliable state government or a changing Freeholder Board. Mr. Sarnoski pledged that assuring this stable future would be his focus over the year.

“The vast majority of county work is done behind the scenes by our talented workforce,” said Mr. Sarnoski, yet noted it was also an aging and retiring workforce. He said modernizing and organizing the County to better serve our residents is necessary to keep up with the ever-changing world. Mr. Sarnoski said he was currently working on an organizational plan for the County to meet the needs of the future and hire the best talent, all while keeping the taxpayer in mind.

Mr. Sarnoski said we need to modernize our practices, along with our workforce, to examine every aspect of county government under our control to guarantee that our goals and values are aligned with our policies and procedures. We must ensure that we are not the cause of economic obstacles, but the impetus to overcome them, he said. “Ratables continue to be the best way, and in Warren County where we keep our budget so tight, may be the only way we can significantly lower taxes for our constituents,” said Mr. Sarnoski, adding that we must make it easier for the businesses we seek to be able to establish growth.

Mr. Sarnoski said he was excited for the New Year, and expressed confidence that our newest Freeholder would do a great job and bring new ideas. “I promise to work tirelessly as your Director for the people of Warren County, and for the values that we all learned from Ed. Thank you, and God bless you,” concluded Mr. Sarnoski.

Mr. Gardner then took to the lectern to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and said it had been “an absolute pleasure” to work with Ed Smith, characterizing him as the hardest-working Freeholder in the State of New Jersey. “I’m going to miss you,” he said to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Gardner expressed determination to stick to the path of conservative government, in spite of experiencing frustration with Trenton. We have to fight, or have our legislators fight for us, he said.

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He said the unfair Highlands Act of 2004 continues to take a toll on our county.

Mr. Gardner was proud to have presided over the opening of the new Southwest Warren County Library Branch, which has proven “far and away” to be the number one branch in the system. He was also pleased with the purchase of new voting machines that will make things easier for the County Clerk and Board of Elections.

“There are many great things happening in Warren County,” Mr. Gardner said in closing, again wishing all a happy, healthy, and safe New Year.

Freeholder Kern then addressed the crowd, first thanking everyone in attendance for coming out on New Year’s Day, noting scheduling this meeting had been his first decision as Freeholder-elect. He then thanked his friends, family and supporters for all their help over the past year, with special recognition of his parents, girlfriend, and siblings for providing the “behind the scenes” support he needed to take on this challenge.

Other individuals Mr. Kern publicly thanked included Chairman Steinhardt, Vice Chair Nancy Brown, Lori Ciesla, the entire Parichuk family, Assemblyman DiMaio and Gloria Decker. “Your guidance, work, and mentorship has been invaluable and for that I am thankful,” he said. He went on to express gratitude to Senator Doherty for administering his oath of office today, and for being a bit of a good luck charm; and to Betty Schultheis for providing the invocation. He pointed out that both he and Ms. Schultheis have served as mayors, and worked to promote economic development in the county. He looked forward to continuing to serve with her in the future.

“Finally, I would like to thank Ed Smith,” said Mr. Kern. “You have been a steadfast leader for this County the past six years. You have always stated your position on issues and held firm. You have acted always in the best interest of all residents, and I am proud to follow you on this board and honored to call you a friend.”

Mr. Kern said today, he was joining the most fiscally responsible Freeholder Board in the state of New Jersey. Warren County is in great shape due to tough choices made by these gentlemen over the past several years. He pledged to continue in the tradition of looking out for the residents and taxpayers, and to scrutinize all spending to ensure that this government is the most efficient and responsible as possible.

While there is much we can control at the county level, Mr. Kern said, we continue to face external challenges. Now entering the 15th year since the passage of the Highlands Act, its ramifications continue to suppress growth in Warren County. As ratables grow in other parts of New Jersey and in the neighboring Lehigh Valley, Mr. Kern said we must continue to put pressure on the DEP, Highlands Council and the Murphy administration to make them aware of this law’s suppression, and the damage it continues to do. “As I have always believed, local planning should be done at the local level,” he said. Warren County continues to do a great job in terms of preserving land, and overreaching legislation from the State is not the way to achieve that end.

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Mr. Kern said we must be creative in attracting businesses and job opportunities to Warren County. We have some of the best municipal officials here and he pledged to work with all towns to assist in their economic development. "As a former mayor, I know the struggles the towns face and I will be a helpful resource to them all on the board," Mr. Kern said.

Mr. Kern thought the most pressing area for improvement was the county's transparency and dissemination of public information, saying this department must be funded to inform residents of the successes and services offered by Warren County. One of the most common questions asked of him on the campaign trail was, "What does a Freeholder do?" He believed the lack of understanding partially comes from a lack of information. He proposed creating a task force to review the County's current strategy. "It is crucial that government at all levels adapt to the changing technology around us. With new media tools at our disposal, agencies can communicate and share information quicker than ever. This is about improving communication with our residents and providing a higher level of transparent government. Once we are successful, people will be able to see their government in action and learn of the many services it provides," said Mr. Kern.

In closing, Mr. Kern said he looked forward to the start of this new journey. He said together with his colleagues, and "some of the best employees possible," we will accomplish a great deal for the people of this county. He wished all a Happy New Year.

Mr. Sarnoski then invited current and former elected officials to say a few words.

Sen. Doherty was first, saying both he and his former Freeholder colleague, Assemblyman John DiMaio, were very proud of the shining example Warren County sets. He congratulated Mr. Sarnoski on being Director, Mr. Gardner as Deputy Director and for his long service, and noted how outgoing Freeholder Ed Smith "didn't slow down," and was a true role model. Regarding Mr. Kern, Sen. Doherty recalled the red light camera issue in Pohatcong Township, when Mayor Kern sided with the people against government overreach, and prevailed. He congratulated him and wished him well.

Assemblyman DiMaio also extended congratulations all around, noting how we all look up to Ed Smith, and Warren County's "nonexistent" debt. His wish for 2019 was for democrats in Trenton to look to us as an example, and hoped that somehow we come together.

Assemblyman Eric Peterson wished all a Happy New Year, as well as liberty and prosperity. He wished Mr. Kern well as the second-youngest Freeholder in Warren County history. "Pohatcong's loss is Warren County's gain," he said. Speaking to Mr. Smith, he predicted he would be remembered as the Education Freeholder, having opened libraries and advanced Warren County Community College.

Mr. Smith again addressed the audience, saying he would be remiss if he didn't recognize his wife, Eileen. She endured many evenings of his absence, then his rants when he returned home from various meetings. Without her support, he said, he would have come unhinged.

Additional individuals offering congratulations, best wishes to Mr. Kern, and a Happy New

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Year to all included the following: Sheriff James McDonald, former Sheriff Sal Simonetti, Assemblyman Parker Space on behalf of the 24th District, County Clerk Holly Mackey and County Surrogate Kevin O'Neill.

Mr. Sarnoski then recognized numerous public servants in attendance not previously mentioned, including the following: Liberty Township Mayor John Inscho; White Township Committeeman Sam Race; from Lopatcong Township, Mayor Jim Mengucci, Councilman Bill Wright and former Committeewoman Lori Ciesla; Hope Township Committeemen John Kruk and Terry Urfer; from Phillipsburg, Council President Bob Fulper, Councilwoman Danielle DeGeralamo, Councilman Frank McVey and former Mayor Gloria Decker; representing Belvidere, Mayor Joe Kennedy, Councilwoman Laurel Napolitani and Councilman Charlie Makatura; former Lopatcong Mayor and Warren County Republican Committee Chair, Doug Steinhardt; Somerset County Freeholder Brian Levine; former Allamuchy Mayor Betty Schultheis; former Washington Township Mayor Samir Elbassiouny; and Ed Zimmerman, Warren County Council of Governments Executive Director.

There was to be a reception following the meeting at the Brass Rail, to which everyone was invited.

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, and there being no further business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

ATTESTED TO:**Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board**