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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 February 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Sarnoski and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder James Kern, III, Freeholder Richard Gardner and Freeholder Jason Sarnoski. Also attending were County Administrator Steve Marvin, County Engineer Bill Gleba, County Counsel Joe Bell, County CFO Dan Olshefski and Deputy County Administrator Alex Lazorisak.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Sarnoski.

Mr. Sarnoski read the following statement: ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2019 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. Kern, the minutes of the Regular Session of February 13, 2019 were approved.

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

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the minutes of the Executive Session of February 13, 2019 were approved.

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

Mr. Sarnoski invited Greener by Design representatives, Frank Pinto and Ben Spinelli, to come forward to present recommendations, a culmination of a "Grown in Warren" project that the County has been pursuing for quite some time. About two years ago, Mr. Sarnoski said, Greener by Design had been chosen among a few organizations that had submitted proposals.

Mr. Pinto thanked the many people who helped collaborate on this project, noting that Freeholder Kern, in his former role as Pohatcong Township Mayor, had been on board from the beginning. He then turned it over to Mr. Spinelli, who recognized certain Warren County staff members - including Corey Tierney, Art Charlton, and Dave Dech - had been a tremendous help throughout this process.

Mr. Spinelli began by explaining that they had produced a longer, more detailed report that had been provided to the Freeholders, but condensed it mainly to recommendations for this presentation. He said County leaders should be proud of what they have done to maintain agriculture here; the combination of farming, a strong economy, and farmland preservation to keep a land base here, are all positives. There is opportunity to take advantage of Warren County's geographic location, strong agricultural community, land base and consumer

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preferences. From a geographic standpoint, this area is about a two-hour drive from almost 20 million potential consumers. These consumers have money, and want to purchase goods that can be produced here.

He presented a SWOT Analysis table, listing strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats:

Strengths:

Land Base
Experienced Farmers
Proximity to Markets
Excellent Soils
Supportive Communities

Weaknesses:

Aging Farmers
High Cost of Land
Difficult for New Farmers to Access Land
Difficult Access to Capital
No Distribution Network

Opportunities:

New Crops
New Markets
Consumer Preferences
Regional Branding
Demand for Ethnic Products
Demand for Organic Produce
Expand Agritourism

Threats:

Volatile Commodity Prices
High Cost of Business
Regulatory Environment

The following was a list of recommendations to move forward:

- 1. Establish Identifiable Brand for Warren County Agricultural Products**
 - a. Capitalize on the concept of “fresh & locally grown”
 - b. Collaborate with surrounding counties to make this effort regional
 - c. Work with direct, retail & wholesale outlets to promote brand
 - d. License/promote Brand affirmatively
 - e. Pursue funding for active implementation of recommendations
- 2. Create Support Programs for Warren County Farmers**
 - a. Create Business Training Programs
 - b. Establish Market Match Portal
 - c. Continue/expand centralized listing of markets & outlets
 - d. Fully Fund Agricultural Extension Position
- 3. Establish Long-Term Support for Grown in Warren**
 - a. Establish attainable/measurable goals
 - b. Track relevant information
 - c. Devote permanent resources to the program
 - d. Providing Beginning Farm Financial Assistance Programs

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- 4. Land Affordability/Access to Land**
 - a. Continue investment in Farmland Preservation Program
 - b. Promote custom farming and land sale or installment contracts
 - c. Make county-owned agricultural land available for lease to new farmers
 - d. Encourage the establishment of farm succession planning and financial planning workshop for retiring farmers
- 5 Support Educational Programs**
 - a. Secondary school curriculum
 - b. Higher education programs
 - c. Warren County Community College
 - d. Partnership with 4-year institution
 - e. Continuing education/certification programs
- 6. Support Next Generation of Farmers**
 - a. Land Match Program
 - b. Promote Partnerships with Established Farmers
 - c. Clearinghouse for Sources of Capital
 - d. Provide support for succession/Estate Planning
 - e. Promote Farm Estate Planning and Multigenerational Connections
- 7. Support Establishment of Distribution/Aggregation Infrastructure**
 - a. Assist with site acquisition
 - b. Sponsor grant applications
 - c. Provide Technical Assistance
 - d. Provide land use/regulatory support
- 8. Support Innovation**
 - a. Support for New Crops
 - b. Conduct market studies for alternative livestock and crop production opportunities
 - c. Support New Farm-based Activities
 - d. Take advantage of the growing ethnic markets for specialty products
 - e. Farm Based Breweries/Distilleries
 - f. Provide support for production of value added products
 - g. Sponsor/provide training for certifications
 - h. Support conformance with food safety regulations
 - i. Establish mentoring program to link new farmers with established farmers
 - j. Support Beginner Farmer Training and Technical Assistance
 - k. Support the creation of commercial kitchen facilities
- 9. Increase Visitation to Warren County**
 - a. Establish Warren County Farm Tours
 - b. Plan & Map Bike/Drive Tours
 - c. Encourage the establishment of bed & breakfast accommodations
 - d. Promote inter-municipal cooperation
 - e. Promote multi-purpose extended visitation (hike/bike/fish/golf/kayak/wineries/restaurants)
 - f. Actively Market Warren County as Agri-Tourism Destination

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- a. Pursue and support the production of Value-Added Products
- b. Promote direct sales to restaurants and institutions
- c. Cooperative Marketing/share products between CSAs
- d. Identify and produce specialty/niche products
- e. Encourage farm visitation (farm stands, events, pick-your own)
- f. Establish presence at high traffic farmers markets
- g. Market farm to urbanized areas
- h. Utilize season-extending technologies (High tunnels, hoop houses, greenhouses)
- i. Consider organic certification or follow organic practices

Mr. Spinelli briefly elaborated on a few of the recommendations as he went along, lingering on number seven in particular, (Support Establishment of Distribution/Aggregation Infrastructure) calling it “the big one”. They thought this should be done on a regional basis, and not be government-run, but suggested providing a grant. They thought potential locations for a hub could be the vacant A&P or ShopRite. While Warren County is a livestock producer, there are no facilities for livestock processing (slaughterhouses).

In concluding the half-hour presentation, Mr. Spinelli noted that many governing bodies in Warren County have farmers serving on them. He also emphasized that this should be a two-way street: we want to get products out to consumers, as well as inspire people to come visit and purchase them here.

Mr. Sarnoski was pleased with the study, and asked if the recommendations appeared ranked in some fashion, such as by cost. He was told they appeared in terms of short, mid and long-term goals. While the recommendations were nice, Mr. Sarnoski asked, who takes it from here? Mr. Pinto said the study did include a marketing plan, with cost estimates for different initiatives. There are different approaches; outsourcing, and things that can be accomplished with existing staff. He advised the Freeholders look to the Economic Development Committee for advice on how to proceed. A large initiative will require additional resources and/or staff, he said.

The Grown in Warren logo was free for Warren County to use at no additional cost. It was advisable for the County to trademark it, and Greener by Design recommended the County make it available to producers free of charge.

Mr. Gardner expressed concerns about quality control, saying basic criteria should be established. This was acknowledged as a valid point; true quality assurance would be complicated to achieve. The gentlemen advised having potential users sign a pledge document.

The Paterson Farm Market had been mentioned, and Mr. Spinelli and Mr. Pinto thought it was a good idea to develop that relationship. Jersey City boasts a large Peruvian population with many restaurants catering to that cuisine, which could inspire the growth of more diverse produce here.

Mr. Kern said he had the privilege of seeing this presented on the municipal side, and would like to see it come to fruition. Regarding the ninth recommendation – encouraging visitation to the County – he said people are looking for experience destinations. Not only to

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purchase products, but to have a full experience. The lack of public transportation and accommodations were detrimental to visitation goals.

When Mr. Sarnoski asked if there was a list of grants available to help achieve some of the recommendations, the representatives said they did not have a list that would allow utilization of current staff. Such grants are probably the most difficult to obtain.

In addition to the Warren County Economic Development Committee, this study had also been presented to the County Board of Agriculture, and they were scheduled to do a brief presentation at the Ag Board's annual meeting in March, as legislators will be present.

Lisa Kelly, Liberty Township resident and Foodshed Alliance employee, made a few comments when Mr. Sarnoski opened up the floor to the public. She said the Foodshed Alliance has been working with Mr. Spinelli and Mr. Pinto for a couple of years on creating a Food Hub navigation/distribution facility in northern New Jersey. She announced a stakeholders meeting on March 7 at the Hackettstown recreation building, and encouraged anyone interested to attend. Representatives from Newark will be there, as they would like to establish a mini food hub in each one of their wards, and need farmers to supply them. She said the Hackettstown BID is also working on some similar initiatives.

RESOLUTION 92-19

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 February 27, 2019.

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2019-7 and 2019-8, dated February 27, 2019,** in the amount of **\$4,716,322.85** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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2019-7	2/20/19	\$164,951.83	
2019-8	2/27/19	<u>2,963,024.96</u>	
TOTAL			\$3,127,976.79
Open Space Wire	(Detail Below)	<u>\$223,362.80</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			223,362.80
Payroll (including fringe)	2/14/19	\$1,343,599.12	
Uniform	2/14/19	21,204.14	
Subsistence	2/14/19	<u>180.00</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,364,983.26</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$4,716,322.85</u>

<u>Open Space</u>			<u>Reimburse-</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Wire Transfer:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>ments</u>	<u>Portion</u>
Carl & Jennie Crouse	2/21/19	\$446,725.60	\$223,362.80	\$223,362.80

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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 93-19

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 February 27, 2019.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2019 budget by up to 3.5%, subject to certain exceptions, over

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the previous year's final county tax levy, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby determines that a one percent increase in the budget for said year, amounting to **\$550,843** in excess of the increase in final county tax levy otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2019 budget year, the budget of the County of Warren shall, in accordance with this resolution and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 1.0%, amounting to **\$550,843**, and that the CY 2019 county budget for the County of Warren be approved and adopted in accordance with this resolution; and,

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

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

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 94-19

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 February 27, 2019.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX LEVY CAP TO BE APPLIED TO THE 2019 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the County introduced its 2019 County Budget on February 27, 2019, which is scheduled for adoption by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders on March 27, 2019, and

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

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

WHEREAS, a careful review of the New Jersey Local Budget Law which governs the formulation, approval and adoption of a County Budget, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45a(1)

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requires that the amount to be raised by taxation in the case of a County shall not exceed the amounts permitted under the 1977 Tax Levy Cap Law; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the County does hereby adopt the 1977 tax levy cap provisions provided for in the aforementioned statutes and that said provisions shall govern the enactment and enforcement of Warren County's 2019 Budget.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 95-19

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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND COUNTY PURPOSE TAX LEVY
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the following statements of revenues and appropriations herein set forth shall constitute the County Budget for the year 2019;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a summary of said budget shall be published in the Star Ledger in the issue of March 13, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date herein indicated. A public hearing on the County Operating, Open Space and County Library budget and Tax Resolution is scheduled on Wednesday March 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 So., Belvidere (White Township), New Jersey. Objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2019 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2019

Total Appropriations	\$ 91,087,992.84
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 21,088,992.84
Amount to be Raised by Taxation – County Purpose Tax	\$ 69,999,000.00

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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR THE
WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY AND ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED
BY TAXATION FOR THE USE OF THE WARREN COUNTY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

General Revenues	
Surplus Appropriated	\$ 437,800.00
State Aid	\$ 39,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	\$ 52,000.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	<u>\$ 4,386,636.00</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$ 4,915,436.00</u>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

General Appropriations	
Operations Including Contingent	\$ 4,342,436.00
Capital Improvements	<u>\$ 573,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 4,915,436.00</u>

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a summary of said budget shall be published in the Star Ledger in the issue of March 13, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren on the date herein indicated. A public hearing on the County Operating, Open Space and County Library budget and Tax Resolution is scheduled on Wednesday March 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 So., Belvidere (White Township), New Jersey. Objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2019 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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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 February 27, 2019.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$6,430,869 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. The capital improvements described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance are hereby authorized as General Improvements to be made by the County of Warren, New Jersey. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$6,130,869 from the General Capital Improvement Fund and \$300,000.00 from the Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2(A).

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

(1)	Road Resurfacing Improvements	\$ 446,657
(2)	Road and Drainage Improvements	\$ 710,000
	Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county roads and intersections.	
(3)	Bridge and Culvert Improvements	\$ 1,200,000
	Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county bridges and culverts	
(4)	Equipment and Furnishings	\$ 1,081,000
	Acquisition of office, communications, safety & security, maintenance equipment, furniture & furnishings, and computer hardware and software	
(5)	Buildings & Grounds Improvements	\$ 1,842,500
	Design, construct or renovate and improve various county facilities	
(6)	Specialty Vehicles and Maintenance and Construction Equipment	\$ 740,712
	Trucks, snowplows, sanders, tractors, mowers, and maintenance and heavy construction equipment	
(7)	New Building and Land Acquisitions	<u>\$ 410,000</u>
		<u><u>\$ 6,430,869</u></u>

Section 2(B). The maximum amount of money to be appropriated for said purposes is \$6,430,869 no part of which is to be borrowed.

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

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

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be published, together with a Notice of Introduction thereof and of the Date of Final Passage in the manner provided by law. Final Passage is

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scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM., in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey or at such other date and time to which it may be adjourned.

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

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Sarnoski was very happy with this year's budget process, saying it went "extremely well," with the Freeholders cutting taxes by more than one million dollars. The Public Hearing and final adoption of the budget will be on March 27. The Board was especially appreciative of the CFO and the rest of the Finance Department for all the guidance, and CAP calculations.

RESOLUTION 98-19

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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER DELAWARE
WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR WASHINGTON VALLEY ESTATES
BLOCK 23, LOTS 5.01-5.08, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the County of Warren desires to provide for the orderly development in areas proposed for wastewater service; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that proposed wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities and wastewater treatment service areas, as well as related subjects, conform with an approved Water Quality Management plan; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has established the WQM plan amendment procedure through the WQM plan rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5 as the method of incorporating unplanned facilities into a WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, a proposed WQM plan amendment was publicly noticed in the New Jersey Register on December 3, 2018 for Washington Valley Estates, to expand the sewer service area by 28.7 acres for twenty-three single family market rate residential units and four affordable housing units, generating a projected wastewater flow of 8,100 gallons per day to be received by the Pequest River Municipal Utilities Authority Oxford Area Wastewater Treatment Plant has been prepared by Finelli Consulting Engineers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that hereby consents to the amendment to the Upper Delaware Water Quality Management Plan for Washington Valley Estates, Block 23, Lots 5.01-5.08, and publicly noticed on December 3, 2018, prepared by Finelli Consulting Engineers, for the purpose of its incorporation into the applicable WQM plan.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this consent shall be submitted to the NJDEP Office of Water Resources Management Coordination pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(g)6, the Township of Washington, and to Finelli Consulting Engineers.

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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 99-19

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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A SPENDING PLAN
FOR A RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT ACT TAX FUND ENTITLEMENT FOR 2018
PURSUANT TO P.L. 2007 C. 311 ET SEQ**

WHEREAS, P.L. 2007 c. 311 et seq. provides for the awarding of Recycling Enhancement Tax Entitlements by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to designated solid waste management districts to assist them in the preparation, revision and implementation of comprehensive solid waste management plans; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Solid Waste Management District desires such financial assistance to fulfill its responsibilities under the Solid Waste Management Act and the Recycling Enhancement Act.

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

1. That a spending plan be submitted to the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste for the 2018 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Entitlement in the amount of \$143,320.
2. That the Chief Financial Officer of Warren County is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such Entitlement Spending Plan with the Department of Environmental Protection, to provide additional information and furnish such documents as may be required; to execute such contracts as are required, and to act as the authorized correspondent of the County Solid Waste Management District.
3. That the County of Warren and the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County are designated by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders as the implementing agencies to perform the Recycling Enhancement Tax Entitlement Spending Plan.
4. That the County of Warren County does hereby hold the State of New Jersey, and its departments and agencies harmless from any damages, losses and claims which may arise directly or indirectly from the execution of the entitlement.
5. That the County of Warren does hereby accepts the terms and conditions set forth in the Act and the guidelines promulgated under it.

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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

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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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE NJ TRANSIT CORPORATION FOR SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED
RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$346,318
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019**

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2018, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved the 2019 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) application through the NJ Transit Corporation for \$346,318; and

WHEREAS, NJ Transit has approved the 2019 Warren County SCDRTAP application with anticipated funding of \$346,318.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute the Agreement with the NJ Transit Corporation for the use of the 2019 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program funds for a total of \$346,318.

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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 101-19

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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1919 AND AUTHORIZATION
TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS
FOR ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC1919 for office supplies and associated products for all Warren County Departments is hereby approved

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

Funds for this contract will be provided in individual budget accounts in all departments.

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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 102-19

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 February 27, 2019.

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**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1918R WITH STRAIGHT AND NARROW
FOR THE WARREN COUNTY 48 HOUR INTOXICATED DRIVER RESOURCE CENTER (IDRC)
FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County Contract WC1918R for the Warren County 48 Hour Intoxicated Driver Resource Center is hereby awarded to Straight and Narrow, Inc. in Passaic, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that operating costs under the contract shall be supported by client generated fees and that no county funds are required for this project.

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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 103-19

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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1904 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY
(PROPERTY ADJACENT TO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING) FOR FARMING FOR THE PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2020 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL
YEARS TO THE GURAL FARMS LLC, FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,045.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC1904 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in White Township identified as Block 21, Lot 14, approximately 15 acres is hereby awarded to...**Gural Farms LLC, Port Murray, New Jersey...annual rent of \$203.00 per acre for a total amount of \$3,045.00...as per his bid submitted February 14, 2019** and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the highest responsible and responsive bid received.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of 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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 104-19

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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1905 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY
(NABOZNY PROPERTY) FOR FARMING FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 31,
2020, WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS TO RIVER HOLLOW FARMS
LLC, FOR ANNUAL RENT OF \$287.00 PER ACRE, TOTAL AMOUNT \$20,807.50**

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC1603 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in Franklin and Greenwich Townships, property identified as Block 39, Lot 1, and Block 15, Lot 4, approximately 72.50 acres is hereby awarded to...**River Hollow Farms LLC, Stewartsville, New Jersey...annual rent of \$287.00 per acre for a total amount of \$20,807.50...** as per his bid submitted **February 14, 2019** and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the highest responsible and responsive bid received.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of 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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 105-19

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 February 27, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1803 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (LANDFILL PROPERTY) FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2020 TO JIM SMITH FARMS LLC, FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$431.40

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC1803 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in White Township, Landfill property identified as Block 32, Lot 18, approximately 43.14 acres is hereby extended to...**Jim Smith Farms LLC, Belvidere, New Jersey...annual rent of \$10.00 per acre for a total amount of \$431.40** as per his bid submitted March 20, 2018 and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the highest responsible and responsive bid received.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of 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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 106-19

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 February 27, 2019.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1802 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (HAMLEN FARM) FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2020 TO DOWN 2 EARTH FARMS, FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,602.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC1802 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in Greenwich and Lopatcong Townships, property identified as Block 23, Lot 7, and Block 98, Lot 2, approximately 38 acres is hereby extended to...**Down 2 Earth Farms, Phillipsburg, New Jersey...annual rent of \$279.00 per acre for a total amount of \$10,602.00...**as per his bid

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submitted **February 6, 2018** and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the highest responsible and responsive bid received.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Board of 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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 107-19

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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC1705 FOR
ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE TO INDEPENDENCE ELEVATOR CO., LLC, FOR THE PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2020 FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL YEAR OF A THREE YEAR
CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(7)
IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$20,100.00, PER YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Warren County Contract WC1705 for elevator maintenance is hereby extended for the third and final year of a three year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(7) said contract is hereby extended for the period of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 to...**Independence Elevator Co., LLC, Clinton, New Jersey**...in the estimated amount of...**\$20,100.00**...as per their bid submitted **February 28, 2017**

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget accounts 013100/5029 – Buildings & Grounds Contracted Services, 013112/5029 – Buildings & Grounds Annex 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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 108-19

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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION RE: AMENDING AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1870R FOR PROFESSIONAL
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, FOR THE RENOVATIONS OF THE OXFORD DPW GARAGE PROJECT
FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RAYMOND E. O'BRIEN R.A.
INC., OF BLAIRSTOWN, NEW JERSEY FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$31,800.00, TOTAL
CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$53,700.00**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of an architect to provide review, planning, design and preparation of bid ready specifications and drawings for the renovation of the Oxford DPW Garage 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

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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 0417A702/5061 – Oxford/Belvidere Consolidation

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 Raymond E. O'Brien R.A. Inc., of Blairstown, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$53,700.00 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.
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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 109-19

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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT #WC1812 WITH
CMS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE REHABILITATION OF WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE #15017,
COUNTY ROUTE #519 OVER THE LOPATCONG CREEK (AT RAILROAD UNDERPASS),
LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Contract #WC1812 was awarded to CMS Construction, Inc. for the Rehabilitation of Warren County Bridge #15017, County Route #519 over the Lopatcong Creek (at Railroad Underpass) Lopatcong Township in the amount of \$842,690.20; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to adjust the completion date from June 15, 2019 to November 30, 2019 due to ongoing submittal coordination and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection time restrictions; and

WHEREAS the County Engineer has recommended several conditions be met by CMS Construction, Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, subject to said conditions being satisfied, changes are recommended by the County Engineer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren do hereby approve change order #1 for the above project with CMS Construction, Inc. for the revised project completion date of November 30, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the change order #1 adjusting the completion date shall be subject to receipt of an agreement executed by CMS Construction, Inc. agreeing to the conditions to the satisfaction of the County Engineer and County Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in approving the change order #1 subject to the foregoing conditions being satisfied, the County does not waive its right to proceed against CMS Construction, Inc. under the original contract for default and damages should the conditions not be met by CMS Construction, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that change order #1 adjusting the completion date shall be subject to final concurrence by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 110-19

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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:12-1, the following individual shall be reappointed to the Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners:

John Halmi, Jr.

Term: 5 years, Expires: January 1, 2024

34 Michael Road
Oxford, NJ 07863

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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner said he was happy to see long-time member Mr. Halmi back on this board. He is a good person, and had been Mr. Gardner's homeroom teacher "way back," he said.

RESOLUTION 111-19

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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JASON TARSI TO THE POSITION OF COUNTY DIVISION HEAD,
UNCLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that Jason Tarsi is appointed to the position of County Division Head, unclassified, as set forth under N.J.S.A. 11A: 3-5(l) and shall serve as Communications Manager within the Warren County Department of Public Safety, to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of operations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that Jason Tarsi is appointed to the position of County Division Head at an annual salary of \$64,710 effective February 28, 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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 112-19

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 February 27, 2019.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF CLERK 2, CLASSIFIED,
IN THE RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that a full-time position of *Clerk 2*, classified, is created in the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Department for the purpose of efficiency and effectiveness, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that the newly created position of *Clerk 2* be established on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 0540 and be made effective immediately.

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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Sarnoski congratulated Jason Tarsi on this new appointment as Division Head.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joe Bell said he had a few updates for Executive Session regarding matters of litigation.

County Engineer Bill Gleba reported that Hunterdon County was about to begin a construction project on CR 519 – Warren Glen Hill - with the road closing to traffic from March 4 until sometime in November. The detour will be utilizing our CR 627. Mr. Gleba anticipated that many of the locals would find their way around various alternative routes, and expected mainly people unfamiliar with the area to be following that detour.

County Planner Dave Dech announced the annual recycling breakfast and seminar coming up on April 2.

County CFO Dan Olshefski had no additional report.

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County Administrator Steve Marvin had only the position vacancy report, which was reviewed by the Board without further comment.

FREEHOLDER COMMENTS

Mr. Kern reported having attended his first Economic Development Committee meeting as liaison, and looked forward to the Easton-Phillipsburg Mardi Gras Parade this coming Saturday.

Mr. Kern advised his colleagues to expect an invitation from Police Chief Scott Robb to attend an active shooter drill at Phillipsburg High School. He encouraged them to participate, saying the exercise was very eye opening.

Phillipsburg Town Council had expressed some interest in learning more about joining the County library system; Mr. Kern said the topic was raised by Councilmen Fulper and McVey during a public meeting. He expected them to embark on a fact-finding process before potentially putting the choice to the voters. "That's good news," said Mr. Sarnoski.

Mr. Gardner talked about the Grown in Warren presentation again, saying the Greener by Design team did a very good job. He knew they had attended numerous meetings and did a lot of homework to reach their conclusions/recommendations. "But there's a long ways to go here, in order to really move this forward," he said. There are many issues to be considered, and he predicted that area farms were going to revert to smaller acreage, which would keep the viability in agriculture moving forward. Further, he noted that it is a challenge to get members of the farm community together on the same page. Regarding the educational aspects, they were right, Mr. Gardner said, noting FFA programs were stronger in other states. He thought the younger people and the intergenerational aspect will be key.

Mr. Sarnoski agreed there were a number of good recommendations; we have to determine a practical path forward. "But I think we have a lot of good people in the room, and a lot of people who are investing in it," he said. With nothing further to report, Mr. Sarnoski opened up the floor for public comments.

Diane Malanga, president of Rolling Thunder, Chapter 3 New Jersey, approached the Freeholders. She first announced the 20th annual Freedom Run motorcycle ride departing from the POW/MIA memorial in Belvidere on July 7; this year's event has been named the Terry Lee Memorial Ride.

Then Ms. Malanga respectfully asked the Board to consider placing a "Chair of Honor" in a public county building to memorialize the 286 Warren County men and women, of five branches of the military as well as civilians, who have not returned. Nationwide, 83,000 have not come home, and 13,000 of those hailed from New Jersey. This chair will raise public awareness regarding those who have yet to come home, hence no closure for their families. She said it could be a simple chair, taking up very little space. It would not be respectful for anyone to sit in it, so it could perhaps be roped off with stanchions. The Freeholders were receptive to the idea, but could not immediately come up with a perfect spot for the chair. A few suggestions were offered – both indoors and outdoors – but nothing seemed quite right, so Mr. Sarnoski said they would need a little time to brainstorm regarding the location.

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Milly Rice of the Warren County War Memorial Corporation reminded the Freeholders of the annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony on May 4, saying she looked forward to their participation.

There were no comments or questions from the press.

RESOLUTION 113-19

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 February 27, 2019.

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 at 8:08 p.m.

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

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

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

(1) *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and Attorney-Client Privilege*: Items to be discussed include: Status of various litigation: AJSC Rivas decision Re: Courtroom 2, Status of Prosecutors Motion for reconsideration, Status of W.M./C.C./R.M. Litigation, Payment PCFA Re: Subdivisions. Action Re: Bastedo eviction from county property, Appraisers Report Re: Tilcon Acquisition at PCFA, Discussions with Phillipsburg Re: Library Collection Refund.

(2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining*: Items to be discussed include: Status of CWA 1071-TASS Negotiations and Unfair Labor Practice, County's last, best, final offer. Additional mediation scheduled.

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 February 27, 2019.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the Board adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 9:03 p.m.

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

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 9:03 p.m.

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board