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The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren met in Regular Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on September 25, 2019 at 7:30 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 Alex Lazorisak, County Engineer Bill Gleba and Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell, IV. County CFO Kim Francisco was absent.

Director Sarnoski led the Pledge of Allegiance and then read the following OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT statement: **ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 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 Public Hearing of August 28, 2019 were approved.

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

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski the minutes of the Regular Session of September 11, 2019 were approved.

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

On motion by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the minutes of the Executive Session of September 11, 2019 were approved.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

Richard Kiernan inquired about the 2020 Area Plan on Aging contract (agenda item E-2), as he thought perhaps it was relative to a mailing he had received. Mr. Sarnoski read the text of the resolution aloud, explaining this was an annual grant submission to the New Jersey Department of Human Services, to support programs benefitting county residents age 60 and older and their caregivers. He didn't believe it was related to any recent mailing, but advised him to call the Warren County Aging & Disability Services office during business hours for clarification.

**RESOLUTION 482-19**

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 September 25, 2019.

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## RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2019-37 and 2019-38, dated September 25, 2019,** in the amount of **\$3,488,381.76** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

2019-37	9/18/19	\$648,838.36	
2019-38	9/25/19	<u>479,633.48</u>	
TOTAL			\$1,128,471.84
Horizon (Prescription, Claims, Admin)	9/20/19	\$865,165.84	
Aetna-Sept	9/3/19	150,586.19	
Sun Life Financial-Sept	9/3/19	<u>56,417.88</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			1,072,169.91
Payroll (including fringe)	9/12/19	\$1,287,740.01	
Subsistence	9/12/19	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,287,740.01</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$3,488,381.76</u>

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 483-19**

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 September 25, 2019.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALARY REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren and Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, executed a Memorandum of Understanding on June 25, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, salary reimbursement agreements for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 are required for memorialization of the parties agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Director of the Board is hereby authorized to execute the salary reimbursement agreements on behalf of the County of Warren; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this agreement shall become effective January 1, 2019 and will continue until December 31, 2019 as per the terms and conditions in the agreements incorporated herein by reference.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 484-19**

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 September 25, 2019.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY DIVISION OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES TO SUBMIT THE WARREN COUNTY 2020 AREA PLAN ON AGING CONTRACT DOAS20AAA023 TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES, WITH AN INITIAL ALLOCATION OF \$581,218**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren authorizes the Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services to submit the 2018 update to the Area Plan on Aging to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services with an initial allocation of \$581,218.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Director of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to execute the necessary 2020 Area Plan on Aging contract documents.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 485-19**

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 September 25, 2019.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF BOARD TO EXECUTE THE SFY 2020 NJ – JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$420,000 (\$210,000 NJ TRANSIT FUNDS AND \$210,000 IN ANTICIPATED COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS); SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

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**WHEREAS**, NJ Transit Corporation has made available to the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders New Jersey Transit grant in the amount of \$420,000 (\$210,000 New Jersey Transit funds and \$210,000 anticipated county matching funds); and

**WHEREAS**, the JARC funds are available for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute the SFY 2020 JARC grant agreement with New Jersey Transit for \$210,000 state funds and \$210,000 anticipated county matching funds; funds subject to availability for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 486-19**

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 September 25, 2019.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$71,999.00 with a match of \$28,041.00 for an approximate project total cost of \$100,040.00 for a project under the State of New Jersey County Sexual Assault Response Team/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program, VS-45-B17

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request, and

**WHEREAS**, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office for the purpose described in the application;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders that

1. As a matter of public policy the Warren County Prosecutor's Office wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety.
2. The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
3. The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
4. The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 487-19**

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 September 25, 2019.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR THE SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM/SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER PROJECT #VS-45-B17 BETWEEN THE NJ DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,041.00 COUNTY SHARE AND \$71,999.00 FEDERAL SHARE FOR A TOTAL OF \$100,040.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute an application for the Sexual Assault Response Team/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Project between the N.J. Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office in the amount of \$28,041.00 County Share and \$71,999.00 Federal Share for a total of \$100,040.00 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 488-19**

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 September 25, 2019.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #521, (STILLWATER ROAD), BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019, FOR THE BLAIRSTOWN ROTARY CLUB'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE**

**WHEREAS**, Blairstown Rotary Club has requested permission to close a portion of County Route #521, (Stillwater Road), Blairstown Township, from Bridge Street to the Agway Feed Store parking lot on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from approximately 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM for a Halloween Parade.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the use and closing a portion of County Route #521 (Stillwater Road), Blairstown Township, from Bridge Street to the Agway Feed Store parking lot for the above mentioned event with the following conditions:

1. Approval of the event by the Township.
2. All barricades, detours, and traffic control signs shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
3. Police supervision of the barricading of the roads, traffic control and handling of safety shall be provided.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, 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 September 25, 2019.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1968 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A COMPRESSOR FOR THE WARREN COUNTY FIRE SCHOOL**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that specification WC1968 for a compressor for the Warren County Fire School is hereby approved.

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

Funding for this contract will be provided in grant account F8252 5351/5100 – Homeland Security Grant 2018

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 490-19**

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 September 25, 2019.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LAURA J. BRILL & ASSOCIATES, OF BLAIRSTOWN, NEW JERSEY FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE CDEK, LLC/STAMPONE FARM PROPERTY, KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 41, LOT 10, APPROXIMATELY 31.7 ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for Preservation for the year 2019; and

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Laura J. Brill and Associates, was pre-qualified as a surveyor by WC1871FO on November 19, 2018; and

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

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Laura J. Brill and Associates, in the amount of \$7,000.00 to prepare a survey on the land listed be accepted.

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2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Ledger, as required by law, within ten (10) days of adoption.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 491-19**

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 September 25, 2019.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LAURA J. BRILL & ASSOCIATES, OF BLAIRSTOWN, NEW JERSEY FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE MYERS-TORRETTA #1 & #2 FARM PROPERTIES, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 45, LOTS 7, 9 AND 10 APPROXIMATELY 40.04 ACRES AND BLOCK 46, LOT 17, APPROXIMATELY 49.29 ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$11,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, The Warren County Agricultural Board has developed a list of Property for Preservation for the year 2019; and

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Laura J. Brill and Associates, was pre-qualified as a surveyor by WC1871FO on November 19, 2018; and

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

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Laura J. Brill and Associates, in the amount of \$11,000.00 to prepare a survey on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Ledger, as required by law, within ten (10) days of adoption.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, 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 September 25, 2019.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1956 FOR THE PREPARATION , PACKAGING, & DELIVERY OF MEALS TO IDENTIFIED HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS IN PHILLIPSBURG, AND SURROUNDING AREA FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES-DIVISION OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES TO PHILLIPSBURG AREA MEALS ON WHEELS, INC., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(10) AT THE RATE OF \$11.15 PER DAY, PER CLIENT, AT AN ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$69,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC1956 for preparation, packaging & delivery of meals to identified homebound individuals in Phillipsburg and the surrounding area is hereby awarded to **...Phillipsburg Area Meals on Wheels, Inc., Phillipsburg, New Jersey** in the approximate amount of **...\$69,000.00** as per their bid submitted **...September 10, 2019** and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive bid received.

Funding for this contract will be provided in trust account F0352 5303 205303 – M5029 – Area Plan Grant Meals at Home and budget account 48352/5029 – Aging – Meals, Contracted 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 September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

**RESOLUTION 493-19**

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 September 25, 2019.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC1957 TO NU-WAY CONCESSIONAIRES, INC., FOR FOOD SERVICE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM (DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(10) COST PER MEAL \$5.83 – APPROXIMATE ANNUAL CONTRACT = \$236,115.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC1957 for the food service for the Warren County Nutrition Program is hereby awarded to **...Nu-Way Concessionaires, Inc., Kearny, New Jersey** in the approximate contract amount of **...\$236,115.00, \$5.83 per meal per**

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as per their bid submitted...**September 10, 2019**

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

Funds for this contract are provided in budget account 013540/5029 – Nutrition Program Operating Supplies and F0352 5303 205303-M 5029 Area Plan Grant Nutrition Site Meals and 48352/5029 – Meals at Home Trust Account Contracted 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 September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following recommendation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MARTHA REZELI FROM THE  
WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a recommendation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following recommendation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JAMES SENG FROM THE WARREN COUNTY  
LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE**

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a recommendation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Kern, the following recommendation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH B. PRYOR FROM THE  
POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY**

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a recommendation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, 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 September 25, 2019.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE SEARCH COMMITTEE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoints the following individuals to the Warren County Community College Trustee Search Committee for a one-year term:

Jodee Inscho  
164 Free Union Road  
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire: September 25, 2020

Robert Rokosz  
PO Box 817  
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Term to expire: September 25, 2020

Ellen M. Johnson Demeter  
87 Buckhorn Drive  
Washington, NJ 07882

Term to expire: September 25, 2020

Robert Glowacky  
W.C. Technical School  
1500 Route 57  
Washington, NJ 07882

Term to expire: September 25, 2020

Yvonne Plakotaris  
PO Box 127  
Stewartsville, NJ 08886

Term to expire: September 25, 2020

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner expressed appreciation for the volunteer service, noting Mr. Seng served for a long time and with distinction. He also thanked Mr. Pryor and the Trustee Search Committee.

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell, IV said he had two matters for Executive Session.

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County Engineer Bill Gleba provided an update on County Route 659 (Spring Valley Road) in Hardwick. He said the water had receded back to a level they consider normal. Nevertheless, the County will continue its pursuit of a long-term solution. Mr. Gleba's office was preparing to solicit quotes from consultants to do some aerial photography to gain a better understanding of what is occurring there. The funds allotted for this year for this purpose have been depleted, but he intended to reallocate funds remaining from other completed projects to try to continue moving forward in this endeavor. Mr. Sarnoski was pleased to hear it, suggesting the public be kept informed through social media.

Mr. Gleba anticipated completion of the Morrie's Acres bridge project within the tunnel soon - by the end of this week or next. It will reopen about six weeks ahead of schedule. The weather has been very cooperative.

Mr. Sarnoski asked if the weather has helped the Route 173 bridge project move along. Mr. Gleba didn't have details, but assumed so, as they were up out of the water now. It was still scheduled to reopen in March of 2020.

County Planner Dave Dech presented a stack of the latest recycling newsletter, emphasizing the Household Hazardous Waste Collection on September 29. Mr. Dech reported that the paper-shredding event held on September 14 took in 292 cars and just over 10,000 pounds of paper.

County CFO Kim Francisco was absent.

On Mr. Francisco's behalf, County Administrator Alex Lazorisak reported that the County's projected pension payment obligation for 2020 decreased by \$88,123 over the current year. An insurance surplus from last year in the amount of \$38,053 was received as well.

For his own report, Mr. Lazorisak had only the latest personnel vacancy report for review, and reminded everyone that Freeholder meetings will commence at 7:00 p.m. from October 9 through next April.

**FREEHOLDER COMMENTS**

Mr. Kern reported that the Technology & Transparency Task Force had a very successful meeting the prior week, after a bit of a hiatus. To allow for some of the recommendations that would require funding, Mr. Kern had advised directors of the I.T. and Public Information departments to request a few items in their 2020 budgets. The group will meet again in mid-October.

Governor Murphy had hosted a nonpartisan press event at Monmouth County earlier in the day, regarding various "Challenge Grants" and a Shared Services Coordinator Fellowship position in each county. This would entail hiring a young professional at about \$50,000 to act as a coordinator for one year, to help municipalities implement shared services, as well as within the county.

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Mr. Sarnoski inquired about how the hiring practice would work, particularly with regard to Civil Service. Mr. Kern surmised that as a temporary post, it was possible the candidate would be coming out of a graduate program. "The idea is to try to get someone in the county to be the lead to help the municipalities start talking about sharing services," Mr. Kern said.

Mr. Gardner thought that was great for some of the more urban counties, but pointed out that Warren County started sharing services several years ago - using road equipment as an example - with 17 or 18 municipalities having signed on. He thought the initiative has been going quite well, with municipalities having the ability to piggyback onto county contracts for salt or other materials in some cases. He thought a person to focus on obtaining grants would be more useful. Mr. Kern said that appeared to be part of the program, which he thought also coincided with the Path to Progress initiative to consolidate school districts.

Mr. Lazorisak agreed that this likely had a lot to do with the school systems. "And probably, as usual with shared services, it's always a battle over home rule," he said, and he thought the State was trying to get the concept off the ground by giving this incentive to the counties.

Mr. Gardner talked about having attended the first anniversary occasion at Southwest Library branch, which had a nice turnout, before heading up to the parade in Hope Township to mark its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He said it was a great celebration and the parade was fantastic, with some folks dressing up in period costumes. The keynote speaker was Bryon Grigsby, president of Moravian College, who provided a history lesson on how the Moravians settled Hope. "We really have a gem when we talk about the little Town of Hope in Warren County," Mr. Gardner said.

Mr. Gardner then took a moment to "vent" about what he considered "nonsense" with regard to an impeachment inquiry of our U.S. President. He thought it was a "political charade" and a waste of time and tax dollars. Mr. Gardner thought it was high time Congress got to work to solve issues that affect the American taxpayer.

Mr. Sarnoski reported on a meeting with the NJ DOT and NJ TPA relative to the intersection of Routes 519 and 57. He said there is a timeline, but we asked them to be aggressive to achieve those milestones, and put money forward instead of pushing it back. He said he would continue to apply pressure.

A meeting of the Addiction Task Force was to take place the following evening at the Washington Township Municipal Building. He said more than half the county is now Stigma-Free, with 14 municipalities having signed on to the initiative. He announced two upcoming workshops in the community: a forum on Stigma-Free at the Warren County Library Headquarters on October 12, and an Opioid Symposium at Centenary University on October 24.

On the topic of the Route 519/57 intersection, Mr. Gardner asked when the time comes, would the work done on the Morrie's Acres tunnel be ripped up? "Yes," said Mr. Gleba. "Don't worry, it will still be another four or five years," Mr. Sarnoski said.

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Lorraine Klein of White Township asked if the northbound lane was now going to be closed at the Morrie's Acres tunnel on Route 519. Mr. Gleba said no; the whole roadway will be opened once final inspections are complete. "That's great," Ms. Klein said. She also reported that the road had been repaired at the top of Roxburg Hill. That was news to Mr. Gleba. He had a feeling that was thanks to White Township.

There were no comments or questions from the press.

**RESOLUTION 495-19**

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 September 25, 2019.

**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 8:00 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: Covanta/PCFA Negotiations, AJSC Rivas Decision Re: Courtroom 2, Status of Prosecutors Motion for Reconsideration, Status of W.M./C.C./R.M. Litigation, Depositions, Bastedo eviction from county property, Sale of real property PCFA Subdivision.
- (2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining*: Items to be discussed include: Status of CWA 1071-TASS Negotiations and Unfair Labor Practice, Additional mediation results. AFSCME 3287 Negotiations, CWA 1071-Nurses – Negotiations, PBA Local 280 – Sheriff's Officers, FOP 170 – Corrections Supervisors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board shall disclose to the public, as soon as practicable, the contents of the discussions after the final disposition of the matters discussed.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in a meeting held on September 25, 2019.

Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board

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

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the Board adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 8:51 p.m.

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

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On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, and there being no further business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

**ATTESTED TO:**

**Alex J. Lazorisak, Clerk of the Board**