

These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on May 10, 2023. Full texts of resolutions appear at the end of this document.

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren met in Regular Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on February 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Ciesla and upon roll call, the following members were present: Commissioner Jason Sarnoski, Commissioner Deputy Director James Kern III and Commissioner Director Lori Ciesla. Also attending were County Administrator Alex Lazorisak, County Counsel Joe Bell, County CFO Kim Francisco, County Engineer Bill Gleba and Deputy Commissioner Clerk Tracy Matlock.

After leading the flag salute, Ms. Ciesla confirmed with the County Administrator that notice of this meeting was in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, the minutes of the Reorganization Session of January 1, 2023 were approved.
Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, the minutes of Executive Session of February 8, 2023 were approved.
Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla

PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 86-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.
Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 87-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY TAX LEVY LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK AS PER N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 88-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX LEVY CAP TO BE APPLIED TO THE 2023 COUNTY BUDGET.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 89-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND COUNTY PURPOSE TAX LEVY OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 90-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 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.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 91-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2023 COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND LEVY.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 92-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964".

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 93-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$15,732,321.00 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

Ms. Ciesla thanked everyone who put in all the hard work to formulate the budget, especially the department heads, CFO, and Mr. Kern and Mr. Sarnoski. We were able to get a good budget together and lower the tax rate for our residents.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 94-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR HUNTERDON COUNTY INMATES AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 95-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT GRANT TO HIRE SUMMER INTERNS IN THE YEAR 2024 FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$26,288.84.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 96-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DETOUR OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #623 (BRASS CASTLE ROAD), BY ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY, FOR GAS SYSTEM MAINTENANCE, TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 97-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NJ TRANSIT CORPORATION FOR SENIOR CITIZEN AND

DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$761,937.80 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 98-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARREN COUNTY AND CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR PROVISION OF A TWELVE HOUR INTOXICATED DRIVER’S RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM, WC2319R.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 99-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARREN COUNTY AND NEW HOPE INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL CARE CENTER FOR PROVISION OF A FORTY-EIGHT HOUR INTOXICATED DRIVER’S RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM, WC2320R.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 100-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM JAG 1-21TF-19, ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY TO INCORPORATE FUNDING AMOUNT OF \$42,862.00. WARREN COUNTY WILL PROVIDE A MATCH OF \$127,439.00 MAKING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THIS PROGRAM \$170,301.00.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 101-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT VS 121-19, WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 102-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BY-LAWS OF THE WARREN COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

Mr. Kern asked to introduce agenda item E10, proposed RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-3534, restricting ownership of agricultural land in the State by foreign governments and persons to protect New Jersey farmland from falling under control of hostile foreign agents.

Mr. Kern read proposed the resolution into the record. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-3534.

WHEREAS, Warren County recognizes that food security is national security; and

WHEREAS, there are rising concerns of foreign governments and persons acquiring American farmland; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that New Jersey farms are protected from falling under control of hostile foreign governments; and

WHEREAS, S-3534 would prohibit any foreign government or foreign person from acquiring, purchasing, or otherwise obtaining a legal, beneficial, or other interest in any agricultural land in the State on or after the bill's effective date, with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, "Foreign government" means any government other than the government of the United States or of its states, territories, possessions, or any political subdivision thereof; and

WHEREAS, "Foreign government" includes an agent, trustee, or fiduciary thereof, acting for a foreign government; and

WHEREAS, "Foreign person" means any individual who is not a citizen of the United States and is a nonresident alien or a resident alien of the United States or one of its states, territories, or possessions; any corporation, partnership, association, or other legal entity created under the laws of a foreign government; or any corporation, partnership, association, or other legal entity, created under the laws of the United States or any of its political subdivisions, the majority of the ownership of which is directly or indirectly held, legally or beneficially, by one or more foreign governments, by one or more foreign persons, by one or more legal entities created under the laws of a foreign government, or by any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, "Foreign person" includes an agent, trustee, or fiduciary thereof, acting for a foreign person; and

WHEREAS, S-3534 requires the Secretary of Agriculture, no more than 90 days after the effective date of the bill, and annually thereafter, to report to the Governor and the Legislature:

1. The total acreage of agricultural land in the State that is owned by foreign governments or foreign persons.
2. The percentage change in the amount on in-State agricultural land acreage owned by foreign governments or foreign persons, per year, over the preceding 10 years.
3. The top 10 nationalities of foreign governments or foreign persons owning agricultural land in the State, by total amount of acreage owned; and
4. The purposes for which agricultural land owned by foreign governments or foreign persons has been used in the preceding five years, and any significant changes or trends in the use of such land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby support S-3534, a bill introduced to the New Jersey State Senate on January 30, 2023 by Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt of District 23 and co-sponsored by Senator Michael L. Testa, Jr. of District 1, restricting ownership of agricultural land in the State by foreign governments and persons to protect New Jersey farmland from falling under control of hostile foreign agents.

RESOLUTION 103-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-3534.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

Mr. Kern commented New Jersey is known as the Garden State and we should be doing everything in our power to keep it that way. This Board has been long-committed to preserving our farmland and tackling the many challenges face the agriculture industry. This bill, sponsored by Senator Steinhardt, addresses a new threat to our farming community by foreign actors and it is vital that our land remains part of America’s food supply.

Mr. Sarnoski recommended the public have a chance to speak on behalf of the added resolution prior to the Board voting.

Mr. Sarnoski thanked Mr. Kern for bringing this to the Board. He said we know that foreign interest doesn’t always have the best interest of this United States of America in mind. The way for them to take our land is by purchasing it right out from under us. He strongly supports this resolution, we are an agriculture community and we do a good job with our agriculture. It’s an important vital part of our economy here in Warren County and in the northwest part of the state. We need this to make sure we keep it that way.

Ms. Ciesla said food security is national security and it's very important. Whether it in the case of war or like the pandemic we just went through, we need to be able to feed our own people. She applauds Senators Steinhardt and Testa for putting this together. As Commissioner Kern said, we are fighting really hard here in Warren County to preserve the farmland we have and yet, this is another threat. She thanked Commissioner Kern for reading the resolution into the record.

Ms. Ciesla opened the meeting up for public comment at this time to comment on the added resolution. Mr. Lazorisak asked who the Board wanted copies to go to besides the Secretary of Agriculture, the Governor, and our leaders in the 23rd and 24th Districts. The Board suggested to forward it to all the other counties in the state and all municipalities in Warren County.

Liza Thomas, Liberty Township, appreciates the Board's support but thinks it doesn't go far enough. In her opinion, we have to prevent people like Bill Gates, Black Rock, and any huge, financial companies from buying up our land.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION 104-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE RESURFACING AND REHABILITATION OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE #624 (BELVIDERE AVENUE) OXFORD TOWNSHIP, CONTRACT #WC2322.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION 105-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #3 FOR CONTRACT #WC2079FO-1 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES TO PERFORM FIELD INSPECTION AND LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGE STRUCTURE #05061 FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$6,070.00 AND REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$23,490.00.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 106-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE:

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2233C WITH NORWESCAP FOR THE CHILD AND FAMILY RESOURCE SERVICES (CFRS) PROGRAM DUE TO THE PROVIDER’S NOTICE OF TERMINATION FOR THIS PROGRAM.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 107-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND FOR COORDINATION EXPENSES OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMS; FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NJ GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE FOR A TOTAL OF \$105,194.00.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 108-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2301 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (NABOZNY PROPERTY) FOR FARMING FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024, WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS TO RIVER HOLLOW FARMS LLC, FOR ANNUAL RENT OF \$326.00 PER ACRE, TOTAL AMOUNT PER YEAR \$23,635.00.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 109-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2302 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (SINGLEY PROPERTY) FOR FARMING FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024, WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS TO LEONARD TRUSZKOWSKI, FOR ANNUAL RENT OF \$153.00 PER ACRE, TOTAL AMOUNT PER YEAR \$1,989.00.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 110-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2315R FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES, FOR THE CATHERINE DICKSON HOFMAN LIBRARY DRIVEWAY AND PARKING LOT REVISIONS TO FINELLI

CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., OF WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,950.00.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 111-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2321R FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE FOR THE CYBER VAN CONVERSION TO FIRST PRIORITY EMERGENCY VEHICLES, INC. OF MANCHESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$72,413.02.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 112-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO LUMEN CENTURYLINK BUSINESS SERVICES OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA FOR AVAYA IP PHONE INSTALLATION IN THE WAYNE DUMONT JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$35,865.80.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM HUNT FROM THE WARREN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 113-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD.

NIKITA HANSFORD – TERM TO EXPIRE: 06/30/25

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 114-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS.

APPOINT

JOHN G. TRONTIS – TERM TO EXPIRE: 01/01/25

REAPPOINT

MICHAEL HELBING – TERM TO EXPIRE: 01/01/28

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

RESOLUTION 115-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

EMILIO LOIS – ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE

ROB COLONTRELLE – INDUSTRY MEMBER

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

Ms. Ciesla thanked everyone who is being reappointed and thank those who are resigning.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joe Bell had no official report for this evening.

County Engineer Bill Gleba had no official report for this evening.

County Planner Dave Dech announced the upcoming paper shredding event will be held on June 24, 2023 at the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building.

Mr. Dech discussed correspondence received from New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) regarding the Scenic Byway from Waterloo Village down to Phillipsburg has been approved. The next step is to prepare a Corridor Management Plan with the Scenic Byway Committee.

County Public Works Director Emily Hammer had no official report for this evening.

County CFO Kim Francisco public hearings regarding the budget are scheduled to take place on March 22, 2023.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak had nothing to report this evening.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Sarnoski reported the I-80 sign letter is complete and will go out. He congratulated County Counsel on the birth of his grandson and referred to him as a new Warren County family member.

Mr. Kern also congratulated County Counsel. He congratulated the Oxford School District. He and Commissioner Sarnoski were there yesterday to see them shoot some archery. They continue to dominate in the field and it was great to watch them.

Ms. Ciesla went with Commissioner Sarnoski and Senators to the grand opening of the PSS Journey Bus. The bus will bring services to those who need it and can't get out. It brings things like diapers and things you might need. This is a great service to have available.

She attended her first Bi-centennial meeting. We're getting ramped up and will start to look for a planner. They will have a lot of great things planned.

She also gave a brief status of the broadband. There's a lot of money and they keep putting some structure into it. She is going to start meeting with mayors and community leaders.

The last thing Commissioner Ciesla commented on was to congratulate County Counsel for the birth of his grandson.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Liza Thomas of Liberty Township asked the Board, in reference to ESG, "Do you know what this is? It will be crashing down." Commissioner Sarnoski asked Ms. Thomas to forward any resolution she may have that other governments have passed.

Linda Hendershot of White Township came before the Board asking about a letter from White Township or Mr. Jaindl's attorney about the Foul Rift situation. She referenced an article from The Express-Times newspaper. She thinks the Board wanted the road reconstructed further down, near the Red Wolf. It was noted the article

was inaccurate. County Administrator Alex Lazorisak sat in on a meeting with our professionals and we did not tell them where to put that road. We will meet with White Township and work on a plan. Commissioners were not present at that meeting with the Jaindl's. Ms. Hendershot, asked if anything can be done to preserve that farm land. The Commissioners replied a willing seller, the Board has given an offer in years past and the offer was not accepted. Ms. Hendershot expressed her concerns for residents and students traveling in this area. Mr. Lazorisak stated, due to the active application before the Warren County Planning Board, the Commissioner Board is not the appropriate Board to be discussing the issue. County Counsel concurred. Ms. Hendershot thanked the Board for hearing her out.

Tara Mezzanotte I80 DWG Coalition, made the Board aware of the next steps with the S-Curve, I-80/611, now called the I-80/611/Delaware Water Gap Transportation Corridor Study. PA Presentative Rosemary Brown is writing a letter to Congresswoman Wild. There will be a meeting on March 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m., in Upper Mount Bethel Township.

PRESS COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 116-23

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 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 6:24 p.m.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, the board adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 6:55 p.m.

Recorded vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded Mr. Kern, and there being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building
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RESOLUTION 86-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2023-6 and 2023-7 dated February 22, 2023**, in the amount of **\$3,449,652.98** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of County Commissioners.

2023-6	2/15/2023	\$784,570.33	
2023-7	2/22/2023	<u>1,254,355.11</u>	
TOTAL			\$2,038,925.44
Delta Dental	2/10/2023	\$38,251.14	
TOTAL-OTHER			38,251.14
Payroll, including Uniform Pay	2/9/2023	\$1,372,476.40	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,372,476.40</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$3,449,652.98</u>

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building
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RESOLUTION 87-23

**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 County Commissioners of the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 budget by up to 3.5%, subject to certain exceptions, over the previous year's final county tax levy, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that a one percent increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ **595,941** 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 County Commissioners 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 County Commissioners of the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2023 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%, amounting to \$ **595,941** and that the CY 2023 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.

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RESOLUTION 88-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX LEVY CAP TO
BE APPLIED TO THE 2023 COUNTY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the County introduced its 2023 County Budget on February 22, 2023, which is scheduled for adoption by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners on March 22, 2023, 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 County Commissioners; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners 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 2023 Budget.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**
Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building
165 County Route 519 South
Belvidere, NJ 07823

RESOLUTION 89-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND
COUNTY PURPOSE TAX LEVY OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the following statements of revenues and appropriations herein set forth shall constitute the County Budget for the year 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a summary of said budget shall be published in the Star-Ledger in the issue of March 8, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners 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 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners 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 2023 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2023

Total Appropriations	\$ 106,019,850.24
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 30,519,850.24
Amount to be Raised by Taxation – County Purpose Tax	\$ 75,500,000.00

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 90-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 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 County Commissioners 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 \$4,720,000.00 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	\$ 1,253,392.00
State Aid	\$ 46,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	\$ 88,000.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	<u>\$ 4,720,000.00</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$ 6,107,392.00</u>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

General Appropriations	
Operations Including Contingent	\$ 4,463,134.00
Capital Improvements	<u>\$ 1,644,258.00</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 6,107,392.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33-9, the sum of \$4,720,000.00 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 County Commissioners 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 8, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners 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 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Wayne

Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 So., Belvidere (White Township), New Jersey. Public comments on the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2023 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, the resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023:

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

DATED: February 22, 2023	RECORDED VOTE:	Mr. Sarnoski	Yes
		Mr. Kern	Yes
		Ms. Ciesla	Yes

On motion by _____, seconded by _____ the resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 22, 2023:

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION ON SECOND READING

DATED: March 22, 2023	ROLL CALL:	Mr. Sarnoski
		Mr. Kern
		Ms. Ciesla

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building
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Belvidere, NJ 07823

RESOLUTION 91-23

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2023 COUNTY FARMLAND
PRESERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND LEVY**

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1993, the County, pursuant to a ballot question, created a dedicated tax in the amount of 2 cents per \$100.00 of County equalized real property for the County Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, said dedicated tax was increased by an additional 2 cents per \$100.00 of the county equalized real property on the November 2, 1999 election to assess up to a maximum of 4 cents per \$100.00 of the total County equalized real property valuation, and that the County would annually determine the rate to be levied, which could not exceed the maximum of 4 cents per \$100.00 of total County equalized real property valuation; and

WHEREAS, said dedicated tax was increased again by an additional 2 cents per \$100.00 of the county equalized real property on the November 5, 2002 election to assess up to a maximum of 6 cents per \$100.00 of the total County equalized real property valuation, and that the County would annually determine the rate to be levied, which could not exceed the maximum of 6 cents per \$100.00 of total County equalized real property valuation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have reviewed the proposed 2023 expenditures from the Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund, and have determined that the amount of **2.0 cents** per \$100.00 of County equalized real property valuation will be sufficient to assist the Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Program in the County of Warren for the year 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby approves a 2023 levy of **2.0 cents** of County equalized real property valuation pursuant to the County Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust fund established in November, 1993, modified in November, 1999, and modified again in November, 2002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby certifies to the Warren County Board of Taxation, the 2023 Warren County Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund levy in the amount of **2.0 cents** per \$100.00 of the County equalized real property valuation, which is estimated to provide a levy of \$2,677,846.00

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 92-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held on February 22, 2023.

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S
"Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment
Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the dated above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE**

RESOLUTION 93-23

NUMBER 2023-A

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$15,732,321.00
FROM THE WARREN COUNTY GENERAL CAPITAL
FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 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 \$12,732,321.00 from the General Capital Improvement Fund and \$3,000,000.00 from the Library 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	\$ 511,594.00
(2)	Road and Drainage Improvements Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county roads and intersections.	\$ 1,260,000.00
(3)	Bridge and Culvert Improvements Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county bridges and culverts	\$ 1,200,000.00
(4)	Equipment and Furnishings Acquisition of office, communications, safety & security, maintenance equipment, furniture & furnishings, and computer hardware and software	\$ 1,188,977.00
(5)	Buildings & Grounds Improvements Design, construct or renovate and improve various county facilities	\$ 1,948,900.00
(6)	Specialty Vehicles and Maintenance and Construction Equipment Trucks, snowplows, sanders, tractors, mowers, and maintenance and heavy construction equipment	\$ 1,330,000.00
(7)	New Building and Land Acquisitions	\$ <u>8,292,850.00</u>
		\$ <u>15,732,321.00</u>

Section 2(B). The maximum amount of money to be appropriated for said purposes is \$15,732,321.00 no part of which is to be borrowed.

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

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

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be published, together with a Notice of Introduction thereof and of the Date of Final Passage in the manner provided by law. Final Passage is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM., in the Commissioners 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 County Commissioners, 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.

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Kern, the resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023:

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

DATED: February 22, 2023	RECORDED VOTE:	Mr. Sarnoski	Yes
		Mr. Kern	Yes
		Ms. Ciesla	Yes

On motion by _____, seconded by _____ Capital Improvement Ordinance 2023-A was adopted on the second reading by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 22, 2023:

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION XXX-23 ON SECOND READING DATED: March 22, 2023

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarnoski, Mr. Kern, Ms. Ciesla

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the dates above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 94-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF WARREN AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON TO
PROVIDE HOUSING FOR HUNTERDON COUNTY INMATES AT THE WARREN COUNTY
CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

WHEREAS, the County of Warren and the County of Hunterdon previously entered into a Shared Services Contract for the housing of Hunterdon County adult correctional inmates at the Warren County Correctional Center; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Contract provided for an initial term of three (3) years, with the option for a subsequent extension upon mutual agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren and the County of Hunterdon have agreed to extend the term of the Shared Services Contract, as amended and which is incorporated herein by reference, for an additional one (1) year and, as amended, to provide for the agreed upon rate increase and other modifications to the terms and conditions reflected therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Commissioner Director and County Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Contract, and any accompanying documents as may be necessary to consummate the same, with the County of Hunterdon on behalf of the County of Warren for the provision of housing for Hunterdon County adult correctional inmates at the Warren County Correctional Center for an additional one (1) year term and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 95-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
A HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT GRANT
TO HIRE SUMMER INTERNS IN THE YEAR 2024 FOR
THE AMOUNT OF \$26,288.84**

WHEREAS, there is funding available under a Highway Traffic Safety Project Grant with the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for Safety Construction and Operational Improvements; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County of Warren to apply for said funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board and the Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in order to effectuate the Highway Traffic Safety Project Grant with the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety to hire summer interns in the amount of **\$26,288.84** for the project period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 96-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DETOUR OF
A PORTION OF COUNTY ROUTE # 623 (BRASS CASTLE ROAD),
BY ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY,
FOR GAS SYSTEM MAINTENANCE,
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, the Elizabethtown Gas Company has requested permission to detour a portion of County Route #623 (Brass Castle Road) from Windemere Terrace to Long Hill Avenue (segments at a time as deemed necessary) in the Township of Washington, for a period of approximately **one day** during regular daily weekday work hours tentatively to commence in March 2023 (as scheduling and weather permit) for gas main maintenance work covered by County Highway Access and Construction Permit #22064.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby approve the closing of a portion of County Route # 623 (Brass Castle Road) from Windemere Terrace to Long Hill Avenue in the Township of Washington, for a period of approximately **one day** or until such time as the replacement work is complete, with the following conditions:

1. An acceptable detour plan prepared by a NJ Licensed Professional Engineer and submitted by the Elizabethtown Gas Company for review by the County Engineer.
2. Access is maintained at all times for local businesses, residents and emergency services in the vicinity of the project area with notification provided in advance.
3. All barricades, detours and traffic control signs shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Control Devices.
4. Police supervision of any necessary traffic control of the road and handling of safety shall be provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Township of Washington Clerk and Police Department.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 97-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**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 \$761,937.80 FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023**

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2022, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners approved the 2023 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program (SCDRTAP) application through the NJ Transit Corporation; and

WHEREAS, NJ Transit has approved the 2023 Warren County SCDRTAP application with anticipated funding of \$761,937.80.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners 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 2023 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program funds for a total of \$761,937.80.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 98-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WARREN COUNTY AND CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR
PROVISION OF A TWELVE HOUR INTOXICATED DRIVER'S RESOURCE CENTER
PROGRAM, WC2319R**

WHEREAS, the County of Warren (hereinafter "the County") and Camden County Community College (hereinafter "the College") have agreed to enter into an Agreement (hereinafter the "Agreement") for a joint Intoxicated Driver's Resource Center (hereinafter "IDRC"); and

WHEREAS, the College currently maintains and operates an IDRC for residents of Camden and other Counties; and

WHEREAS, the County is no longer able to offer its residents access to an in-county IDRC and desires to enter into a shared services agreement with the College to provide necessary twelve (12) hour IDRC services; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.) authorizes and empowers the County and the College to enter into an Agreement for the purposes of having the College provide and IDRC and the related services as required under N.J.S.A. 39:4-50(f); and

WHEREAS, the County and the College desire to enter into an Agreement wherein the College shall provide the necessary services to the County at no expense to the County, and with all requisite fees paid directly to the College; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this Agreement shall remain on file and available for public inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Administrator to execute a Shared Services Agreement between Warren County and Camden County Community College for the operation and maintenance of a twelve (12) hour Intoxicated Driver Resource Center program.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be true of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 99-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARREN COUNTY
AND NEW HOPE INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL CARE CENTER FOR
PROVISION OF A FORTY-EIGHT HOUR INTOXICATED DRIVER'S
RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM, WC2320R**

WHEREAS, the County of Warren (hereinafter "the County") and New Hope Integrated Behavioral Care Center (hereinafter "NHIBHC") have agreed to enter into an Agreement (hereinafter the "Agreement") for a joint Intoxicated Driver's Resource Center (hereinafter "IDRC"); and

WHEREAS, the NHIBHC currently maintains and operates an IDRC for residents of Camden and other Counties; and

WHEREAS, the County is no longer able to offer its residents access to an in-county IDRC and desires to enter into a shared services agreement with the NHIBHC to provide necessary forty-eight (48) hour IDRC services; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.) authorizes and empowers the County and the NHIBHC to enter into an Agreement for the purposes of having the NHIBHC provide and IDRC and the related services as required under N.J.S.A. 39:4-50(f); and

WHEREAS, the County and the NHIBHC desire to enter into an Agreement wherein the NHIBHC shall provide the necessary services to the County at no expense to the County, and with all requisite fees paid directly to the NHIBHC; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this Agreement shall remain on file and available for public inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Administrator to execute a Shared Services Agreement between Warren County and New Hope Integrated Behavioral Care Center for the operation and maintenance of a forty-eight (48) hour Intoxicated Driver Resource Center program.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be true of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 100-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held on February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND PARTICIPATION
WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM JAG 1-21TF-19,
ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW
AND PUBLIC SAFETY TO INCORPORATE FUNDING AMOUNT OF \$42,862.00.
WARREN COUNTY WILL PROVIDE A MATCH OF \$127,439.00
MAKING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THIS PROGRAM \$170,301.00**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$42,862.00 for a project under the Federal Grant Program, with a county match of \$127,439.00. The award period is July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners in the County of Warren 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that:

1. As a matter of public policy the Warren County Prosecutor's Office wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Office of the Attorney General Department of Law and Public Safety.
2. The Office of the Attorney General Department of Law and Public Safety has allocated funds dedicated for the purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren authorizes the Commissioner Director to execute the Governing Body Resolution as required to validate the application.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 101-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT VS 121-19, WITH THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE
OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

WHEREAS, Warren County is authorized to accept the Subaward of \$144,000.00. With a match of \$36,000.00. For an approximate project total cost of \$180,000.00 for a project under the State of New Jersey County SANE/SART Program VS-121-19; Grant Period 10/1/22 to 9/30/23; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners agrees to provide in-kind matching funds up to \$36,000.00. Pursuant to the match requirements for the grant.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

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165 County Route 519 South
Belvidere, New Jersey 07823

RESOLUTION 102-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BY-LAWS OF THE
WARREN COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) approved its first set of by-laws on August 6, 1998 and then amended them on April 5, 2001 and February 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the SWAC approved amendments to its by-laws at its June 2, 2022 meeting; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the by-laws reduce the number of scheduled meetings per year from 6 to 4 meetings, provides for alternates for Council members who represent the environmental sector and represent those engaged in the collection, processing, or disposal of solid waste, changes “Freeholder(s)” to “Commissioner(s)” ; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the SWAC by-laws, the bylaws to not become effective until they are approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the Solid Waste Advisory Council by-laws dated June 2, 2022.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 103-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-3534

WHEREAS, Warren County recognizes that food security is national security; and

WHEREAS, there are rising concerns of foreign governments and persons acquiring American farmland; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that New Jersey farms are protected from falling under control of hostile foreign governments; and

WHEREAS, S-3534 would prohibit any foreign government or foreign person from acquiring, purchasing, or otherwise obtaining a legal, beneficial, or other interest in any agricultural land in the State on or after the bill's effective date, with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, "Foreign government" means any government other than the government of the United States or of its states, territories, possessions, or any political subdivision thereof; and

WHEREAS, "Foreign government" includes an agent, trustee, or fiduciary thereof, acting for a foreign government; and

WHEREAS, "Foreign person" means any individual who is not a citizen of the United States and is a nonresident alien or a resident alien of the United States or one of its states, territories, or possessions; any corporation, partnership, association, or other legal entity created under the laws of a foreign government; or any corporation, partnership, association, or other legal entity, created under the laws of the United States or any of its political subdivisions, the majority of the ownership of which is directly or indirectly held, legally or beneficially, by one or more foreign governments, by one or more foreign persons, by one or more legal entities created under the laws of a foreign government, or by any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, "Foreign person" includes an agent, trustee, or fiduciary thereof, acting for a foreign person; and

WHEREAS, S-3534 requires the Secretary of Agriculture, no more than 90 days after the effective date of the bill, and annually thereafter, to report to the Governor and the Legislature:

1. The total acreage of agricultural land in the State that is owned by foreign governments or foreign persons.
2. The percentage change in the amount on in-State agricultural land acreage owned by foreign governments or foreign persons, per year, over the preceding 10 years.
3. The top 10 nationalities of foreign governments or foreign persons owning agricultural land in the State, by total amount of acreage owned; and

4. The purposes for which agricultural land owned by foreign governments or foreign persons has been used in the preceding five years, and any significant changes or trends in the use of such land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby support S-3534, a bill introduced to the New Jersey State Senate on January 30, 2023 by Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt of District 23 and co-sponsored by Senator Michael L. Testa, Jr. of District 1, restricting ownership of agricultural land in the State by foreign governments and persons to protect New Jersey farmland from falling under control of hostile foreign agents.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 104-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS
AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR
THE RESURFACING AND REHABILITATION OF A PORTION OF
COUNTY ROUTE #624 (BELVIDERE AVENUE)
OXFORD TOWNSHIP**

CONTRACT #WC2322

BE IT RESOLVED that the plans and specifications for Contract #WC2322 for the Resurfacing & Rehabilitation of a portion of Warren County Route #624 (Belvidere Avenue), Oxford Township are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the above project at least 10 days prior to the receipt of bids in

THE STAR-LEDGER

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

ADVERTISING DATE – TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED – THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023

AWARD DATE – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 105-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #3 FOR
CONTRACT # WC2079FO-1 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES
TO PERFORM FIELD INSPECTION AND LOAD RATINGS
FOR BRIDGE STRUCTURE #05061 FOR A NET INCREASE OF \$6,070.00
AND REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$23,490.00**

WHEREAS, the County has received Qualification Statements for Contract #WC2079FO for Bridge and Culvert Survey, Design, and Permitting; and

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

WHEREAS, bridge structure #05061 needs to be field inspected and load rated for a net increase of \$6,070.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in accounts 0419A307 5064 and 0420A305 5064 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. Hereby approving Contract Modification #3 with Van Cleef Engineering Associates of Phillipsburg, NJ for the above project for a net increase of \$6,070.00 and a revised contract amount of \$23,490.00.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 106-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2233C WITH NORWESCAP FOR THE CHILD AND FAMILY RESOURCE SERVICES (CFRS) PROGRAM DUE TO THE PROVIDER'S NOTICE OF TERMINATION FOR THIS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, NORWESCAP was awarded the Contract WC2233C for a period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 for the Child and Family Resource Services by Resolution #471-22 on October 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the award of funds for this program was \$57,000.00 through the JJC for the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services received notice from NORWESCAP on February 3, 2023 regarding the termination of funding for the Child and Family Resource Services Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren do hereby amend the award for Contract WC2233C with NORWESCAP and accept the notice of termination of the Child and Family Resource Services program.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 107-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS
AND FOR COORDINATION EXPENSES OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMS;
FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NJ GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL
ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE FOR A TOTAL OF \$105,194.00.**

WHEREAS, the NJ Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug abuse has made available to Warren County a total of \$105,194.00 for substance abuse prevention and education programs provided by local municipal alliances and for coordination expenses of municipal alliance programs; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration, has prepared the FY' 2024 Municipal Alliance Strategic Plan for use of these funds, which has been approved by the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) and the County Alliance Steering Subcommittee (CASS).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners approves the FY' 2024 Municipal Alliance Strategic Plan for anticipated funding of \$105,194.00 from the NJ Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for prevention and educational substance abuse programs by various municipal alliance programs and for coordination expenses of municipal alliance programs.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 108-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2301 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (NABOZNY PROPERTY) FOR FARMING FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024, WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS TO RIVER HOLLOW FARMS LLC, FOR ANNUAL RENT OF \$326.00 PER ACRE, TOTAL AMOUNT PER YEAR \$23,635.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC2301 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in Franklin and Greenwich Townships, identified as Block 39, Lot 1 and Block 15, Lot 4, approximately 72.50 total acres is hereby awarded

to... River Hollow Farms LLC, Stewartsville, New Jersey

annual rent of \$326.00 per acre for a total amount of \$23,635.00

as per her bid submitted February 7, 2023

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 County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 109-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2302 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (SINGLEY PROPERTY) FOR FARMING FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024, WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS TO LEONARD TRUSZKOWSKI, FOR ANNUAL RENT OF \$153.00 PER ACRE, TOTAL AMOUNT PER YEAR \$1,989.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract WC2302 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in Franklin Township, identified as Block 18, Lot 19, approximately 13 total acres is hereby awarded

to... Leonard Truskowski, Stewartville, New Jersey

annual rent of \$153.00 per acre for a total amount of \$1,989.00

as per her bid submitted February 7, 2023

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 County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 110-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2315R FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES, FOR THE CATHERINE DICKSON HOFMAN LIBRARY DRIVEWAY AND PARKING LOT REVISIONS TO FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., OF WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,950.00

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of an Engineer to provide engineering and surveying services on the above mentioned property; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 153906/5062

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

1. The agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc., of Washington, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$18,950.00 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 County Commissioners 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.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 111-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2321R FOR THE WARREN
COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR THE CYBER VAN
CONVERSION TO FIRST PRIORITY EMERGENCY
VEHICLES, INC. OF MANCHESTER, NEW JERSEY
IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$72,413.02**

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a contract for the Cyber Van Conversion for the Warren County Prosecutor's Office as outlined in the proposal ; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) et. seq.) requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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

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

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

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

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a contract to First Priority Emergency Vehicles Inc. of Manchester, New Jersey for services for the above project, at a cost not to exceed \$72,413.02 per letter of agreement which is on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing and is made a part hereof by reference.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services defined cannot reasonably be described by written specifications to assure that the qualitative and quantitative assessment of the problems involved, which require expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor are obtained.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Ledger.

Funding for this contract is provided in accounts 0418A601-5050/0419A602-5050/312758-5100 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 112-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO LUMEN CENTURYLINK
BUSINESS SERVICES OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA FOR AVAYA IP
PHONE INSTALLATION IN THE WAYNE DUMONT JR.
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY
INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT IN THE TOTAL
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$35,865.80**

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a purchase order for Avaya IP phone installation provide for the in the Wayne Dumont Jr., Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd) is an exception and requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to Lumen CenturyLink Business Services for Avaya IP phone installation for the Wayne Dumont Jr., Administration Building

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren as follows:

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a purchase order to Lumen CenturyLink Business Solution of Phoenix, Arizona.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Exception" in accordance with 40A:11-5(dd) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services provided are for proprietary computer hardware and software maintenance.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the The Star-Ledger.

Funding for this contract is provided in capital account 0421A405/5058

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 113-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following individual to the Warren County Mental Health Board.

Nikita Hansford
637 S. Main Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
Consumer/Advocate

Term to expire: 6/30/25

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak

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RESOLUTION 114-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO
THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:12-1, the following individuals shall be appointed or reappointed to the Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners:

Appoint:

John G. Trontis
80 Brass Castle Harmony Road
Washington, NJ 07882
Term: 5 years

Term to expire: 1/01/25

Reappoint:

Michael Helbing
3 South Prospect Street
Washington, NJ 07882
Term: 5 years

Term to expire: 1/01/28

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
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RESOLUTION 115-23

On a motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
WARREN COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoints, under the recommendation of Allamuchy, the following individual to the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council to replace Jake Little; and

Representing Township of Allamuchy
Emilio Lois
PO Box A
Allamuchy, NJ 07820

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoints, Rob Colontrelle (LMR Disposal) to the Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Council as the Second Industry Member.

Second Industry Representative
Rob Colontrelle
P.O. Box 309
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 116-23

On motion by **Mr. Sarnoski**, seconded by **Mr. Kern**, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held on February 22, 2023.

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners 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: Status of C.C./R.M. Litigation, Jeffress Litigation and Selective Litigation.
- (2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining*: Items to be discussed include: Status of labor negotiations with PBA 280 – Sheriff Officers.

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.

RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Kern yes, Ms. Ciesla yes

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date above mentioned.

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak