MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

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 26, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Chamberlain and upon roll call, the following members were present: Freeholder Everett Chamberlain, Freeholder Richard Gardner and Freeholder Jason Sarnoski. Also attending were County Engineer Dave Hicks, CFO Charles Houck, County Counsel Joseph J. Bell and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Chamberlain.

Director Chamberlain read the following statement: “ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2012 WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY FORWARDING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR-LEDGER, AND DAILY RECORD AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. IN ORDER TO ASSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING SHOULD SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.”

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the Minutes of the Regular Session held on September 12, 2012 were approved.
Recorded Vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Chamberlain abstained

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Minutes of the Executive Session held on September 12, 2012 were approved.
Recorded Vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Chamberlain abstained

PROCLAMATION 496-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH, OCTOBER 2012

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities affect every aspect of life in America today including the economy, social problem solving, job creation, education, creativity and community enhancement; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of 42 national arts and humanities organizations representing over 23,000 cultural organizations have formed the National Cultural Alliance to develop a multi-year public awareness campaign on the availability and importance of the humanities and arts to all Americans; and
WHEREAS, these 23,000 cultural organizations and many thousands of other cultural organizations as well as the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the nation’s 5,800 local arts agencies, the state humanities councils and the state arts agencies of the 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions and the President of the United States will be encouraged to participate in this celebration and in the public awareness campaign; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has been designated by President Barack Obama as National Arts and Humanities Month; all residents of Warren County are urged to participate in the fun and enrichment of the programs offered by their local museums, galleries, schools and theaters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders do hereby proclaim that National Arts and Humanities Month shall be officially celebrated and commemorated in Warren County during the month of October 2012.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Gardner said it is obviously important to every community to be aware of culture with the arts and humanities playing a major role throughout the generations. He said we’re blessed in Warren County to have such a large number of volunteers that get involved to help promote various pursuits and activities. It’s tough for small government to fund all we’d like to do, Mr. Gardner said, so he was grateful for the volunteers that serve on commissions and boards. He particularly thanked Arts Coordinator Dennis Austin for his efforts.

Mr. Sarnoski said he was in complete agreement. As an engineer, he said his skills tend to use more of the left side of the brain rather than the artistic side, but thank God we have a lot of people in Warren County who are artistically gifted. Our local talent is amazing, he said. It is important for arts and humanities to remain a prominent part of our culture.

Mr. Chamberlain was in agreement as well. Arts and humanities provide wellness in our lives, mentally and physically. He said he enjoys frequenting museums and art shows with his wife. He thanked Dennis Austin for the wonderful work he does, particularly for coordinating the Summer Concert Series at Shippen Manor.

As Mr. Austin accepted the proclamation, he said it is thanks for the foresight and wisdom on the part of the Freeholder Board that we are able to present the free concerts. Due to the Freeholders’ support, Mr. Austin said he is able to write grants and receive funding from the Council for the Arts which has no impact on property taxes. The funds come from levies on the tourism trade. And regarding local talent, he urged everyone to look at the redware pottery on display that was crafted by Rae Tamashausky of Oxford. Mr. Austin was grateful for the recognition and support.
On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following proclamation was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

**DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH, OCTOBER 2012**

**WHEREAS,** the month of October each year is designated nationally as “Disability Awareness Month” to celebrate and recognize the capabilities and contributions of persons with a disability; and

**WHEREAS,** the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders recognize that disability does not diminish the entitlement of any individual to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make personal choices, contribute to society and to experience the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society; and

**WHEREAS,** family members, friends and community members not only play a vital role in enhancing the lives of individuals with disability, but have their own lives enhanced by individuals with a disability; and

**WHEREAS,** the County of Warren through the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging & Disability Services and its Advisory Council on Disabilities strives to create awareness and opportunities which provide disabled residents and their caregivers the options and support needed to exercise their full rights as citizens in every component of our society and our County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby proclaim October, 2012 as DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH in Warren County.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Sarnoski said it’s very important for us to pass this proclamation to recognize those residents who, though they go through life with disabilities, they’re not unable to achieve things any other person can. Our Human Services Department does a great job of making sure these people lead lives as full and complete as possible.

Mr. Gardner said we’re very fortunate that today, those with disabilities are no longer limited the way they may have been 40 years ago. This population serves on committees and boards and so on and plays a vital role in making all of our lives better. Mr. Gardner commended the Human Services Department and Aging & Disabilities Division Director Susan Lennon for advocacy on behalf of those with disabilities.

Mr. Chamberlain said he has worked with a number of people with multiple disabilities and has been astounded at their accomplishments in business and other areas. It’s inspiring the way they are able to do more with less. Programs like the Wounded Warrior Program are fascinating.

Susan Lennon accepted the proclamation and thanked the Freeholders for allowing what was formerly Warren County’s Division of Aging to become the first Aging & Disability Resource
Connection (ADRC) in New Jersey. This enabled us to bring in a lot of resources for our residents. She advised the crowd not to be tempted to park in handicap parking spaces even for a moment unless they are disabled because that spot is then being taken away from someone who truly needs it. You can’t always tell at a glance what people may be afflicted with, including our returning veterans.

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)

Joe Steele of Mount Bethel, PA and President of AFSCME Local 671-Supervisors Union, approached the Board regarding Warren Haven. He was referring to Item E1 on the agenda, a resolution to approve preparations for going out to bid for laundry, housekeeping and food service at the facility. Mr. Steele said he was disappointed to see this on the agenda, but did understand the economic reasons behind it. Times are tough and budgets are tough, he said. It’s not good for anyone. He said a lot of things have occurred at Warren Haven over the years that the public is unaware of such as taking care of Meals on Wheels, Human Services for the elderly and disabled, The Arc, Visiting Homemakers, Abilities … community care projects were implemented in many ways over the years through Warren Haven. Mr. Steele said he thought it was sad that we have to attack the services that the elderly and disabled of this county need so dearly. He urged the Board to seriously consider not privatizing these departments, saying the kind of service and care currently provided would not be matched by employees outside this county.

Next to come before the Freeholders on the same topic was Elaine Reichart of White Township. She said this is like déjà vu from 2009 all over again. Two or three years ago, she and others from the Tea Party had addressed the Board when she said the deficit for the taxpayers was $300,000. Now, it’s $3 million. At Warren Haven, she didn’t think the problem was the rank and file but rather, the administration. If you’re going to do anything to Warren Haven, Ms. Reichart said, her suggestion would be to find a different administrator that can turn the nursing home around. There are probably a lot of ideas among those here tonight; most of these folks either have family there or work there. She thought they could perhaps come up with some kind of workable solution that satisfies the need of the Freeholders to manage Warren Haven in a manner that best benefits the taxpayers while at the same time, protects the most vulnerable elderly population and also keeps a livable wage and decent work environment for those who are employed there. “There has to be a way,” she said.

Ms. Reichart requested that the Board hold a public hearing before voting on matters such as this. Let the public comment and make suggestions on how to save taxpayer dollars and keep the integrity of Warren Haven. Not for the first time, Ms. Reichart was critical of how little information is included on the agendas for Freeholder Board meetings. She requested the full resolutions be posted online prior to the meetings so the public can know what’s being voted on. She said that would be good, transparent government.

Mr. Gardner said as President of NJAC this year, this is our lead issue. The few county nursing homes that are left are facing real crisis. Many counties have sold off their nursing homes. The Legislature keeps cutting Medicaid reimbursements and we’re bound by a two percent
spending CAP. He said he would be attending an NJAC meeting later in the week. He hoped the counties that are left could work together, but we are really faced with a tough situation.

Regarding the call for a public hearing, Mr. Sarnoski said having the matter on the agenda is putting it out for public discussion. “I want to hear from the public; I want to hear from these people,” he said. While he thought the workers were doing a fine job and understood they are part of what a wonderful facility we have in Warren Haven, but our situation now is untenable. “We are past the crossroads where if we want to maintain a nursing home facility at all in the next few years, we have to make changes or else we won’t have anywhere for our patients to go,” He said, adding that this was far from the first time this topic has been raised. It has been talked about extensively, particularly during budget season for the last two years. We’ve already made some changes and this is another step in a process that is an effort to save the nursing home.

Ms. Reichart noted she and others attended budget sessions in the Year 2009 and questioned a number of Warren Haven’s expenditures at that time. “Two and a half million dollars’ worth?” Mr. Sarnoski said. Ms. Reichart ignored him and said in her opinion, the administration should have known budget woes were on the way and their budget should have been amended back then. “Maybe you’re looking at the wrong people to cut,” she said. She then repeatedly requested a public hearing on the matter.

Mr. Sarnoski continued to emphasize that this is a public forum in which participation is encouraged and the subject has been discussed extensively at many public meetings. This resolution is only a stop gap. In terms of the big picture and the ultimate fate of Warren Haven, he agreed there had to be a much larger discussion.

Mr. Gardner said he would rather see a specific task force formed just to study Warren Haven. He didn’t see a town hall forum being particularly fruitful. Mr. Sarnoski said he had no problem with that. He said the task force should be comprised of professionals with a very specific goal.

Mr. Chamberlain said what sustains all governmental departments, programs and agencies are tax dollars. It’s deciding where the tax dollars are spent. He then gave Ms. Reichart his own copy of the resolution she had asked to see.

Union Representative Paul Schroeder of Hamilton then approached the Board on behalf of the folks who work at Warren Haven. He said while there have been rumors and talk for years, this is the first time he has seen anything in writing with regards to privatizing certain units. As far as he knew, no one had spoken to any of the unionized employees seeking ideas or suggestions. Mr. Schroeder said, “I myself have not heard anything; the President of the union, Tracy Smith, has not heard anything; I guess my first question here would be: Why wouldn’t you speak to us?”

He said we live in the State of New Jersey and we understand that things are very tough economically and the governor has a very strict budget, but that doesn’t mean that we can’t work together to try to find a resolution for this situation so that our people can still stay employed. Mr.
Schroeder went on to characterize the atmosphere and relationships at Warren Haven as that of a family. He said you won’t get that level of caring out of someone who would come in for minimum wage. Yes, you’re paying a little more, but you’re getting better quality. As a union rep, Mr. Schroeder asked that the Freeholders meet with them to discuss ways to possibly avoid privatizing these jobs. Regarding having a task force, he said the union would obviously like to be involved in that.

Dale Mullikin of Lower Mount Bethel, PA was next to come before the Freeholders. He said he was all for the task force. He said there are many ways to save on your budget at the end of the year. He thought department heads had a “use it or lose it” mind set and they wouldn’t spend all the money in their budgets if they were promised it wouldn’t be cut the following year. He said you’d be surprised how much money would be turned back to the County. “You’re telling me people are wasting taxpayer dollars?” Mr. Chamberlain said. “Get out there and walk around. Yes,” Mr. Mullikin answered. He went on to say how much the employees care about the residents of Warren Haven and that level of care cannot be found in a private nursing home.

Mr. Sarnoski said we’ve done our best to maintain our nursing home while many other counties’ have fallen. As they fall, it puts those of us left in a weaker position.

Shirley of Belvidere then addressed the Board. She said she has relatives and family in Warren Haven. A very enjoyable carnival was held there recently. She said the Freeholders should have been there to see it. Shirley said she reads the paper so she knows the County has money to buy farms and libraries. People get excellent care in Warren Haven. Regarding privatizing it, Shirley said we’re not going to let it happen.

Mr. Chamberlain than ked everyone very much for making comments and providing input and said the Freeholder Board would take all those things into consideration.

**RESOLUTION 498-12**

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

**RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS**

On motion by **Mr. Gardner**, seconded by **Mr. Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held September 26, 2012.

**Be and it is hereby resolved** that Master Voucher Certificate *For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2012-37 and 2012-38, dated September 26, 2012*, in the amount of **$3,709,741.52**, including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.
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2012-37  9/19/12  $ 779,670.36
2012-38  9/26/12  1,356,912.33
TOTAL                     $ 2,136,582.69

Wire Transfer: Open Space
MCCTFC Highland Scotts Mountain  88,750.00

Payroll  9/20/12  $ 1,484,408.83
Subsistence  9/20/12  -
TOTAL                     1,484,408.83
GRAND TOTAL                     $ 3,709,741.52

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 at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 499-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

INSERTION INTO THE 2012 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF $70,003.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES, SPECIAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICES, CASE MANAGEMENT

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2012 in the sum of $70,003.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Special Child Health Services, Case Management.  

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County's Match of $66,902.00 is included in the 2012 County Budget – County Health Services Interlocal Agreement (NJS 40:8A-1) S&W and Group Insurance Plan for Employees Sheet 17.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of $70,003.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”
State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services, Special Child Health Services, Case Management (administered by Health Dept).
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Health & Senior Services.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 500-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

INSERTION INTO THE 2012 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,665.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, JAG COUNTY GANG, GUN AND NARCOTICS TASK FORCE GRANT

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2012 in the sum of $50,665.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, JAG County Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of $50,665.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”
State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, JAG County Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant (administered by the Prosecutor’s Dept.).

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 501-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR BIDDING/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS CONCERNING WARREN HAVEN LAUNDRY, HOUSEKEEPING AND FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS
WHEREAS, increasing operating expenses and declining revenues are jeopardizing the finances of Warren Haven, Department of Long Term Care Services, and the revenue reductions are caused by reimbursement rate freeze, impending managed care reimbursement methodologies, declining totals in County equalized valuations and other revenue stream reductions which, when coupled with budget appropriation property tax CAP Laws restrict the ability of the Board of Chosen Freeholders to maintain programs and services at previously approved levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby approve and direct that the Director of Purchasing, Warren Haven Nursing Home Administrator and other necessary parties prepare the documents required for the bidding/request for proposal process concerning the Warren Haven laundry, housekeeping and food service operations.

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 at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Chamberlain abstained

Mr. Gardner said this is just a first step. We need to have that task force to look at everything at Warren Haven. He hoped to be able to keep it open and be able to keep folks employed. He noted that the facility is only at 90 percent capacity and we have to work to get that up to full capacity.

Mr. Sarnoski said he didn’t think any member up here doesn’t understand the implications of what we’re doing and have a lot of care for the people who are there and the hard work that they’ve done, but he said he also cares deeply about the residents of Warren Haven and of the county. He wants to ensure that Warren Haven is there for them. He said he was okay with a task force as a next step to determine whether we’re doing enough. He repeated the $2.5 million deficit figure attributable to Warren Haven and said it is not fair to expect taxpayers to keep subsidizing that. We need solutions and this is just a first step. He thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Gardner said he had been approached by three different parties to purchase Warren Haven and flat-out rejected them. He is aware of the quality of care currently in practice at the facility.

Mr. Marvin then read the resolution out loud in its entirety.

RESOLUTION 502-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO AUCTION COUNTY PROPERTY, A FARM KNOWN AS THE WATTLES FARM PROPERTIES, BLOCK 1506, LOT 2.01, BLOCK 1505, LOT 6.01 AND BLOCK 1506, LOT 6.01, LOCATED AT STATE ROUTE 57 AND ANDERSON ROAD, PORT MURRAY, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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WHEREAS, the County of Warren had previously acquired the property known as the Wattles Farm, Block 1506, Lot 2.01, Block 1505, Lot 6.01 and Block 1506, Lot 6.01 in Mansfield Township for the purpose of Farmland preservation, and it has been the intention of the Board of Chosen Freeholders to return this land to private ownership as a preserved farm; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the County of Warren pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 et al, that the said property is hereby ordered to be disposed of by Public Auction, to be held Saturday, February 2, 2013 beginning at 10:00 A.M. prevailing time at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Notice of said sale and any required hearing shall be published and or provided in accordance with the provisions of 40A:12-13 et al;

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

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 503-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO EXCEPTION AREAS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT ON THE BERTHOLF FARM, BLOCK 47, LOT 16 & BLOCK 48, LOT 24 IN KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 60 ACRES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.13, the Warren County Agricultural Development Board (CADB) on March 15, 2012 had previously granted final approval for the purchase of a development easement on the property known as the Bertholf Farm owned by Kenneth Bertholf, located on Block 47 Lot 16 and Block 48 Lot 24, in Knowlton Township, consisting of approximately 57.3 acres and the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved funding of $720/acre or 15.65% of the easement purchase for the required local match with Knowlton Township on March 28, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the property is part of the approved Knowlton Township Planning Incentive Grant application and is funded by the Warren County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.9(b) on October 26, 2011 it was determined by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) that the application for the sale of a development easement was complete and accurate and satisfied the criteria contained in N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.9(a) and contained one, 2-acre non-severable exception and one, 2-acre severable exception; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.11, on February 23, 2012 the SADC certified a value of $4,600/acre based on the “current value” date of December 2011 for the development easement for the Property and on April 27, 2012 the SADC granted Final Approval for a cost share on the development easement; and

WHEREAS, the SADC final approval is being amended to remove one 2-acre severable exception area; the +/- 60 acre Property shall only include one 2-acre non-severable exception for and restricted to one (1) single family residence; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.11 and acknowledging the change from 2 exception areas to 1 exception area, on September 27, 2012 the SADC will certify a new value of $5,300/acre based on the “current value” date of December 2011 for the development easement for the Property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.13, by resolution the Knowlton Township Committee approved the amended application and its funding commitment for $875/acre or 15.65% of the easement purchase on the Bertholf Farm on August 13, 2012 and the Warren County Agriculture Development Board approved the amended application on September 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the County’s match of $875/acre or 15.65% of the easement purchase on the 60 acre property will be approximately $52,500, an increase funding amount of $11,244 or $155 more per acre; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost share break down is as follows:

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**WC Difference**: $11,244+

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17A.15, the County shall hold the development easement since the County is providing funding for the preservation of the farm; and

WHEREAS, the SADC’s cost share grant to the County for the purchase of a development easement on the approved application shall be based on the final surveyed acreage of the premises adjusted for proposed road rights-of-way, other rights-of-way or easements as determined by the SADC, streams or water bodies on the boundaries of the premises as identified in Policy P-3-B Supplement and for residual dwelling site opportunities allocated pursuant to Policy P-19-A; and

WHEREAS, if the Township and County agree to the SADC providing its grant directly to Warren County, the SADC shall enter into a Grant Agreement with the Township and County pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-6.18, 6.18(a) and 6.18(b).
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren as follows:

1. The County hereby grants permission to amend the application on this farm known as the Bertholf Farm, Block 47 Lot 16 and Block 48 Lot 24, Knowlton Township (approx. 60 acres) to remove the 2 acre severable exception.

2. The County hereby grants permission to increase its cost share in regard to the purchase of said easement by $11,244 to an estimated $52,500 or $875 per acre - 16.51% depending upon surveyed acres.

3. The Freeholder Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the Assignment of Deed of Easement, the Cost Share Agreement, and any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of the development easement on the above property in the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, State of New Jersey under the terms outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adequate funds in the amount of $52,500 in account #03895-5067-8951205-5067 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

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 at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 504-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF VEHICLES AND TERMINATION OF LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR FOUR NJ TRANSIT LEASED VEHICLES OPERATED BY THE WARREN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders currently leases the following four Section 5310 program vehicles from NJ Transit for use in the Warren County Transportation Program:

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and; WHEREAS, the County of Warren has notified NJ Transit that due to the overall height of the vehicles and the consolidation of demand response runs, these vehicles are no longer feasible for use in the Warren County transportation program. Therefore, the county would like to return them, so that another county or non-profit agency can utilize them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby approve the Return of Vehicles and Termination of Lease Agreements with NJ Transit for four vehicles currently leased to Warren County.
MINUTES

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 at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 505-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1262 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LIBRARY FURNITURE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC1262 for library furniture for the Warren County Headquarters Library 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 a capital account 0411B702/5062 – Village Square Library Building.

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 at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 506-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATION WC1261 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LIGHTING & TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR ONE ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIOD AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(1)

BE IT RESOLVED that specification WC1261 for lighting & traffic signal maintenance for the Warren County Road Department is hereby approved.

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

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget account 012900/5029 – Roads – Contracted Services.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes
RESOLUTION 507-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC1104FO-6 TO CHERRY, WEBER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WARREN COUNTY CULVERT #16039, VALLEY ROAD OVER A TRIBUTARY TO THE POHATCONG CREEK, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $24,000.00

WHEREAS, the County requested proposals to be received on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 for Contract #WC1104FO for Construction Phase Engineering/Inspection Services; and
WHEREAS, construction phase engineering and inspection services are needed for the above project; and
WHEREAS, this contract is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4, as a fair and open contract; and
WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Cherry, Weber & Associates, P.C. meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of $24,000.00; and
WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 0411A301 5064 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey as follows:
1. The agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and Cherry, Weber & Associates, P.C. of Phillipsburg, N.J. for professional services for the above project in the amount of $24,000.00, currently on file in the Office of the County Engineer, be made a part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 508-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ROBERT F. HEFFERNAN & ASSOCIATES OF OLDWICK, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE FREISE PROPERTY, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 18, LOT 15, APPROXIMATELY 3.9 ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $2,595.00

WHEREAS, The Warren County Board of Recreation has developed a list of Property for preservation for the year 2012; and
WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in obtaining appraisals on various properties as listed in the proposal; and
WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the State Green Acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Land Easement Purposes; and
WHEREAS, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention Program Appraisal Handbook, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice;
WHEREAS, this contract is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4, as a fair and open contract; and
WHEREAS, Robert F. Heffernan & Associates, was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC1188FO on November 18, 2011; and
WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 03894/5065, — Open Space — Preliminary Expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders as follows:
1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Robert F. Heffernan & Associates, in the amount of $2,595.00 to prepare an appraisal on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-LEDGER, as required by law, within ten (10) days of adoption.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board
Recorded Vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

RESOLUTION 509-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LANDMARK I APPRAISAL, LLC OF CHESTER, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE FREISE PROPERTY, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, BLOCK 18, LOT 15, APPROXIMATELY 3.9 ACRES PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $1,250.00

WHEREAS, The Warren County Board of Recreation has developed a list of Property for preservation for the year 2012; and
WHEREAS, Warren County is interested in obtaining appraisals on various properties as listed in the proposal; and
WHEREAS, land appraisals are required by the State Green Acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Land Easement Purposes; and
WHEREAS, said appraisals will be in accordance with the Agriculture Retention Program Appraisal Handbook, and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice;
WHEREAS, this contract is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4, as a fair and open contract; and
WHEREAS, Landmark I Appraisal, LLC, was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC1188FO on November 18, 2011; and
WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 03894/5065, – Open Space – Preliminary Expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders as follows:
1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Landmark I Appraisal, LLC, in the amount of $1,250.00 to prepare an appraisal on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-LEDGER, as required by law, within ten (10) days of adoption.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 510-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC0822C FOR COMPUTERIZED RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE TO INFO QUICK SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2012 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2013 FOR THE FIFTH AND FINAL YEAR OF A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW 40A:11-15(5) IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF $110,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that Warren County Contract WC0822C for Computerized Records Management System for the Warren County Clerk’s Office is hereby extended for the fifth and final year of a five year as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(5) said contract is hereby extended for the period of November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013 to . . . Info Quick Solutions, Inc., Liverpool, New York
In the approximate amount of . . . $110,000.00
as per their bid submitted . . . August 5, 2008
Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 011200/5029 – County Clerk DP Equipment.

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 at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 511-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

BE IT RESOLVED that Warren County Contract WC1062C for Healthcare Management Services for the Warren County Correctional Center is hereby extended for the third and final year of a three year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(29) said contract is hereby extended for the period of November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013 to . . . CFG Health Systems, LLC., Marlton, New Jersey

In the amount of . . . $104,766.93 monthly, $1,257,203.18 yearly as per their bid submitted . . . August 31, 2010

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012800/5093 – Correctional Center – Medical Expenses, Including Physicals.

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 at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 512-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ROYAL COMMUNICATIONS INC. UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #A54382 COVERING RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FOR REPROGRAMMING OF PAGERS, NEW TONES AND FREQUENCIES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $22,500.00

BE IT RESOLVED that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for reprogramming of pagers, new tones and frequencies for the Warren County Department of Public Safety and is hereby awarded to . . . Royal Communications Inc., Wharton, New Jersey in the amount of . . . $22,500.00 at the prices established under New Jersey State Contract #A54382

Funding for this contract has been provided in grant account F2250 5351 5100 – 11 Homeland Security – Program Operating Expenses.

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 at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes
RESOLUTION 513-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO CODY COMPUTER SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE CORE LICENSED COMPUTER SOFTWARE, SOFTWARE ENHANCEMENTS, COBRA LICENSED SOFTWARE, INSTALLATION AND TRAINING SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $146,638.47

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a purchase order for law enforcement computer software and enhancements on specific special licensed computer software, software that is also present in current county facilities and police departments; 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 CODY Computer Services, Inc., of Pottstown, Pennsylvania for providing computer software, software enhancements, Cobra licensed software, installation and training on licensed products for the County of Warren

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

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a purchase order to CODY Computer Services, Inc., of Pottstown, Pennsylvania

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 software and enhancements to operate with current software housed in various county departments.

3. A notice of this action shall be published in the The Star-Ledger.

Funding for this contract is provided in grant accounts F2250 5351-5100 – Homeland Security 2011, and F0251 5351-5100 – Homeland Security 2010

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 at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes
RESOLUTION 514-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH FIEDLER REALTY TO AUCTION THE WATTLES FARM PROPERTIES, BLOCK 1506, LOT 2.01, BLOCK 1505, LOT 6.01 AND BLOCK 1506, LOT 6.01 IN MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders had previously acquired the property known as the WattlesFarm, Block 1506, Lot 2.01, Block 1505, Lot 6.01 and Block 1506, Lot 6.01 in Mansfield Township for the purpose of farmland preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Agriculture Development has applied to the State Agricultural Development Committee for inclusion in the Farmland Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, it has been the intention of the Board of Chosen Freeholders to return this land to private ownership as a preserved farm; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders find it in the best interest of the County to engage the services of a “Certified Realtor” for the purposes of selling this property; and

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

1. The offer of a Professional Services Agreement by Fiedler Realty, be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 515-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION: GRANTING APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH FIEDLER REALTY TO AUCTION THE FORMER NORTHEAST BRANCH LIBRARY BUILDING, BLOCK 2, LOT 7, INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders wishes to dispose of property which is no longer needed for public use by county departments and agencies, the property known as the former Northeast Branch Library, Block 2, Lot 7 in Independence Township; and

WHEREAS, it has been the intention of the Board of Chosen Freeholders to return this building to private ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders find it in the best interest of the County to engage the services of a “Certified Realtor” for the purposes of selling this property; and
WHEREAS, the services of such a realtor does not incur any expense to the County,

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

1. The offer of a Professional Services Agreement by Fiedler Realty, be accepted.
2. The Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Chamberlain noted the two agreements to auction off property: one was for two tracts of land located on what is known as the Wattles Farm in Mansfield and the other was for the former Northeast Branch Library Building. It will be good to have that back on the tax rolls in Independence Township. Mr. Sarnoski said Independence is indeed very happy about it.

RESOLUTION 516-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoint the following individuals to the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission:

Paul Sullivan  
59 Lime Kiln Road  
Columbia, NJ  07832

Craig Evans  
Blair Academy  
PO Box 600  
Blairstown, NJ  07825

Term to expire: 10/18/17

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 at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

RESOLUTION 517-12

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.
RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
WARREN COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren hereby reappoint the following individuals to the Warren County Mosquito Control Commission:

Michael Sloane  Term to expire: 10/18/15
PO Box 223
Allamuchy, NJ 07820

Tracey Hess  Term to expire: 10/18/15
Warren County Health Department
700 Oxford Road
Oxford, NJ 07863
I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.
Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

Mr. Sarnoski said he was glad to reappoint Mike Sloane and Tracey Hess to the Mosquito Control Commission. It’s been a tough year with West Nile Virus and all and they do a great job. Mr. Gardner agreed, saying Mike Sloane has been doing the job for a long time.

RESOLUTION 518-12

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.


WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Warren County Prosecutor and representatives of Local 1032 of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, have completed contract negotiations and have agreed to the terms and conditions of employment,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren, the Warren County Prosecutor and Local 1032 of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.
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 at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.
Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

Recorded Vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes
Reports and Comments

County Counsel Joe Bell said he had two items to be discussed in Executive Session.

County Engineer Dave Hicks had no report, but Mr. Gardner asked him about the status of the Stephensburg Bridge. Mr. Hicks said it should be open for at least school busses and emergency vehicles in another week. The rest will take another two to three weeks.

County Planner Dave Dech again announced the paper shredding event to be held in the Administration Building parking lot from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on October 13, 2012. Mr. Chamberlain inquired about the truck traffic study conducted in Hope Township. Mr. Dech confirmed that evidently, none of the trucks were going to the PCFA but rather, to compost centers.

County CFO Charles Houck had no report.

County Administrator Steve Marvin first asked the Board if they had any questions or comments on the current Vacancy Report. There were none.

He then reported that the vehicle that was first referred to as a “war wagon” then deemed a “peace keeper” by Prosecutor Richard Burke, has now been classified as “scrap metal”. The Prosecutor had expressed interest in obtaining the vehicle free of charge from Bergen County, but after its condition was evaluated by Road Supervisor Tom Kitchen, nobody wants it. Mr. Burke also withdrew his request for a second vehicle to be used for a canine unit.

Mr. Marvin asked for RSVPs to the 6 County Coalition Meeting being hosted by Sussex County on October 3. Both Mr. Sarnoski and Mr. Gardner planned to attend; Mr. Chamberlain did not.

Freeholder Comments

Mr. Sarnoski reminded everyone that Lt. Gov. Guadagno will be coming to Centenary College on October 17 for the NJ Resources for Business Growth Seminar. Anyone interested in attending can register through the County website.

Back to the topic of Warren Haven, Mr. Sarnoski said we’ve had some great discussion here tonight. He was eager to make plans for the next step. He wondered if a resolution regarding the task force could be ready for the next meeting’s agenda. Mr. Marvin said something like that could not get done in time for the next meeting. There was some discussion about approaching agencies such as Marcus & Millichap, a firm utilized by NJAC and some other counties for a professional assessment of Warren Haven and recommendations. Mr. Sarnoski thought senior healthcare was a specialized field, so guidance from someone with expertise in this area is required and experts aren’t free.
Mr. Marvin said basically, the problem boils down to the fact that the federal government has decided that it should be a priority to keep people in their homes and out of nursing homes for as long as possible and have redirected funding accordingly.

Mr. Gardner seemed uncomfortable making a commitment to spend money on experts or a task force and wanted to see what he could do at the NJAC Meeting later in the week. Mr. Marvin noted NJAC is now concentrating on setting up a contract with the counties that remain in the nursing home business for an expert to negotiate the rates with the designated Medicaid managed care providers.

Mr. Sarnoski repeated that he would like to see what services may be out there, starting with seeing what Marcus & Millichap has to offer.

Mr. Gardner reported that Warren County 4-H has requested a location to train for archery clubs. He provided written information to his fellow Board Members. He said he felt strongly that there must be a County site that would lend itself well to this activity. Mr. Chamberlin thought they should try to do something at the fairgrounds, but Mr. Gardner disagreed because the facility closes and gets locked up seasonally. He thought perhaps Marble Hill. Mr. Marvin cautioned that if a site gets opened up for one type of public use, then it gets opened up to everybody. It was decided to ask the Board of Recreation Commissioners to weigh in on the matter.

Closing Public Comments

Elaine Reichart of White Township approached the Board for the second time. She wanted more specificity regarding the action proposed tonight for Warren Haven. Are we talking about hiring a professional consultant or forming a task force? How will the scope of either be defined? What types of people would be on the task force? Mr. Sarnoski said he was not an expert and thought we needed to be guided through the process. The term “consultant” could be a firm. He didn’t want to enter into this blindly. Ms. Reichart continued to press for details that were still unclear.

Mr. Marvin said there had been substantial discussion on the issues facing Warren Haven during this year’s budget sessions. He suggested she go back and read the Minutes.

Ms. Reichart changed the subject to the Election Board issue. Members of the Board and its administrator had been scheduled to attend this meeting to answer questions raised regarding its practices. They requested the meeting be postponed until after the election. Ms. Reichart urged the Freeholders not to allow such a delay. She thought it should only take about an hour for a member of the Election Board, along with Bill Duffy, to discuss why they are ignoring Title 19. She again requested that the Freeholders pass a resolution compelling the Election Board to follow Title 19.

Dale Mullikin came forward again to thank the Freeholders for listening to the employees’ concerns. He said hopefully we can do something to Warren Haven to save it.
David Foster of The Express-Times asked Mr. Chamberlain why he abstained from the vote concerning Warren Haven. Mr. Chamberlain said he thought it was the proper thing to do as there was discussion at the last Freeholder Board Meeting that he had not attended. Mr. Foster asked if there would be a subsequent resolution if and when the County officially goes out to bid to privatize those units. The answer was yes.

Mr. Foster asked for the reason given by the Election Board for not coming this evening. Mr. Marvin read the following e-mail sent by Election Board Administrator Bill Duffy late on Monday: “The Chairperson of the Warren County Board of Elections needs to postpone the meeting with the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders scheduled for September 26. The reason for this postponement is because neither of the democratic members of the Election Board is available to attend. We are requesting that this meeting be rescheduled for a Freeholder Meeting in November. A meeting in October is not feasible because of the preparations for the General Election.”

**RESOLUTION 519-12**

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, at 8:57 p.m., the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

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

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

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

1. **Matters Relating to Purchase of Real Property:** Items to be discussed include: Village Square II acquisition project update.
2. **Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations & Attorney-Client Privilege:** Items to be discussed include: Court Room #2 dispute-next steps; Aire Enterprises appeal and Tort Claim Notice on “W.M.”
3. **Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements:** Items to be discussed include: Status of negotiations with CWA 1071-PHNA, AFSCME 671, PBA 280-Sheriff’s Officers and AFSCME 3287 and preparation for binding interest arbitration with FOP 171-Corrections Officers.
4. **Miscellaneous:** Items to be discussed include: Warren County Community College Trustee Search Committee appointments/reappointments.
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 at a meeting held on September 26, 2012.

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board

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

On motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, the Board adjourned executive session at 9:35 p.m. and returned to open session.
Recorded Vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Gardner, and there being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.
Recorded Vote: Mr. Sarnoski yes, Mr. Gardner yes, Mr. Chamberlain yes

ATTESTED TO:

Steve Marvin, Clerk of the Board