

## MINUTES

## REORGANIZATION MEETING    JANUARY 1, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren met in Reorganization Session in Court Room #1 at the Warren County Courthouse, Belvidere, New Jersey on January 1, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Alex Lazorisak opened the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Tracy Matlock read the following OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) statement: ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING OF *JANUARY 1, 2025 WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT OF 1975.*

The Invocation was led by Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt. Senator Steinhardt greeted everyone and stated, “As we embark on a new year, please grant this board the wisdom and confidence to move forward for the will of the voters, with the compassion and faith in the work they do to make sure the county continues as it has to deliver the good work of the voters to place their confidence in this board.” He concluded with by thanking everyone for joining us today and wishing everyone all the best.

Mr. Lazorisak announced William Joseph was unable to attend the meeting today.

Mr. Lazorisak led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Certification of Election of James R. Kern III, Commissioner: Read by Holly Mackey, Warren County Clerk.

The Oath of Office of County Commissioner was administered to James R. Kern III by Congressman Tom Kean, Jr. Mr. Kern was accompanied by his wife Carina Sitkus; his parents Joan and Jim Kern, Jr.; his sister, Elizabeth McGuinness; and niece and nephews Caylee, Chris and Charlie McGuinness.

Mr. Kern greeted everyone and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked his friends and family and thanked his wife Carina for being here today. He thanked Congressman Kean Jr. for swearing him today. Mostly he thanked the voters of Warren County for giving him the opportunity to serve a third term as County Commissioner. This past year he had some pretty ambitious goals for the County and we were able to achieve them. This past year we made the largest investment in public safety in recent memory. That’s in large part thanks to our County Administrator, Alex Lazorisak and our Public Safety Director, Dennis Riley. These improvements will continue to make the lives better for our first responders and he looks forward to the continued improvements that we are going to make-to-make their jobs safer than it is now.

Mr. Kern continued, last January he presented our Conservation Challenge, which was to help make Warren County the first nationally certified county in the state of New Jersey. He thanked the Warren County Environmental Committee, specifically Clairanne Arcaro. Warren County is now the first registered National Wildlife Habitat in the state of New Jersey. This is a huge accomplishment and he is proud of the work that our volunteers did.

Mr. Kern also mentioned other positive issues we saw in Warren County. Warren County continues to be a leader in farmland preservation of close to forty percent of our farmland being

preserved. This is no small part thanks to Corey Tierney, Land Preservation Director, and his staff. Mr. Tierney continues to lead the way and Mr. Kern said he looks forward to what we will continue to do the next three years with preserving our farms.

In addition, this past year, we saw the opening of new buildings for the public, specifically, a new Human Services and 4-H building, a consolidated space. He complemented Emily Hammer, Director of Public Works, and her team and said it's amazing what they can do when we don't have natural disasters to take us away from the good that we can do. This will be an incredible improvement for the residents of Warren County for providing social services. Next year we look forward to open our new Catherine Dickson Hoffman library branch in the North Warren. It will be great for residents in that part of the county.

Mr. Kern continued at the end of the year there was recent Open Public Meetings Act, the start of our meeting, the legislation a lot of our newspapers in New Jersey are closing. Thanks to the work of our County Counsel, Joe Bell, we were able to get an order to show cause, which he thinks will bring light to this issue. Ultimately, yesterday the Governor did sign a bill that gives us an extra three months with how to advertise in local papers. There is one thing we've all noticed, it's the end of local news, and there's no way to get that coverage out to people. If you go on to either nj.com or other websites, all you see is the top fifty diners or football scores behind the pay wall. You won't see any information on local news. Hopefully with the past couple weeks, many of you received our new County newsletter, which the county is going to do to provide information to the residents because we feel it is crucial that this discovering body provide information so that people know what their tax dollars are doing towards.

In closing, Mr. Kern said he is excited to start the Bicentennial this year and he is looking forward to working with his colleagues, Commissioners Sarnoski and Ciesla. He's happy that our most senior member of the Board, Mr. Sarnoski, will be our leader during our bicentennial. Commissioner Ciesla is doing a fantastic job with the Bicentennial activities. He looks forward to what happens next year.

Here in Warren County, we truly do have a great team, whether it's the Commissioners on the Board, our Constitutional Officers, our Surrogate, Michael Doherty, our Clerk, Holly Mackey, our Sheriff Jim McDonald, also our representatives in Washington, D.C., our Congressman Tom Kean Jr. He fights for us every day. Our State Senator Doug Steinhardt, I can't tell you how many times he's been helping us with different issues this year. Whether its drones or national disasters, he was there for us. Our two Assemblymen with seniority down in Trenton, it truly makes an important mark for us with Minority Leader DiMaio and Assemblyman Peterson. He also welcomed our new Acting Prosecutor Jessica Cardone. We really do have a great team in Warren County but the important people are the Civil Service and County staff. He cited the Commissioners are all temporary, however, the people who go to work every day, on behalf of the people of Warren County, we are grateful for what you do. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and said he looks forward to serving another three years. God Bless.

Upon roll call, the following Commissioners were present: James R Kern III, Lori Ciesla and Jason J. Sarnoski.

#### **RESOLUTION 1-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 1-25 APPOINTING JASON J. SARNOSKI AS DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE

COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2025.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

The Oath of Office of the Director of the Board of County Commissioners was administered to Jason J. Sarnoski by Surrogate Michael Doherty. Mr. Sarnoski was accompanied by his wife Tammi Sarnoski.

Mr. Sarnoski thanked Surrogate Doherty for swearing him in today and greeted everyone in attendance. He thanked his fellow Commissioners for again, putting their trust in him to lead this Board. He congratulated Commissioner Kern on his very successful year as Director. It was a great year. He thanked all of the County staff, employees and especially the County Administrator. They've done a great job of putting this day together and prove that good and dedicated people can accomplish great things. It's thanks to them that this County works so well. He continued on by thanking all the elected officials that are in the room today that help Warren County for their dedication and hard work. Their sacrifice and bravery makes this the best place in the world to live. Finally, Mr. Sarnoski thanked his family and friends, especially his family who continue to stick by him and support him every day. Without them, he would not be able to do anything he does here and we have done quite a bit.

Mr. Sarnoski continued as he looks back on the past fourteen years, as Freeholder and Commissioner, and as he gets ready for my fifth time as Director, and prepare to run for a sixth term, he can say that this is one of the most impactful and historic Boards that he's been on. Not only are we leaders in this County, we hold leadership positions on state-wide boards around the state. We have used this influence not only to improve our County, but to improve the State. Jim and the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) led the charge this year in suing to make sure the public's access to the information they deserve. It truly is a big deal. Every county in the state, every municipality in the state was thanking Warren County for stepping up and being the leader to make sure the public had access to the public records that they deserve, no one was willing to take a stand until Jim, NJAC, and Joe Bell stood up and did it.

He will continue to fight on the NJTPA for proper transportation funding. He is close to moving up to the Chair of that board where he will have a more authoritative position to stop wasteful spending, for example the Route 80 Rock fall project. He will also fight for projects that have been too long delayed in this County, like many intersection projects that are critically underfunded and have delayed and endangering our public.

Mr. Sarnoski continued as of July of this year, the County is completely debt free. We will continue our pay as you go philosophy that has protected the tax payers' pocketbooks while building a strong and resilient county. We just opened two newly constructed buildings, our Co-operative Extension offices and our Human Services Building. These will allow us to consolidate other offices to make the County more efficient and to provide better access to the public. Also, in a few months, we will be opening our Catherine Dickinson Hoffman library in Blairstown. This will completely renovate the County's library system within his time as a Freeholder/Commissioner. Again, we have done all this and remain completely debt free. So what's in store for the future? My plan over the next year is to continue to reduce what is already historically low taxes for our Warren County residents both in County taxes as well as library tax levy. We can do this because this Board and past Boards have been careful and prudent with your tax dollars. This has helped us to continue and improve our farm land preservation program and keep Warren County rural and provide some value back of what was taken by the Highlands Act. I have vowed to continue to improve these programs and to invest where and when we can. Finally with the help of our State Senator Doug Steinhardt,

who has continued to fight hard in Trenton to claw back and get back some of those Trenton tax dollars, we will continue to improve our Public Safety and 9-1-1 systems and we'll continue to protect our families, especially our children, as best we can, from whatever crazy policies Trenton deems to throw at us. As the County enters its 200<sup>th</sup> year and Commissioner Ciesla leads us into our Bicentennial celebrations, he expressed how proud and honored he is to have been a little part of this great County's history. It's amazing to think that his children could barely hold up the bible from his first swearing in and now this year, hopefully, they will be voting for him. In closing, Mr. Sarnoski thanked everyone for being here, thank you for making this possible. God bless you all and God bless Warren County.

Commissioner Director Sarnoski assumed control of the meeting.

Motion was made by James Kern III, seconded by Jason Sarnoski, to appoint Lori Ciesla as Deputy Director of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren for the Year 2025.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

Ms. Ciesla thanked everyone for coming out. It's great to see our elected officials, our families, our friends and the employees of the County. We have a lot of work ahead of us, as we always do, still fighting inflation and doing a really good job of that. She thanked all of the employees for all they do for us.

Ms. Ciesla commented broadband is coming along. Comcast has opened up in Lopatcong in the last week. People are very excited. There are many of providers applying for the grants so we'll see the rest of the County have additional options for broadband.

She continued we do have a lot to celebrate as well. We're coming up on the Bicentennial here in Warren County and we're very excited. We kicked off the festivities in November of 2024 and will continue. On a personal note, she may go missing. Her son is getting married, but we will have celebrations before and after that. It's going to be a great year and she looks forward to being Deputy Director. She congratulated Commissioner Kern for his re-election and thanked the voters for allowing him to return. She wished Commissioner Sarnoski well on his election this year.

**RESOLUTION 2-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 2-25 AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO APPOINT SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS BOARD OR WHICH THE DIRECTOR MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS AS LIAISON OR MEMBER OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 3-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 3-25 DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A COMMISSIONER LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2025.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 4-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 4-25 TO SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF

WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2025.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 5-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 5-25 DESIGNATING THE STAR-LEDGER AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND THE DAILY RECORD AS THE ALTERNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER IN WHICH SHALL BE PUBLISHED ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 6-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 6-25 APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION IN NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 7-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 7-25 TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2025.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 8-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 8-25 ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN DESIGNATING OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO INVEST AND DISBURSE FUNDS, AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES, PERMITTED INVESTMENTS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC MONIES.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 9-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 9-25 PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,434,522.00 THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 10-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 10-25 PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$603,200.00 TO FUND THE PERMANENT DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 11-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, 11-25 AUTHORIZING A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH J. BELL, ESQ., COUNTY COUNSEL AND REAPPOINTING DAVID T. SHIVAS AND JOSEPH J. BELL IV AS WARREN COUNTY ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSELS.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 12-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 12-25 AWARDDING CONTRACT WC2489FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – A, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO BELL, SHIVAS & BELL, P.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$190.00 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS AND \$130.00 PER HOUR FOR PARALEGALS, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$475,000.00.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 13-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 13-25 AWARDDING CONTRACT WC2489FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – B, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI & TIPTON, L.L.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$200.00 PER HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND ASSOCIATES PLUS COST AND EXPENSES ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$162,000.00.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 14-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 14-25 AWARDDING CONTRACT WC2489FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – C, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO LAVERY, SELVAGGI & COHEN, P.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$140.00 PER HOUR PLUS COSTS AND FEES, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$66,000.00.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 15-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 15-25 AWARDDING CONTRACT WC2489FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – D, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE COUNTY ADJUSTER FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI & TIPTON, L.L.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$200.00 PER HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND ASSOCIATES PLUS COSTS AND EXPENSES ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$157,500.00.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 16-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 16-25 AWARDDING CONTRACT WC2489FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES – E, BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 AT THE BLENDED RATE OF \$225.00 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS AND \$155.00 PER HOUR FOR LEGAL ASSISTANTS PLUS EXPENSES.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 17-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 17-25 AWARDING CONTRACT WC24107FO FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR CONFLICT ISSUES PERTAINING TO GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES AND LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO O'TOOLE SCRIVO, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$250.00 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS BLENDED.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 18-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 18-25 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND (NJIF) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 19-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION 19-25 APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION.

KATHLEEN MIERS – TERM TO EXPIRE: 12/31/29

Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**REMARKS BY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES.**

Congressman Tom Kean, Jr. wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Director Sarnoski introduced elected and appointed officials in attendance:

Congressman Tom Kean Jr., State Senator Douglas Steinhardt, Assembly Minority Leader John DiMaio, Assemblyman Eric Peterson, County Surrogate Michael Doherty, County Clerk Holly Mackey, Acting Prosecutor Jessica Cardone. He asked all elected officials in the audience to rise and be recognized; and asked all the County employees to stand and be recognized as well.

Mr. Sarnoski thanked everyone for coming and supporting this Board. He wished everyone a very Happy New Year and invited everyone to the Jury Management Room for light refreshments.

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, and there being no further business before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION 1-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2025**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that Jason J. Sarnoski is appointed Director of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2025.

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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

Item (8)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 2-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

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

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

**Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski**

Education

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

County Departments

Board of Elections  
Board of Taxation  
Surrogate  
Trustee – Warren County Legal Services

Additional Assignments

Engineering  
Library  
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority  
PCFA/Solid Waste  
Planning Board Member

Projects Commission Liaison  
Public Works  
Soil Conservation District  
Weights & Measures  
NJAC 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

## **Commissioner Lori Ciesla**

### Land Use & Agriculture

Agriculture Development Board  
Board of Agriculture  
Board of Recreation Commissioners  
Cooperative Extension

### Human Services

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

### County Department

County Clerk

### Additional Assignments

Economic Development Committee Liaison	Planning Board Member, Alternate Member
Mosquito Commission	PRMUA Liaison
Opiate & Addiction Awareness Task Force	Shade Tree Commission

## **Commissioner James R. Kern III**

### Cultural & Historical

Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs  
Morris Canal Committee  
Municipal & Charitable Conservancy  
Trust Fund Committee  
War Veterans

### Public Safety

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

### Public Health

Health Services

### Additional Assignments

Planning Board Member	N.J.A.C. Delegate
Transparency and Technology Task Force	NJIFF Liaison
COVID-19 Task Force	

**ALL THREE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners' Office  
Personnel Department  
CFO/Treasurer's Office  
Purchasing Department  
County Counsel  
Information Systems Department  
Department of Public Information  
Planning Department  
Boards of School Estimate  
Department of Land Preservation

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes**

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\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak  
Item (11)

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**RESOLUTION 3-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES  
INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A COMMISSIONER  
LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2025**

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

Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski

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Allamuchy Township  
Blairstown Township  
Frelinghuysen Township  
Hackettstown

Hardwick Township  
Independence Township  
Mansfield Township

Commissioner Lori Ciesla

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Franklin Township  
Greenwich Township  
Hope Township  
Knowlton Township

Liberty Township  
Lopatcong Township  
Oxford Township  
Phillipsburg

Commissioner James R. Kern III

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Alpha Borough  
Belvidere  
Harmony Township  
Pohatcong Township

Washington Borough  
Washington Township  
White Township

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes**

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\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak  
Item (12)

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**RESOLUTION 4-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2025**

**TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren for the year 2025. All regular meetings shall be held in the Commissioner Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	4 at 9:00 am B	June	11 at 6:00 pm R
January	8 at 6:00 pm R	June	25 at 6:00 pm R
January	11 at 9:00 am B	July	9 at 6:00 pm R
January	15 at 6:00 pm B	July	23 at 6:00 pm R
January	18 at 9:00 am B	August	13 at 6:00 pm R
January	22 at 6:00 pm R	August	27 at 6:00 pm R
February	11 at 6:00 pm R*	September	10 at 6:00 pm R
February	26 at 6:00 pm R	September	24 at 6:00 pm R
March	12 at 6:00 pm R	October	8 at 6:00 pm R
March	26 at 6:00 pm R	October	22 at 6:00 pm R
April	9 at 6:00 pm R	November	12 at 6:00 pm R
April	23 at 6:00 pm R	November	25 at 6:00 pm R**
May	14 at 6:00 pm R	December	10 at 6:00 pm R
May	28 at 6:00 pm R		

R= Regular Meeting

B = Budget Meeting

\*Please note that the first meeting in February is being held on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*Please note that the second meeting in November is being held on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes**

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**RESOLUTION 5-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

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

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

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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  
Item (14)

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

**RESOLUTION 6-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS FOR REPRESENTATION  
IN NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby appoint, for representation in the New Jersey Association of Counties, James R. Kern III as the Voting Member and Jason J. Sarnoski as the 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Voting Member and Alex J. Lazorisak as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Voting Member.

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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  
Item (15)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Belvidere, New Jersey 07823

**RESOLUTION 7-25**

On a motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO  
THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
AUTHORITY, INC., FOR THE YEAR 2025**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that David K. Dech is hereby appointed as the alternate voting member, representing the County of Warren, to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc., at those meetings when Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski is unable to attend during the year 2025.

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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  
Item (16)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 8-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

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

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

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

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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

Item (17)

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**RESOLUTION 9-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE  
UNDER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$24,434,522.00 THROUGH THE  
DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2025 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the prior year budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$93,083,893.00 and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2024 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and public assistance in said 2024 budget is the sum of \$24,434,522.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appropriations in the total amount of \$24,434,522.00 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer's Department for their records.

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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  
Item (18)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 10-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 TO APPROPRIATE THE  
TEMPORARY AMOUNT OF \$ 603,200.00 TO FUND THE PERMANENT  
DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN  
THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET**

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

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 inclusive:

DEBT SERVICE - COUNTY OF WARREN, NJ

Principal Payment of bonds	<b>\$ 580,000.00</b>
Interest Payment on Bonds	<b>23,200.00</b>
Principal Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	<b>0.00</b>
Interest Payment on Notes	<b>0.00</b>
Green Trust Loan Payments	<b>0.00</b>
Total Debt Service	<b><u>\$ 603,200.00</u></b>

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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

Item (19)

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**RESOLUTION 11-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

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

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-43, Joseph J. Bell, Esq., an Attorney-at-Law of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 150 Mineral Springs Drive, Rockaway, NJ 07866 shall continue as Warren County Counsel and the Retainer Agreement between the Board and Mr. Bell, setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment in regard to duties, responsibilities and compensation which Retainer Agreement is made a part of this resolution by reference is incorporated herein as if set forth verbatim, is hereby approved and the Commissioner Director is authorized to execute said Retainer Agreement on behalf of the Board.
2. David T. Shivas and Joseph J. Bell IV members of the firm of Bell, Shivas and Bell P.C. are hereby reappointed as Warren County Assistant County Counsels.
3. Contract WC2260FO for County Counsel for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

**to . . .** Joseph J. Bell, Rockaway, New Jersey

**in the amount of . . .** \$80,000.00

**as per their proposal submitted . . .** November 1, 2022

4. This proposal was reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners, and quality of past services rendered.

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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  
Item (20)

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**RESOLUTION 12-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2489FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES-A, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO BELL, SHIVAS AND BELL P.C., FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$190.00 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS AND \$130.00 PER HOUR FOR PARALEGALS, ESTIMATED AMOUNT \$475,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC2489FO for Legal Services – A, Special Counsel for General Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Bell, Shivas and Bell P.C., Rockaway, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$190.00 per hour for attorneys and \$130.00.00 per hour for paralegals, estimated amount \$475,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 7, 2024

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak

Item (21)

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**RESOLUTION 13-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2489FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES-B, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI & TIPTON, LLC, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$200.00 PER HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND ASSOCIATES PLUS COSTS AND EXPENSES ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$162,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC2489FO for Legal Services – B, Special Counsel for Labor Related Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli & Tipton, LLC., Easton, Pennsylvania

**in the amount of . . .** \$200.00 per hour for partners and associates with an estimated amount of \$162,000.00

**as per their proposal submitted . . .** November 7, 2024

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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

Item (22)

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**RESOLUTION 14-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2489FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES-C, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LAND PRESERVATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO LAVERY, SELVAGGI & COHEN, PC, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$140.00 PER HOUR PLUS COSTS AND FEES, ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$66,000.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC2489FO for Legal Services – C, Special Counsel for Land Preservation Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

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

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

as per their proposal submitted . . . November 7, 2024

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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

Item (23)

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**RESOLUTION 15-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2489FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES-D, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ITS DIVISIONS AND THE COUNTY ADJUSTER FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO FLORIO, PERRUCCI, STEINHARDT, CAPPELLI & TIPTON, LLC, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$200.00 PER HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND ASSOCIATES PLUS COSTS AND EXPENSES ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$157,500.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC2489FO for Legal Services – D, Special Counsel for the Warren County Department of Human Services, its Divisions and the Warren County Adjuster for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli & Tipton, LLC, Easton, Pennsylvania

**in the amount of** . . . \$200.00 per hour for partners and associates with an estimated amount of \$157,500.00

**as per their proposal submitted** . . . November 7, 2024

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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 mention

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

Item (24)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 16-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2489FO FOR LEGAL SERVICES-E, BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 AT THE BLENDED RATE OF \$225.00 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS AND \$155.00 PER HOUR FOR LEGAL ASSISTANTS PLUS EXPENSES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC2489FO for Legal Services – E, Bond Counsel Legal Services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

to . . . McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLC, Roseland, New Jersey

**in the approximate amount of . . .** Blended rate of \$225.00 per hour attorneys and \$155.00 per hour for assistants

**as per their proposal submitted . . .** November 7, 2024

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing bond counsel legal services under the direction of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners, and quality of past services rendered.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

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

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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  
Item (25)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 17-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC24107FO FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR  
CONFLICT ISSUES PERTAINING TO GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES AND LABOR  
RELATED LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
COUNTY OF WARREN TO O'TOOLE SCRIVO, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025  
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$250.00 PER HOUR FOR ATTORNEYS  
BLENDED**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC24107FO for Special Counsel for conflict issues pertaining to, general legal services and labor related legal services for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is hereby awarded

**to . . . O'Toole Scrivo, Cedar Grove, New Jersey**

**in the amount of . . . attorneys \$250.00 per hour blended**

**as per their proposal submitted . . . November 7, 2024**

and reviewed and recommended by the Director of Purchasing as the lowest responsible and responsive proposal received price and other factors considered through the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4. Award based upon experience and familiarity with providing legal services under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, and quality of past services rendered.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the necessary contract.

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak

Item (26)

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**RESOLUTION 18-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**APPOINTMENT OF A FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE NEW JERSEY  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND**

**BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby appoints County Administrator Alex J. Lazorisak as the Fund Commissioner and County Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund.

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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  
Item (27)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 19-25**

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER  
TO THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following member to the Warren County Library Commission.

**APPOINT MEMBERS:**

Kathleen Miers  
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Term to expire: 12/31/29

**RECORDED VOTE: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: 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  
Item (28)