

MINUTES

JANUARY 22, 2025

**These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissions on May 28, 2025. Full texts of resolutions appear at the end of this document.*

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren met in Regular Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere, New Jersey on January 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Sarnoski and upon roll call, the following members were present: Commissioner James R. Kern, Commissioner Deputy Lori Ciesla and Commissioner Director Jason Sarnoski. Also attending were County Administrator Alex J. Lazorisak, Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell, County CFO Kim Francisco, County Director of Engineering Michael Finelli and Deputy Commissioner Clerk Tracy Matlock.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, the minutes of the Executive Session of January 8, 2025 were approved.

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

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT/PROCLAMATIONS

Ms. Ciesla read the proclamation into the record.

PROCLAMATION 48-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, PROCLAMATION – HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH – JANUARY 2025

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

Ms. Ciesla remarked this is a very tough subject because it affects our most vulnerable which is young children. New Jersey is a big hub for this, she asks everyone to be vigilant. She thanked law enforcement for all their efforts they are making to stop this.

Mr. Kern agreed with Ms. Ciesla and commented within the past forty-eight hours, President Trump issued an executive order which defined illegal migration and smuggling and drug trafficking as part of an invasion, therefore allowing him to utilize the military. He is also announcing plans to have harsher penalties, including the death penalty for human trafficking and sex trafficking. This is the type of leadership that we sorely need and appreciate. He thanked Acting Prosecutor Jessica Cardone for being here and for being incredibly vigilant with our local authorities.

Mr. Sarnoski agreed with his colleagues and thinks some of the policies that New Jersey and Governor Murphy have set with our sanctuary state have exasperated the problem and can make New Jersey a hub for human trafficking. Hopefully we can rein some of this back with the help of our Prosecutor and local authorities. He is happy to have Donald Trump taking actions immediately.

Proclamation was presented to Acting Warren County Prosecutor Jessica Cardone.

Acting Prosecutor Cardone thanked the Commissioners for the proclamation. It’s important to her, the office and to the community as a whole. The Prosecutor’s Office is committed to raising awareness and supporting victims of human trafficking, to training law enforcement to prosecuting these cases to the fullest extent of the law. She is proud to announce in August Warren County was the first county in the state that has trained a liaison in every single municipal department. She thanked the Board for all that they do and for the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Mitchell Jones, Harmony Township, addressed his concerns relating to the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Sarnoski and Ms. Ciesla stated the Board is committed to the committee and is thinking about how to restructure it without taxing our county offices. Mr. Sarnoski said he would attend the next meeting for further discussion of the next steps.

Sylvia Zika, Blairstown Township, had questions regarding the resolution relating to the Green Acres Program, Agenda Item E6. Corey Tierney, Department of Land Preservation Administrator addressed her concerns.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 49-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 50-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WARREN COUNTY CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE YEAR 2025.
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

RESOLUTION 51-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR INSTALLATION & CONSTRUCTION OF SCOUR PROTECTION MEASURES AT ELIGIBLE SCOUR CRITICAL BRIDGE STRUCTURES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN WARREN COUNTY.
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

RESOLUTION 52-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT FUNDING OF UP TO \$293,995.00 FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

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

RESOLUTION 53-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE & SOCIAL SERVICES, CY 2025 BUDGET APPLICATION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$8,218,421.00; FUNDS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND WARREN COUNTY.

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

RESOLUTION 54-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL TO ACQUIRE BLOCK 5 LOT 16 IN KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP.

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

RESOLUTION 55-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST BE MADE TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM.

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

RESOLUTION 56-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR FEE SIMPLE ACQUISITION OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA J. SIGLER FARM KNOWN AS BLOCK 9, LOTS 23 AND 23.02 IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, APPROXIMATELY 174.32 ACRES.

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

RESOLUTION 57-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR THE LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM FY2025.

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

RESOLUTION 58-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,923.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY HISTORY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT FY2025.

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

RESOLUTION 59-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION FOR REAPPLYING FOR THE GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY HISTORY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT FY 2026-2028.

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

RESOLUTION 60-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO REAPPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING IN ANY AMOUNT FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR THE LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM FY 2026-2028.

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

RESOLUTION 61-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,467.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / OFFICE OF EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FY-2025 NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 GRANT AND TO USE THE AWARDED FUNDS FOR THE UPGRADE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE COUNTY'S 9-1-1 INFRASTRUCTURE & COUNTY PLANNING GIS SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT NEXT GENERATION 911 CAPABILITIES.

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

Mr. Kern walked a resolution in, identified as Agenda Item E13 and read into the record. RESOLUTION OF THE WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS URGING THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION ALLOWING COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO POST LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY WEBSITES.

WHEREAS, P.L. 2024, Ch. 106 was adopted by the New Jersey Legislature in 2024 to temporarily allow legal advertisements to be electronically published, in newspapers that only have a presence on the internet; and

WHEREAS, the State's largest newspaper, the Star Ledger among others, is ceasing physical publication of the newspaper and exclusively operating as a digital publication; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with publishing digitally are substantially less than the printed version, which difference should be reflected in the costs charged by such newspapers; and

WHEREAS, the current legislation permits newspapers to charge the cost of digital legal advertising at the same rate as legal advertising in a physical newspaper, but the current legislation does not address the fact that newspapers are allowed to restrict access to paid subscriptions; and

WHEREAS, the State Office of Legislative Services performed a fiscal analysis in 2015 of the costs incurred by Counties, Municipalities and School Boards due to legal advertising, and found that even that long ago that the costs incurred cumulatively by those entities is well into millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners are stewards of public funds and that it is inappropriate in the extreme that commercial advertisers have the freedom to largely abandon newspaper advertising, while government agencies are effectively forced to subsidize newspapers, despite the fact that newspapers are allowed to restrict viewership to paid subscribers; and

WHEREAS, it is unrealistic to expect the public to search for free alternative online media to find local legal advertising in lieu of paying for an online newspaper subscription; and

WHEREAS, Warren County and the municipalities therein have no legal alternative but to continue to submit legal advertisement to newspapers, despite county and municipal websites being available at no cost to the taxpayers, and such websites being widely read and providing valuable information to the residents of Warren County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and the State of New Jersey that legislation be immediately drafted permitting municipal and county legal notices to be published on their websites saving the overburdened taxpayers with needless extra costs.

At this time the Board made a motion and second to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 62-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION OF THE WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS URGING THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION ALLOWING COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO POST LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY WEBSITES.

Mr. Sarnoski opened discussion to the public prior to the Boards recorded vote, to which there were no questions or comments from the public.

Mr. Kern thanked County Counsel Joe Bell for his work on this resolution. There is a trial date of February 26, 2025. Hopefully we will be hearing from a judge about whether or not this may proceed. Ultimately the Legislature needs to act and he believes county and municipality websites should suffice in allowing people to access that information. He has requested to see the number of people who access our county website. If you don't have a place to publish this information, misinformation gets out there. We need to get the information to people so they can make decisions for themselves. We will continue to place this information on the county website for people to see. Mr. Kern ended by saying all we're doing is subsidizing commercial newspapers and that is wrong.

Ms. Ciesla agrees with Commissioner Kern. Most of us, who are old enough, have all looked at these ads in the back of the newspapers. The only ones who read them are those who want to bid. Most people who want to know when a meeting is will go to the town or county websites or call the town hall or county offices. This information can be hard to find on the newspapers website. Newspapers have become a disappointment. They use to come to meetings and report on things and now they have become advertisement vehicles.

To Ms. Ciesla's point, Mr. Kern read the top stories listed right now are on Lehigh Valley Live: "Should you chose a lab grown diamond engagement ring instead of a natural grown ring?", "Amazon has three headphones on sale for a whopping 31% off", "Will Timothée Chalamet's lookalike be a part of the SNL episode?", etc. It's disappointing this is what media has to cover, it's not news.

Mr. Sarnoski agrees with his colleagues. The information age is more open, transparent and better for the taxpayers. It should be done this way. We are just subsidizing newspapers that are, sadly, poor right now.

There being no further comments or questions from the public, they proceeded with a vote on this resolution.

RESOLUTION 62-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION OF THE WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS URGING THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION ALLOWING COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO POST LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY WEBSITES.

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

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION 63-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING OF SPECIFICATION WC2504 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS FOR ALL WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS.

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

RESOLUTION 64-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING OF SPECIFICATION WC2505 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LABORATORY TESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING OFFICE.

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

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION 65-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2503R FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND MULTI-LINE INSURANCE FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND THE WARREN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, TO THE NEW JERSEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,301,476.00.

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

RESOLUTION 66-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2314FO-6 TO GENESIS ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE REPAIR TO BRIDGE #16069, WASHBURN ROAD OVER A TRIBUTARY TO MUSCONETCONG RIVER, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00.

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

RESOLUTION 67-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2314FO-7 TO JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL

ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2025 BRIDGERAIL AND GUIDERAIL REPLACEMENT ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES (PORTIONS COUNTY ROUTES 623 AND 647) IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$75,704.00.

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

RESOLUTION 68-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR CONTRACT WC2166R FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NEW HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING BLOCK 21, LOT 7.04, WHITE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY TO FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, A DIVISION OF UTRS, OF WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY AN INCREASE OF \$5,300.00 AND FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$24,137.50.

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

RESOLUTION 69-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT WC2468 JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR VARIOUS WARREN COUNTY OFFICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR ONE ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIOD AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW 40A:11-15 TO ROUND THE CLOCK SERVICES INC., D/B/A AS SERVICEMASTER BY ROUND THE CLOCK, IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$19,212.00.

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

RESOLUTION 70-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN AND PERMITTING SERVICES TO ADDRESS DAMAGES ON KNOWLTON ROAD (CR 616), KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP DUE TO STORM DAMAGE FROM THE JULY 2023 STORM EVENTS TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN, INC. PER PROPOSAL PRICING SCHEDULE AWARDED WC2496FO UNDER INVOICING IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$59,000.00

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

RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF KATHLEEN MIERS FROM THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION.

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

RESOLUTION 71-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

SCOTT A. ANDERSON - TERM TO EXPIRE: 12/31/27

MITCH JONES - TERM TO EXPIRE: 12/31/27

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

RESOLUTION 72-25

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

TAMMY KOOP - TERM TO EXPIRE: 12/31/29

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

Ms. Ciesla thanked Scott Anderson and Mitch Jones for wanting to return to the Economic Development Committee. We plan to keep the committee going.

Mr. Sarnoski mentioned we want to make sure we still have a full board. Mitch Jones and Scott Anderson have both been very active members. He appreciates both gentlemen. Mitch has been chairing for quite some time and Scott is an important member of our business community. We do plan on keeping the committee going.

Mr. Sarnoski explained Ms. Miers had an unexpected issue where she could not serve at this time. He thanked Ms. Koop for stepping in and wanting to be a part of the library. He is glad to still be having someone from the Belvidere area serving. There is someone from every area we have a library branch (Greenwich, Independence, Blirstown, Belvidere) serving on this committee.

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 73-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF KEYBOARDING CLERK 3, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF KEYBOARDING CLERK 2, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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

RESOLUTION 74-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING JUSTUS NEUMEISTER TO THE POSITION OF COUNTY DIVISION HEAD, UNCLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joseph Bell commented the three law suits that were filed against the county as the results of the actions of former Sheriff Bullock will be discussed in Executive Session. It is required they be held in Executive Session under provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

County Engineer Director Michael Finelli thanked the Board for his appointment. He appreciates the staff at the various departments. All have all been very nice and helpful in these early days. This has made his transition go a lot smoother than it could have.

Mr. Finelli gave an update on County Route #659, Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township. Contractor has mobilized, detour set in place. Today Mr. Gleba and Mr. Graham were at the site, meeting with the contractors and things are moving along.

Mr. Kern informed Mr. Finelli he heard from the Mayor of Hardwick and he is delighted things have gotten underway.

County Planner Dave Dech had no report this evening.

County Public Works Director Emily Hammer reaffirmed the Catherine Dickson Hofman Library remains on target for completion in March.

County CFO Kim Francisco is working on completing the IRS requirements for January. The W-2s and 1099s have been printed. The W-2s will be going out to employees tomorrow. He will be filing with the IRS by the end of the week. Budget introduction will be presented at the February 26, 2025 meeting. It will be adopted on March 26, 2025.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak had a few items for this evening. First item is the Vacancy Report, nothing out of the ordinary, a lot of backfill of positions. Next item, reminded everyone of the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 due to the Lincoln's Birthday and it being a holiday. Last item, he reminded the Board of the Board of School Estimate Hearing with Warren County Community College will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 20025 and will begin one hour before our regular meeting at 5:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Kern had three items for discussion.

1. Monitoring of the bird flu in Warren County. There has been at least one known positive case. It is being handled by the New Jersey Department of Health and the Department of Agriculture. There is no threat to humans. The County Health Department is monitoring it with the state agencies. Information about the safe handling of any dead birds can be found on the state website. He thanked Health Officer Pete Summers and his office.
2. Increased truck traffic on Route 519, perhaps due to law enforcement agencies pulling back a little bit. He has spoken to the President of the Warren County Police Chiefs Association and followed up with an email. They will be meeting with all of the local municipal chiefs as well as state police.
3. He and Ms. Ciesla were at the inauguration this week. It was nice to see the nation's capital buzzing with excitement for a new Commander in Chief.

Ms. Ciesla congratulated President Trump and Vice-President Vance for being sworn in. It was disappointing we couldn't see it in person because it was cold. It was great to be down at the nation's capital.

Ms. Ciesla also reported the Broadband applications are in process. There has been one vendor who submitted an application and asked for the CPF funds. There will also be BEAD funding. She is hoping with the new administration this will pick up a little. There is the possibility of satellite being included in the future. This would be helpful for those living in the woods where Wi-Fi is difficult to get. She thanked Emily Hammer for all the hard work she has done on that.

Next Ms. Ciesla gave an update on the County’s bicentennial. She attended a meeting last night. They should have some contracts for the February meeting. They will be moving forward with the Community Day as well as some other things. This will roll into the country’s Semiquincentennial and Revolution New Jersey. There is a lot of excitement being generated.

Ms. Ciesla conclude by thanking CFO Kim Francisco for the budget meetings that have been put together and she stressed we have not yet introduced the budget. It will be introduced in February. The meetings that have been held were with staff to go over their needs for this year. The process here runs very, very well. Some municipalities have started to have open public meetings where they talk to their staff and she feels that is great for everybody to hear. She reiterated the budget will be introduced and then we’ll approved it. At that time we’ll get the numbers out.

Mr. Sarnoski has no comments this evening.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Sylvia Zika, Blairstown Township, voiced her concerns about supporting budget documents from the various county departments not being available to the public. County Counsel Joseph Bell addressed her concerns and how it relates to the Open Public Records Act. These documents are considered inter-agency and therefore OPRA does not apply.

Mitch Jones, Harmony Township, asked for the status of Lommason Glen Road and the repair and reopening of the road. Ms. Hammer, DPW Director, responded, there is a contractor on board and work has begun. We are in the process now of looking at how we are going remobilize and continue the work.

Mr. Jones, as a member of the County Board of Agriculture, said he sees the Board purchased some farm land or agreed to add money to the farm land they ask that the farmable areas be kept open for farm land.

PRESS COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 75-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

JANUARY 22, 2025

PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 at 6:41 p.m.

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

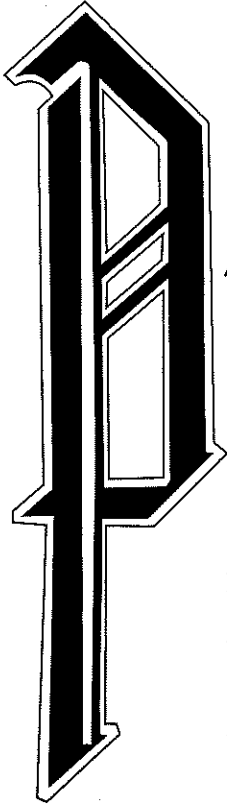
On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, the board adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 7:09 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Lori Ciesla, seconded by Jason Sarnoski, and there being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

County of Warren
Board of County Commissioners



Proclamation

Human Trafficking Prevention Month
January 2025

WHEREAS, in 2000, the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act became the first comprehensive federal law to provide for the protection of trafficking victims and prosecution of traffickers within the United States; and

WHEREAS, the law aims to combat trafficking into and within the United States through public awareness, the protection of victims, and the prosecution of traffickers; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking robs millions of their freedom, enriches transnational criminals, and threatens public safety and security everywhere; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a modern form of slavery and the barbaric exploitation of innocent victims which cannot be allowed to continue; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is a main corridor in the Northeast United States for facilitating and transporting victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2023 the State of New Jersey created a Human Trafficking Unit to deal with the increase in human trafficking cases in our state; and

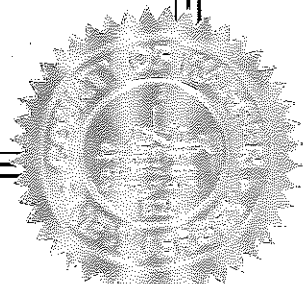
WHEREAS, human trafficking will not be eliminated without a concerted effort among all communities to be educated and vigilant of such crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of January 2025 as **HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH** and urge residents to work together to raise awareness and help prevent this heinous crime.

*Jason J. Sarnoski, Director
Board of County Commissioners*

*Lori Ciesla, Deputy Director
Board of County Commissioners*

*James R. Kern III, Commissioner
Board of County Commissioners*



**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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165 County Route 519 South
Belvidere, NJ 07823

RESOLUTION 49-25

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 22, 2025.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2025-2 and 2025-3, dated January 22, 2025**, in the amount of **\$4,182,755.85** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of County Commissioners.

2025-2	1/15/2025	\$1,472,690.96	
2025-3	1/22/2025	<u>1,148,243.16</u>	
TOTAL			\$2,620,934.12
PNC Bank Commercial Card	1/10/2025	\$7,172.88	
Delta Dental - Feb	1/10/2025	<u>40,542.54</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			47,715.42
Payroll	1/9/2025	\$1,514,106.31	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,514,106.31</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$4,182,755.85</u>

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
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RESOLUTION 50-25

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 22, 2025.

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WARREN COUNTY
CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS 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 Warren County Construction Board of Appeals for 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:

Tuesday	April 29, 2025	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 29, 2025	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 30, 2025	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 30, 2025	6:00 p.m.

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
(E1)

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

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RESOLUTION 51-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT
APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
INSTALLATION & CONSTRUCTION OF SCOUR PROTECTION
MEASURES AT ELIGIBLE SCOUR CRITICAL BRIDGE STRUCTURES
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN WARREN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, there is a need for scour protection measures installation & construction at eligible scour critical bridge structures within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has been informed that there is FY2025 Local Bridges Future Needs Program funding available for County bridge projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Warren, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as LBFN-2025-Warren County (Application Number Pending) to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the County of Warren.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the County of Warren and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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
(E2)

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

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RESOLUTION 52-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER TO
SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT FUNDING OF UP TO \$293,995.00 FOR
STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025**

WHEREAS, The County Environmental Health Act (CEHA), NJSA 26:3A2-21 et. seq. authorizes county departments of health to conduct comprehensive environmental health services in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP); and

WHEREAS, the CEHA has enhances environmental health services in Warren County by providing State funding and technical assistance to the Warren County Health Department since 1985; and

WHEREAS, CHEA grant funds of not less than \$133,612.00 and not more than \$293,995.00 are available to the County of Warren for state fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Health Officer to make application for State Fiscal Year 2025 CEHA funding and if accepted, to execute a CEHA grant agreement with the NJDEP in an amount up to \$293,995.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners agrees to provide in-kind matching funds of up to 45.45% of the total project amount, pursuant to the match requirements of the grant; and

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

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

(E3)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 53-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE &
SOCIAL SERVICES, CY 2025 BUDGET APPLICATION IN THE TOTAL
AMOUNT OF \$8,218,421.00; FUNDS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY FROM
THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND
WARREN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services (TASS) has prepared the Calendar Year 2025 Budget Application to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development; and

WHEREAS, the TASS budget reflects a total of \$8,218,421.00 anticipated revenue for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 from the following sources; funds subject to availability; and

State & Federal Funds - \$5,201,803.00
Warren County Funds - \$3,016,618.00

WHEREAS, these anticipated funds will be used to support both the administration and operating expenses of TASS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby approve the Calendar Year 2025 Department of Human Services/TASS Budget Application to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, for an anticipated total of \$8,218,421.00; funding subject to availability.

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
(E4)

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RESOLUTION 54-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL TO ACQUIRE BLOCK 5 LOT 16
IN KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the permanent preservation of lands devoted to open space is in the public interest and benefits the citizens of Warren County and that the purchase of open space to accomplish the preservation of said land is a worthwhile and prudent expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Trust Fund makes monies available for the purchase of open space in order to permanently preserve said properties; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners recommends that the Trust Fund be used to acquire a 189-acre property known as Block 5 Lot 16 in Knowlton Township; and

WHEREAS, the property contains approximately 144 acres of woodlands, 44 acres of fields, critical wildlife habitat, and approximately 2,500 linear feet of Yards Creek, a C-1 tributary to the Paulinskill; and

WHEREAS, the property will be preserved by The Nature Conservancy and thereafter transferred to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County will contribute \$110,000.00 towards The Nature Conservancy's preservation of the property; and

WHEREAS, two professional, independent appraisals were performed on the property; and

WHEREAS, the pressures from development have significantly heightened the degree of imminence of change of land use in this area; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Recreation Commission recommends the acquisition of this property for open space recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the County's contribution towards the preservation of this property will be funded through the Warren County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

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

1. The Board hereby grants permission to contribute \$110,000.00 to The Nature Conservancy for the preservation of this property.
2. The Board hereby agrees to accept a transfer of the fee simple ownership interest in this property from The Nature Conservancy.
3. The Board Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the Transfer

Agreement and any and all documents necessary for the preservation and conveyance of this property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adequate funds in the amount of \$110,000.00 in the account #03894-5065-8942501-5065 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

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
(E5)

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RESOLUTION 55-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST
BE MADE TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has previously obtained a Green Acres loan of \$500,000.00 and/or a Green Acres grant of \$3,750,000.00 from the State to fund the following project(s): The Warren County Open Space Recreation Plan, Project No. 2100-99-031, and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren desires to further the public interest by requesting an additional Green Acres grant of \$665,000.00 to fund the project(s); and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the supplemental funding request is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with its rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an Amendment of the Agreement with the State for the above-named project;

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

1. Alex J. Lazorisak, or the successor to the office of County Administrator, is hereby authorized to:
 - a. request such a grant,
 - b. provide additional information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant; and
2. The applicant agrees to provide the local government/nonprofit share if a match is required; and
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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
(E6)

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RESOLUTION 56-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR FEE SIMPLE ACQUISITION
OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA J. SIGLER FARM KNOWN AS BLOCK 9,
LOTS 23 AND 23.02 IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, APPROXIMATELY 174.32
ACRES**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has determined that the property known as the Estate of the Barbara J. Sigler Farm, owned by the Estate of Barbara Sigler, c/o J. Whitehead, located on Block 9 Lots 23 and 23.02 in Franklin Township and consisting of approximately 174.32 acres is available for fee simple purchase; and

WHEREAS, located wholly within the Warren County Agriculture Development Area (ADA), the Highlands Preservation Area, and the Highlands Agricultural Resource Area, the property contains approximately 95 acres of tillable farmland, including approximately 13 acres of soils which are Soils of Statewide Importance and 82 acres of soils which are designated Prime Soils; and

WHEREAS, located partially within the Highlands Forest Resource Area, the property contains approximately 60 acres of woodlands, approximately 1-mile of the Mill Brook, a C-1 tributary to the Pohatcong Creek, and approximately 86 acres of critical wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the property is also located adjacent to 169 acres of existing County parkland which contains approximately 3,300 feet of the Morris Canal; and

WHEREAS, located along the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway, the property contains approximately 1,700 linear feet of the historic Morris Canal, with the towpath and prism largely intact, as well as the historic Warne Gristmill; and

WHEREAS, for farmland preservation purposes, the Warren County Agriculture Development Board has recommended the acquisition of this property at its pre-highlands '04 value; and

WHEREAS, for open space conservation, recreation, and historic preservation purposes, the Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners has recommended the acquisition of this property at its pre-highlands '04 value; and

WHEREAS, the pressures from development have significantly heightened the degree of imminence of change of land use in this area; and

WHEREAS, two professional independent appraisals were performed on the property; and

WHEREAS, the landowner has accepted the offer by the County of total purchase price of \$1,863,000; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the property for agricultural, environmental, recreational, and historic preservation purposes will be funded by the Warren County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the tract would encourage the survivability of production agriculture in Franklin

Township and Warren County, and said tract is located in the Highlands Preservation Area and the County's South East Project Area; and

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

1. The Board hereby grants permission for the purchase of this property.
2. The cost of the acquisition is One Million Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$1,863,000.00), subject to the terms, conditions, and adjustments contained in the purchase agreement.
3. The Board Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the purchase agreements and any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of this property.
4. That a future development easement will be secured on the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the adequate funds for the purchase price funding depending upon final surveyed acres in the amount of \$1,863,000.00 in account #03895-5067-8952501-5067 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

(E7)

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RESOLUTION 57-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$200,000.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE
ARTS FOR THE LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM FY2025**

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33A-1, on October 11, 1972 the Warren County Board of County Commissioners (the “County Commissioners”) adopted a resolution creating the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2018 the County Commissioners adopted a resolution abolishing the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission and establishing a Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs within the Department of Land Preservation (the “Division”); and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2019, the County Commissioners adopted a resolution creating the Warren County Bicentennial Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board (the “Advisory Board”) to make recommendations to the County Commissioners and the Division for the development of county programs to promote public interest in local and County history, in the arts, and in the cultural values, goals and traditions of the community, the State and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts / Department of State, for re-granting funds and other local arts services; and

WHEREAS, the development of the arts in Warren County is deemed a valuable cultural asset and will have a positive impact on the quality of life in Warren County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Division, Department of Land Preservation, to accept and administer the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Grant Funding for the Local Arts Program in FY 2025, Grant #NJSCA 2513A060019.

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
(E8)

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RESOLUTION 58-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$26,923.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC COMMISSION FOR
THE COUNTY HISTORY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT FY2025**

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33A-1, on October 11, 1972 the Warren County Board of County Commissioners (the “County Commissioners”) adopted a resolution creating the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2018 the County Commissioners adopted a resolution abolishing the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission and establishing a Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs within the Department of Land Preservation (the “Division”); and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2019, the County Commissioners adopted a resolution creating the Warren County Bicentennial Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board (the “Advisory Board”) to make recommendations to the County Commissioners and the Division for the development of county programs to promote public interest in local and County history, in the arts, and in the cultural values, goals and traditions of the community, the State and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available from the New Jersey Historic Commission / Department of State, for re-granting funds and other local history projects; and

WHEREAS, the development of the history projects in Warren County is deemed a valuable cultural asset and will have a positive impact on the quality of life in Warren County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Division, Department of Land Preservation, to accept and administer the County History Partnership Program Grant Funding in for the History Grant Program in FY 2025, Grant #HC CHPP 2025 00001.

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
(E9)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 59-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION FOR REAPPLYING FOR THE GRANT FROM THE NEW
JERSEY HISTORIC COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY HISTORY
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT FY 2026-2028**

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33A-1, on October 11, 1972, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners (the “County Commissioners”) adopted a resolution creating the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2018, the County Commissioners adopted a resolution abolishing the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission and establishing a Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs within the Department of Land Preservation (the “Division”); and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2019, the County Commissioners adopted a resolution creating the Warren County Bicentennial Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board (the “Advisory Board”) to make recommendations to the County Commissioners and the Division for the development of county programs to promote public interest in local and County history, in the arts, and in the cultural values, goals and traditions of the community, the State and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available from the New Jersey Historic Commission / Department of State, for re-granting funds and other local history projects; and

WHEREAS, the development of the history projects in Warren County is deemed a valuable cultural asset and will have a positive impact on the quality of life in Warren County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Division, Department of Land Preservation, to reapply for grant funds from the New Jersey Historic Commission for the County History Partnership Program for FY 2026-2028.

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
(E10)

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RESOLUTION 60-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION TO REAPPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING IN ANY
AMOUNT FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS
FOR THE LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM FY 2026-2028**

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33A-1, on October 11, 1972 the Warren County Board of County Commissioners (the “County Commissioners”) adopted a resolution creating the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2018 the County Commissioners adopted a resolution abolishing the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission and establishing a Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs within the Department of Land Preservation (the “Division”); and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2019, the County Commissioners adopted a resolution creating the Warren County Bicentennial Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board (the “Advisory Board”) to make recommendations to the County Commissioners and the Division for the development of county programs to promote public interest in local and County history, in the arts, and in the cultural values, goals and traditions of the community, the State and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts / Department of State, for re-granting funds and other local arts services; and

WHEREAS, the development of the arts in Warren County is deemed a valuable cultural asset and will have a positive impact on the quality of life in Warren County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Division, Department of Land Preservation, to reapply for grant funds from the New Jersey Council on the Arts for the 2026-2028.

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
(E11)

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RESOLUTION 61-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$140,467.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FY-2025 NEXT GENERATION 9-1-
1 GRANT AND TO USE THE AWARDED FUNDS FOR THE UPGRADE
AND MAINTENANCE OF THE COUNTY'S 9-1-1 INFRASTRUCTURE &
COUNTY PLANNING GIS SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT NEXT GENERATION
911 CAPABILITIES**

WHEREAS, NG911 replaces the e911 ALI and MSAG database and relies on digital Geographic Information System (GIS); and

WHEREAS, this GIS data must be processed to match existing ALI and MSAG tables and adhere to the National Emergency Number Association NG911 data model; and

WHEREAS, the County's 9-1-1 ALI and MSAG requires an upgrade from e911 database lookup to digital GIS; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Department is responsible for providing digital address points and centerlines to NJ GIS; and

WHEREAS, considerable equipment, technology and labor is necessary to support NG911 data model; and

WHEREAS, additional software updates will be necessary to the Customer Handling Equipment (CHE) of the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) as NJ NG911 extends rollout into late 2026; and

WHEREAS, multi-year GIS consultant support for NG911 is recommended to ensure accuracy and currency of address points and road centerlines to support in eventual data submittals to the ESINet Spatial Interface for the County or PSAP; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Planning Departments have consulted with Civil Solutions to assist with required GIS data development and maintenance over a five (5) year period; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Planning Departments have prepared a quote outlining necessary software and hardware required to adhere to the New Jersey NG9-1-1 data model over the next 5 years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Department of Public Safety to accept grant funds and apply the awarded funds towards the upgrade and continued maintenance of County GIS and County 9-1-1 infrastructure in compliance with New Jersey NG911 Data Model.

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

(E12)

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RESOLUTION 62-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION OF THE WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS URGING
THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION
ALLOWING COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO POST LEGAL
ADVERTISEMENTS ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY WEBSITES**

WHEREAS, P.L. 2024, Ch. 106 was adopted by the New Jersey Legislature in 2024 to temporarily allow legal advertisements to be electronically published, in newspapers that only have a presence on the internet; and

WHEREAS, the State's largest newspaper, the Star Ledger among others, is ceasing physical publication of the newspaper and exclusively operating as a digital publication; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with publishing digitally are substantially less than the printed version, which difference should be reflected in the costs charged by such newspapers; and

WHEREAS, the current legislation permits newspapers to charge the cost of digital legal advertising at the same rate as legal advertising in a physical newspaper, but the current legislation does not address the fact that newspapers are allowed to restrict access to paid subscriptions; and

WHEREAS, the State Office of Legislative Services performed a fiscal analysis in 2015 of the costs incurred by Counties, Municipalities and School Boards due to legal advertising, and found that even that long ago that the costs incurred cumulatively by those entities is well into millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners are stewards of public funds and that it is inappropriate in the extreme that commercial advertisers have the freedom to largely abandon newspaper advertising, while government agencies are effectively forced to subsidize newspapers, despite the fact that newspapers are allowed to restrict viewership to paid subscribers; and

WHEREAS, it is unrealistic to expect the public to search for free alternative online media to find local legal advertising in lieu of paying for an online newspaper subscription; and

WHEREAS, Warren County and the municipalities therein have no legal alternative but to continue to submit legal advertisement to newspapers, despite county and municipal websites being available at no cost to the taxpayers, and such websites being widely read and providing valuable information to the residents of Warren County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and the State of New Jersey that legislation be immediately drafted permitting municipal and county legal notices to be published on their websites saving the overburdened taxpayers with needless extra costs.

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

(E13)

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RESOLUTION 63-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING OF SPECIFICATION WC2504 AND
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES
AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS FOR ALL WARREN COUNTY
DEPARTMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC2504 for office supplies and associated products for all Warren County Departments is hereby approved.

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

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

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
(F1)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 64-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING OF SPECIFICATION WC2505 AND
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LABORATORY
TESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING
OFFICE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC2505 for Laboratory tests for the Warren County Public Health Nursing Office are 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 accounts 013302/5030-Public Health Nursing Community Health Services and 013302/5046 Public Health Nursing Community Health Service T.B. Program

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
(F2)

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RESOLUTION 65-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2503R FOR THE WARREN
COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR WORKERS
COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND MULTI-LINE INSURANCE FOR
THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND THE WARREN COUNTY MOSQUITO
EXTERMINATION COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1,
2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, TO THE NEW JERSEY
INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSURANCE FUND AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$2,301,476.00**

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the county issue a contract for Workers Compensation Insurance and Multi-Line Insurance Services as outlined in the proposal; and

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

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

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

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a contract to New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund for services for the above project, at a cost not to exceed \$2,301,476.00 per letter of agreement which is on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing and is made a part hereof by reference.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services defined cannot reasonably be described by written specifications to assure that the qualitative and quantitative assessment of the problems involved, which require expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor are obtained.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Ledger.

Funding for this service has been provided in budget accounts 012100/5090 Property and Casualty Insurance and 012150/5090 – County Insurance Workers Comp, and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

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RESOLUTION 66-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2314FO-6 TO GENESIS
ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN
CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE
REPAIR TO BRIDGE #16069, WASHBURN ROAD OVER A TRIBUTARY
TO MUSCONETCONG RIVER, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP IN THE
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00**

WHEREAS, the County has received Qualification Statements for Contract #WC2314FO for Bridge and Culvert Survey, Design, and Permitting; and

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

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Genesis Engineering meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of \$7,500.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 0419A303 5064 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and Genesis Engineering of Lafayette N.J. for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$7,500.00, 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.

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
(H2)

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RESOLUTION 67-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2314FO-7 TO JOHNSON,
MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
SERVICES FOR 2025 BRIDGERAIL AND GUIDERAIL REPLACEMENT
ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES (PORTIONS COUNTY ROUTES 623
AND 647) IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$75,704.00**

WHEREAS, the County has received Qualification Statements for Contract #WC2314FO for Bridge and Culvert Survey, Design, and Permitting; and

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

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of \$75,704.00; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 0419A303 5064 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. of Trenton N.J. for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$75,704.00 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.

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
(H3)

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RESOLUTION 68-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR CONTRACT
WC2166R FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING
SERVICES FOR THE NEW HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING BLOCK 21,
LOT 7.04, WHITE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY TO FINELLI CONSULTING
ENGINEERS, A DIVISION OF UTRS, OF WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY
AN INCREASE OF \$5,300.00 AND FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF
\$24,137.50**

WHEREAS, Finelli Consulting Engineers, A Division of UTRS, of Washington, New Jersey was awarded a contract for surveying and engineering services for the new Human Services Building Block 21, Lot 7.04, White Township, New Jersey in the original contract amount of \$11,800.00; and

WHEREAS, there were previous changes for additional application fees, technical specifications, plan revision coordination and meeting attendance that resulted in a net increase of \$7,037.50 resulting in the contract amount of \$18,837.50; and

WHEREAS, there were additional services provided during the construction of the project; and

WHEREAS, this change in award will result in a net increase of \$5,300.00 and final contract amount of \$24,137.50

WHEREAS, adequate funds have been established in account 0420A516/5062

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren do hereby approve Change Order #2 for the above contract for a net increase of \$5,300.00 and a final Contract in the amount of \$24,137.50

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
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RESOLUTION 69-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2468 JANITORIAL SERVICE
FOR VARIOUS WARREN COUNTY OFFICES FOR THE PERIOD OF
JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 WITH THE RIGHT
TO EXTEND FOR ONE ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIOD AS
PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW 40A:11-15 TO
ROUND THE CLOCK SERVICES INC., D/B/A AS SERVICEMASTER BY
ROUND THE CLOCK, IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$19,212.00**

WHEREAS, bids were received by the County of Warren on October 29, 2024, for Janitorial Services for various Warren County offices; and

WHEREAS, the apparent low bidder was Best Cleaning Building Cleaning Service, Inc. (“Best”), 1121 Edgewater Ave, Ridgefield, New Jersey with a bid in the amount of \$14,725.00 per month; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, the County is expressly empowered to preemptively disqualify a bidder from consideration for award of a public contract based on “prior negative experience”; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4(b) defines “prior negative experience” to include, inter-alia, circumstances where “the bidder defaulted on a contract, thereby requiring the local unit to utilize the services of another contractor to provide the goods or perform the services or to correct or complete the contract”; and

WHEREAS, Best contracted with the County for the same janitorial services under Contract WC2338 for the previous term and ultimately defaulted on its obligations under the contract thereby causing Warren County to have to engage the services of another contractor to perform the services under the contract for the remainder of the term; and

WHEREAS, such action was necessitated due to the persistent and material failure of Best to actually and acceptably perform the most basic services due under the contract, despite ample and repeated notices and warnings and the County exhausting every reasonable means available to obtain compliance; and

WHEREAS, the County served written notice on Best by way of certified mail, regular mail and email advising of the potential disqualification of the bid, the reason for disqualification and of the right and opportunity to request a hearing before the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren prior to any formal action being taken to disqualify the bid should Best avail itself to such opportunity by means of simply making a request to that effect in writing by or before December 20, 2024, and was further advised that the County otherwise intended to award the contract at second regular meeting in January; and

WHEREAS, to date, no such hearing request has been made and the County has not received any form of response; and

WHEREAS, the County finds and declares that it has had prior negative experience with Best for the reasons set forth herein and that it is not in the best interests of Warren County for the above contract to be awarded to Best due to the recency and material and substantial nature of the “prior negative experience” encountered on the same contract in the prior term and the resulting detriment and expense to the County taxpayers and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the disqualification of the lowest bid, Round the Clock Services, Inc., d/b/a Servicemaster by Round the Clock, 2320 Brodhead Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, has been determined to be the next lowest responsible bidder;

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

1. The aforesaid recitals are hereby adopted and incorporated herein as if repeated in full.
2. That the low bid submitted by Best Cleaning Building Cleaning Service, Inc., is hereby disqualified on the basis of “prior negative experience” within the meaning of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. That Contract WC2468 Janitorial Service For Various Warren County Offices be and is hereby awarded to Round the Clock Services, Inc., d/b/a Servicemaster by Round the Clock, on its bid of \$19,212.00 per month in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Specifications and Contract Documents.
4. That the Commissioner Director and the County Administrator are each hereby authorized to execute and enter into the Contract WC2468 Janitorial Service For Various Warren County Offices on behalf of the County of Warren in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein.
5. A copy of said Contract shall be kept on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and notice of this action shall be published within the time and manner required by law.

to . . . Round the Clock Services, Inc., DBA as Servicemaster by Round the Clock, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

in the amount of . . . \$19,212.00

as per their bid submitted . . . October 29, 2024

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

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget account 013100/5024 – Buildings & Grounds Facility Maintenance, Repair & Cleaning and 153908/5024 – Library Facility Maintenance, Repair and Cleaning

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
(H5)

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RESOLUTION 70-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN
AND PERMITTING SERVICES TO ADDRESS DAMAGES ON
KNOWLTON ROAD (CR 616), KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP DUE TO STORM
DAMAGE FROM THE JULY 2023 STORM EVENTS TO COLLIERS
ENGINEERING AND DESIGN, INC. PER PROPOSAL PRICING
SCHEDULE AWARDED WC2496FO UNDER INVOICING IN THE
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$59,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2496FO for Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Services for the design and permitting services to address damages on Knowlton Road (CR 616), Knowlton Township due to storm damage from the July 2023 storm events was hereby awarded

to . . . Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc., Hampton, New Jersey

in the estimated: hourly rates of the pricing schedule submitted

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 the services listed above

and, that under WC2496FO, Colliers Engineering and Design is giving professional engineering and land surveying services for the design and permitting services to address damages on Knowlton Road (CR 616), Knowlton Township due to storm damage from the July 2023 storm events.

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

Funds will be provided in account 0423B299-5063

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
(H6)

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RESOLUTION 71-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
WARREN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby reappoints the following individuals to the Warren County Economic Development Committee:

REAPPOINT:

Scott A. Anderson, CFP
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Term to expire: 12/31/27

Mitch Jones
Washington, NJ 07882

Term to expire: 12/31/27

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

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RESOLUTION 72-25

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 22, 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:

Tammy Koop
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

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RESOLUTION 73-25

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 22, 2025.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF KEYBOARDING
CLERK 3, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF
KEYBOARDING CLERK 2, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, that a full-time position of *Keyboarding Clerk 3*, classified, is created within the Warren County Health Department to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time position of *Keyboarding Clerk 2*, classified, is hereby abolished.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the full-time position of *Keyboarding Clerk 3*, classified, within the Warren County Health Department is created and established on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 0737.5 and made effective January 23, 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
(J1)

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RESOLUTION 74-25

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 22, 2025.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that Justus Neumeister is appointed to the position of County Division Head at an annual salary of \$63,500, effective January 23, 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
(J2)

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RESOLUTION 75-25

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held on January 22, 2025.

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

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

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

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

- (1) *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and Attorney-Client Privilege*: Items to be discussed include: Status of various litigation: Liaci Litigation and Bullock Litigation.
- (2) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining*: Items to be discussed include: CWA 1032 – Nurses
- (3) *Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property*: Covanta Site and Bastedo Property.

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

RECORDED VOTE: 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
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