

# MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 26, 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 February 26, 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 Director Lori Ciesla and Commissioner Director Jason J. Sarnoski. Also attending were County Administrator Alex J. Lazorisak, Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell IV, County CFO Kim Francisco, Director of Engineering Mike Finelli and Deputy Commissioner Clerk Tracy Matlock.

At this time Mr. Sarnoski, acknowledge the Scouts of America Troop in attendance this evening. He requested the Scouts lead us in the flag salute.

After 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 Reorganization Session of January 1, 2025 were approved.

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

## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT/PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Sarnoski read proclamation as title only this evening and stated presentation will be at the Hackettstown BID dinner on March 6.

### **PROCLAMATION 100-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - HACKETTSTOWN GRAND MARSHAL (TITLE ONLY).

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

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

Mr. Sarnoski explained the meeting process in more detail for the scouts in attendance this evening to assist them in earning their badge.

## FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

### **RESOLUTION 101-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS.

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

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Mr. Sarnoski announced at this meeting the Board will be introducing the 2025 County budget, with a 30-day view period for the public, and then the adoption of the budget can take place. County Administrator Alex Lazorisak added at the meeting of introduction of the budget, resolutions can approved as a group, D2-8, at adoption/public hearing meeting each resolution will be acted upon individually.

Mr. Sarnoski thanked CFO Kim Francisco and his staff, as well as other county staff for their hard work in preparing the budget.

## **RESOLUTION 102-25**

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

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

## **RESOLUTION 103-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX LEVY CAP TO BE APPLIED TO THE 2025 COUNTY BUDGET

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

## **RESOLUTION 104-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND COUNTY PURPOSE TAX LEVY OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025

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

## **RESOLUTION 105-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY AND ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR THE USE OF THE WARREN COUNTY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

## **RESOLUTION 106-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2025 COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND LEVY

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

## **RESOLUTION 107-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S

"Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

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

**RESOLUTION 108-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$14,358,688.00 FROM THE WARREN COUNTY GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES

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

Mr. Sarnoski thanked county staff, especially CFO Francisco and his department for all the hard work that went into putting this budget together. He looks forward to adoption in a month.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 109-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION CALLING UPON GOVERNOR MURPHY AND ATTORNEY GENERAL PLATKIN TO UPHOLD THEIR OATHS OF OFFICE

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

Mr. Kern thanked County Counsel Joe Bell for helping craft this resolution. This resolution is essentially calling upon the Governor and the Attorney General to uphold their oath of office. They continue to play politics with the safety of our law enforcement officials. As elected officials, we have the responsibilities to ensure public safety, fiscal responsibility and the enforcement of the laws that govern our nation are crucial. What's happening right now is these policies are preventing law enforcement from addressing illegal immigration, and it's critical that local government came together and demand action from our state leaders. That's what this resolution does. We'll be sending it to all our municipalities as well the other 20 counties. He is glad it is on the agenda.

Ms. Ciesla echoed what Mr. Kern said. First of all immigration belongs to the federal government. The state government is supposed to uphold their oath of office and the constitution of the state of New Jersey and that of the country. Government exists for public safety, whether it's police or fire. There is nothing wrong with legal immigration. We have to crack down on illegal immigration because we have a lot of drugs and gangs coming through. It is not a good situation and to have our Governor and Attorney General say that they are not going to help the federal government is not in our best interest as residents in New Jersey.

Mr. Sarnoski agreed with his colleagues.

**RESOLUTION 110-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE A-919/S-1518 CONCERNING PRIVATIZATION CONTRACTS

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

Mr. Kern noted every time the politicians in Trenton get together, they find a way to create more difficulty for us at local and county government. This bill that has been put forth is impacting privatization of contracts and this legislation would significantly limit the ability of counties, municipalities and school districts to operate financially responsible budgets like the one we introduced tonight. Salaries, wages,

pensions and health benefits make up approximately sixty-five percent of overall operating budgets and privatization of contracts are a vital tool for achieving cost savings and managing them effectively. By mandating that county governments pay newly hired employees' wages and benefits at a rate no less than those of previous employees, would force spending to continually increase and strip away our ability to make important financial and operational decisions. Furthermore, it creates an unnecessary bureaucratic hurdle by requiring the Office of the State Controller to review and approve any prioritization of contracts. Again, this takes away control from this board, our administrator and management, and puts it in the hands of bureaucrats in Trenton.

Ms. Ciesla agrees with Mr. Kern. This is just another level of bureaucracy and red tape. We have to live without our own means with our budget. We tax our county residents. Municipalities tax their town residents. This is just more red tape that will benefit no one.

**RESOLUTION 111-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE WARREN COUNTY PEQUEST RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR MOTOR FUELS SERVICES  
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 112-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO MODIFY PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR BLOCK 23, LOT 7.01 IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, REFERRED TO AS THE KEN MILLER PROPERTY  
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 113-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATION OF A 16.717 ACRE PROPERTY IN FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP FROM THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NEW JERSEY TO BE PERMANENTLY PRESERVED AND ADDED TO THE WHITE LAKE NATURAL RESOURCE AREA  
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 114-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR WARREN COUNTY AND ALL DELAWARE WATER GAP RECREATION AREA LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS A GATEWAY COMMUNITY PILOT PROGRAM UNDER THE EXPLORE ACT  
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

Mr. Sarnoski explained this resolution is requesting support for the Warren County, all of Delaware, Water Gap recreation area, local communities at Gateway Community pilot program under the Explorer Act. The Explorer Act can help assess and potentially mitigate the impacts of visitor use at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area on Knowlton, Blirstown, Hardwick and other Warren County municipalities. Our invaluable volunteer and professional first responders are the ones assisting lost and injured hikers on Mount Tammany, battling forest fires and responding to river rescues, often pulling them away from their hometowns. Our State Police are responsible for moving vehicles that are illegally parked on the S curve shoulders when the parking lots are full, exacerbating safety issues on I-80 problems that NJ

DOT has largely ignored. Aggressively pursuing the opportunity to participate in the Explorer Act, National Recreation Area Gateway Community pilot program is crucial for Warren County. Certainly it will help out our scouts when they're going out to Delaware Water Gap to go camping, to have better resources and better services. He is so happy to have this in front of us and to support it. He understands the Explorer Act has already passed.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS

**RESOLUTION 115-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2025-2026 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WARREN COUNTY - CONTRACT #WC2512

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

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

**RESOLUTION 116-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2514R FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO “PERSONNEL DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS” TO RJH LAW ENFORCEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES OF KENDALL PARK, NEW JERSEY AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$175.00 PER HOUR

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

**RESOLUTION 117-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR AN EVENT CONTRACT WC2513R IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,680.00 WITH MES EVENT SERVICES, LLC FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL EVENT TO BE HELD ON JUNE 28, 2025

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

**RESOLUTION 118-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #2 FOR CONTRACT WC2313FO-6 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS FOR UTILITY PERMIT WORK ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES AND STRUCTURES FOR NET INCREASE OF \$8,000.00 AND REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$28,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION 119-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2313FO-11 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2022 RESURFACING AND REHABILITATION OF COUNTY ROUTES #519, #521, #623, #625, #629, #646, #655, #667 & #683 ALLAMUCHY, BLAIRSTOWN,

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HARMONY, INDEPENDENCE, LOPATCONG, MANSFIELD, OXFORD, WASHINGTON & WHITE TOWNSHIPS & TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,450.00

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

**RESOLUTION 120-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT #WC2434 TO RIVERVIEW PAVING FOR THE 2022 RESURFACING & REHABILITATION OF COUNTY ROUTES #519, #521, #623, #625, #629, #631, #646, #655, #667 & #683 ALLAMUCHY, BLAIRSTOWN, HARMONY, INDEPENDENCE, LOPATCONG, MANSFIELD, OXFORD, WASHINGTON & WHITE TOWNSHIPS & TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,943,323.88

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

**RESOLUTION 121-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION FOR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC2311C WITH AN INCREASE OF \$7,094.00 FROM \$35,475.00 TO \$42,569.00 FOR PROVISION OF AN INNOVATIONS GRANT PROGRAM WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

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

**RESOLUTION 122-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT WC2366C FOR PROVISION OF A YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM THROUGH CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

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

**RESOLUTION 123-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO RING CENTRAL, INC. OF BELMONT, CALIFORNIA FOR ANNUAL TELEPHONE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT MARCH 1, 2025 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026 IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$162,684.00

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

**RESOLUTION 124-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH EIKON PLANNING AND DESIGN, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,500.00 TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE THE DILAPIDATED BARN STRUCTURE ON BLOCK 23 LOT 7.01 IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, REFERRED TO AS THE KEN MILLER PROPERTY

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

**RESOLUTION 125-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT WC2501 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (PROPERTY ADJACENT TO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING) FOR FARMING FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS

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TO SUEED FARMS LLC, FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245.00 AN ACRE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT \$3,675.00 PER YEAR

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

**RESOLUTION 126-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT WC2502 FOR THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP) FOR FARMING FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS TO MAUREEN MARKEY-FERRIS, FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16.00 AN ACRES TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,200.00 PER YEAR

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

**RESOLUTION 127-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONTRACT WC2404 MICROWAVE RADIO MAINTENANCE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, TO TUWAY WIRELESS FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026 FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A THREE YEAR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$48,418.00

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

**RESOLUTION 128-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT WC24106 FOR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE TO TUWAY COMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH MAY 31, 2026 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$213,240.00 PER YEAR

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

**RESOLUTION 129-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #6 FOR CONTRACT WC2333 FOR THE NEW HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING WITH DE SAPIO CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF FRENCHTOWN, NEW JERSEY FOR A NET INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,131.65, AND FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$3,569,341.14

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

**RESOLUTION 130-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR CONTRACT WC2315R FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DRIVEWAY AND PARKING LOT REVISIONS BLOCK 1501, LOT 20.04 AND BLOCK 1501, LOT 20.03 CATHERINE DICKSON HOFMAN LIBRARY, BLAIRSTOWN, NEW JERSEY TO FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, A DIVISION OF UTRS, WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY AN INCREASE OF \$8,700.00, AND FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$35,187.50

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

**RESOLUTION 131-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO HYGRADE INSULATORS, INC. FOR PAINTING AND REPAIRS AT THE NORTHEAST BRANCH LIBRARY UNDER THE OMNIA COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$63,285.00

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

**RESOLUTION 132-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SURVEY AND FINAL DESIGN TO SNYDER’S ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 635, POHATCONG TOWNSHIP) FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 35+50 DUE TO STORM DAMAGE FROM THE JULY 14, 2023 AND JULY 15, 2023 STORM EVENTS TO COLLIER’S ENGINEERING AND DESIGN PER PROPOSAL PRICING SCHEDULE AWARDED WC2496FO UNDER INVOICING IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$125,250.00

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 LORI KING FROM THE WARREN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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

**RESOLUTION 133-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL  
JUDY LEONE - TERM TO EXPIRE: 12/31/27

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

**PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 134-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SUPERVISING ENGINEERING AIDE, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF PRINCIPAL ENGINEERING AIDE, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ENGINEER’S OFFICE

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

**RESOLUTION 135-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SENIOR PUBLIC WORKS INSPECTOR, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SENIOR ENGINEERING AIDE, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ENGINEER’S OFFICE

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell IV has no report this evening.

Director of Engineering Mike Finelli had two items to report on this evening. First County Route 659, Spring Valley Road in Hardwick Township project is moving along. There are two upcoming deadlines. One is March 15, which is for the DEP permit and the second is April 25 which is the completion of the project. We are in great shape and on track.

Secondly, Mr. Finelli gave an update on the County's design standards. He met with Ryan Conklin from the Planning Department, with the intention to wrap things up and to get closer to closure and hopeful adoption by this board. What came of this meeting was the county is involved in a complete streetscapes program and therefore that's going to trump us, because there's going to be a lot of things incorporated into the streetscapes that is going to be a part of those standards. It doesn't make any sense to go on a separate path and adopt what's been developed today. It's in everyone's best interest to hold off on that until the streetscapes is incorporated, along with the other comments that have been previously provided. He is looking to mid-summer or so.

County Planner Dave Dech recently met with the towns that are part of the case studies that were conducting as part of our complete street study. This study is to make portions of the county road suitable for pedestrians. There are five case study locations: Belvidere, White, Hackettstown, Washington Township, Franklin and Phillipsburg. He explained these don't include the entire towns, just segments of the county roads. They discussed what the proposed cross sections would be with the town. Some changes will be made. They are progressing very well. He informed the board of a public meeting scheduled on March 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the Southwest branch of the library. The public will be invited as well as municipalities. There will also be a virtual meeting on March 18 at 6:30 p.m. this will include the same presentation, however, the public will be able to attend virtually. Both meetings will be combined with the Local Safety Action Plan Initiative that the NJTPA is conducting and it is basically to discuss how the two are combining efforts to come up with a transportation complete streets type of study and policy. He urged the Board to attend at least one of these meetings.

Lastly, Mr. Dech commented on the development regulations, he recommends using the word incorporating in but not mandated and he agrees it is wise to wait until the streetscape study is completed.

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

County CFO Kim Francisco thanked everyone for their help with the budget. It was a good budget season. Tomorrow he will send the budget down to Trenton for state review. It will be posted on the county's website by the end of this week, for public review. The public hearing will be held on March 26.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak reported on the Vacancy Report. There is nothing out of the ordinary.

Mr. Lazorisak next discussion pertained to the 9-1-1 fees, which we have not been receiving. He has done some research on the matter. The federal government passed the 9-1-1 Improvement Act in 2008. It was an act where a tax was implemented on all phone lines within the county; landlines and cell phone lines and the rate is 90 cents per line, per month. That money is to be collected by the state. It's the state's

obligation to put that money towards any government agency that has a 9-1-1 system. As we know, the money has been diverted. It all started with Governor Christie. Governor Murphy has been the worst of all. In the past eight years, during Murphy's administration, the state collected \$1.25 billion, approximately \$125 million a year. He roughly spent fifteen percent of that \$1.25 billion on the state's 9-1-1 system. The rest of the money was diverted and put into his operating budget. In 2023 he did release \$10 million. If you recall, by way of leadership, John Donnadio and the Commissioners made a little bit of noise about it. As a result he released \$10 million to all twenty-one counties. This equated to \$476,000 to each county. Warren County did not receive any of that money. Each year the Commissioner of the Federal Communication Commission provides a report to Congress of how this money is spent. It's the state's obligation to report to the Communication Commissioner where these fees went. He has read every single one dating back to the Murphy administration. Besides 2023, his administration did not even comply by submitting anything about where the money was spent, except for 2023. In 2023, of the money that was distributed, 81% was diverted to unrelated 9-1-1 budget items. Mr. Lazorisak is continuing to work with John Donnadio. Discussion took place amongst the Board at this time.

### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Kern spoke of two items relating to this past week's Planning Department meeting. In regard to the County's plan and the State's review of this plan, there seems to be some contradictions in some of the policies that are coming out of this administration and legislature, specifically with housing. The County plan clearly states that housing should exist where there is infrastructure, transportation and jobs. The State is saying the COA must exist in all 565 municipalities. Whether you are in Hardwick or Hackettstown, you have to have this low-income housing, which defies logic data and it just does not make any sense.

The other item Mr. Kern brought up is how the state emphasis on transit and public transit and making that an important priority. The State specifically mentioned that 49% of the state's population lives in one of the 153 towns that have a New Jersey Transit Station. Hackettstown is considered to be one of these towns, however, there are only 7 trains a day to midtown Manhattan and it takes over two hours and then a transfer. If the State wants to talk about infrastructure and public transportation, they have to put those dollars into all of the New Jersey Transit Stations that impact all residents. It feels like Warren County gets very little representation.

Ms. Ciesla welcomed the Boys Scouts. She was able to visit the Cub Scout and Boys Scout group in Phillipsburg recently. She thinks it's great to have them here to learn about government.

Next Ms. Ciesla reported things are moving along with both the bicentennial and Semiquincentennial events.

Ms. Ciesla thanked Mr. Sarnoski for attending the Economic Development Committee meeting and talking with them. Everything has been settled and they are working on plans for a small business mixer. Information will be coming once things have been finalized.

Mr. Sarnoski had three things to report on this evening. First, the Wardens meeting. Mr. Broesder did a great job and there was many great discussions that took place regarding youth detention facilities and bail reform and all things working through NJAC to make sure we are fully funding our public safety and jail facilities.

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Mr. Sarnoski reported on his visit to the Vo-Tech School. He had the opportunity to tour the facility with Derrick Forsythe, Superintendent, Bob Wheatley, Public Safety Educator, and Junior Cecelia Colaluce, a student in the Law and Public Safety Program. Ms. Colaluce was a very impressive young lady who is looking to attend West Point. The Vo-Tech School is in great shape. They are working hard to get the roof bids in.

Lastly, he is looking forward to St. Patrick's Day in Hackettstown and their parade. They always do a fantastic job.

## CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

## PRESS COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

None.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### RESOLUTION 136-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A.10:4-12 at 6:33 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 7:03 p.m.  
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

At this time, Ms. Ciesla and Mr. Kern recused themselves from this portion of the meeting at this time.

### RESOLUTION 137-25

On motion by Mr. Sarnoski, seconded by Mr. Sarnoski, RESOLUTION AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2515R FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO INSURANCE LITIGATION/NEGOTIATION FOR DOCKET NO. P. R.: WRN-L-000444-24, R. C.: WRN-L-000467-24, R. K.: WRN-L-000002-25 TO ANDERSON KILL & OLICK, P.C. OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$850.00 FOR STEVEN J. PUDELL, SUPERVISING RESPONSIBLE ATTORNEY, \$500.00 PER HOUR FOR SEAN D. McCABE, ASSISTING AND \$345.00 PER HOUR FOR ABIGAIL DAMSKY, ASSISTING  
Recorded vote: Jason Sarnoski: yes

At this time, Ms. Ciesla and Mr. Kern returned to the meeting.

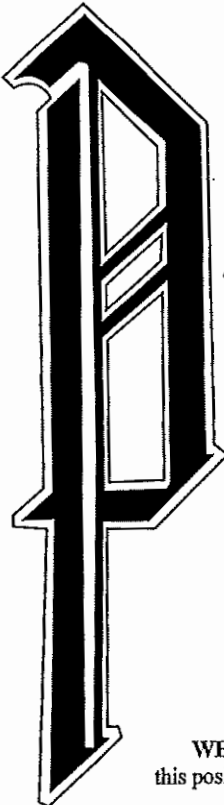
# MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

## ADJOURNMENT

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, and there being no further business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

County of Warren  
Board of County Commissioners



# Proclamation

HONORING MARY LITWHILER  
HACKETTSTOWN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
GRAND MARSHAL 2025

WHEREAS, the Town of Hackettstown annually celebrates St. Patrick's Day with a parade and festivities that include a Grand Marshal Reception; and

WHEREAS, Mary Litwhiler has been chosen for the high honor and privilege of serving as the Grand Marshal of the 2025 Parade; and

WHEREAS, Mary, who has lived in Hackettstown for 47 years, is a worthy choice for this position; and

WHEREAS, Mary spent 20 years with the Recreation Commission and started the first "Decorate the House Contest"; and

WHEREAS, Mary also served on the Board of Education where she fought for smaller class sizes and helped write curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Mary was part of the committee for the very first Hackettstown St. Patrick's Day parade and has been volunteering on the committee ever since; and

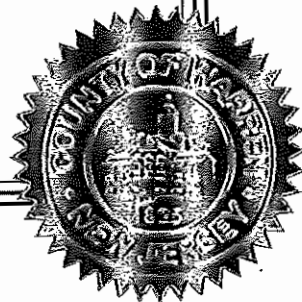
WHEREAS, Mary's commitment to moving Hackettstown forward can best be seen in the work she did in starting the Maintenance Street Committee, the instrumental role she played in declaring the historic Hackettstown area as a "Historic District", and her involvement with starting the first Hackettstown BID; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners congratulates Mary Litwhiler on her selection as the 2025 Grand Marshal of the Hackettstown St. Patrick's Day Parade, and wishes her the luck of the Irish as she fulfills those duties.

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

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*Lori Ciesla, Deputy Director*  
Board of County Commissioners

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



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Belvidere, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 101-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**Be and it is hereby resolved** that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2025-7 and 2025-8, dated February 26, 2025**, in the amount of **\$3,640,072.48** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of County Commissioners.

2025-7	2/19/2025	\$960,720.33	
2025-8	2/26/2025	<u>1,021,876.01</u>	
TOTAL			\$1,982,596.34
Delta Dental - March	2/18/2025	\$40,950.77	
TOTAL-OTHER			40,950.77
Uniform Pay	2/13/2025	\$19,690.57	
Payroll	2/20/2025	<u>1,596,834.80</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,616,525.37</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$3,640,072.48</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  
(D1)

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**RESOLUTION 102-25**

**RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY TAX LEVY LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK AS PER N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a county shall limit any increase in its county tax levy to **2.5%** unless authorized by resolution to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's county tax levy, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a county may, when authorized by resolution, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual county tax levy and the 3.5% percentage rate, subject to certain exceptions, as an exception to its final county tax levies in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2025 budget by up to 3.5%, subject to certain exceptions, over the previous year's final county tax levy, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that a one percent increase in the budget for said year, amounting to **\$ 628,931** in excess of the increase in final county tax levy otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not levied, as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final county tax levy in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2025 budget year, the budget of the County of Warren shall, in accordance with this resolution and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 1%, amounting to **\$ 628,931** and that the CY 2025 county budget for the County of Warren be approved and adopted in accordance with this resolution; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not levied as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final county tax levy in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution upon adoption, with the recorded vote included there on be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.



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**RESOLUTION 103-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX LEVY CAP TO BE APPLIED TO THE  
2025 COUNTY BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the County introduced its 2025 County Budget on February 26, 2025, which is scheduled for adoption by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners on March 26, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, the County's Budget has to be reviewed and approved by the Division of Local Government Services within the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division has reviewed the County's Budget, has determined that the 1977 and 2010 maximum allowable amount to be raised by taxation is the same and is requiring that the County signify adoption of a tax levy cap by Resolution of its Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, a careful review of the New Jersey Local Budget Law which governs the formulation, approval and adoption of a County Budget, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45a(1) requires that the amount to be raised by taxation in the case of a County shall not exceed the amounts permitted under the 2010 Tax Levy Cap Law; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the County does hereby adopt the 2010 tax levy cap provisions provided for in the aforementioned statutes and that said provisions shall govern the enactment and enforcement of Warren County's 2025 Budget.

**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  
(D3)

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**RESOLUTION 104-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND COUNTY  
PURPOSE TAX LEVY OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE FISCAL  
YEAR 2025**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the following statements of revenues and appropriations herein set forth shall constitute the County Budget for the year 2025;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a summary of said budget shall be published electronically in the Star Ledger in the issue of March 12, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date herein indicated. A public hearing on the County Operating, Open Space and County Library budget and Tax Resolution is scheduled on Wednesday March 26, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 So., Belvidere (White Township), New Jersey. Objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2025 may be presented by taxpayers and other interested persons.

**SUMMARY OF BUDGET REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025**

Total Appropriations	\$ 116,684,465.64
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 37,184,465.64
Amount to be Raised by Taxation – County Purpose Tax	\$ 79,500,000.00

**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  
(D4)

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**RESOLUTION 105-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE  
WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY AND ESTABLISHING THE  
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR THE USE  
OF THE WARREN COUNTY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Warren County Public Library budget herein set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$4,720,000.00 for the county to be raised by taxation and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.

**SUMMARY OF REVENUES**

General Revenues	
Surplus Appropriated	\$ 1,121,337.00
State Aid	\$ 47,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	\$ 155,000.00
<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,720,000.00</u></b>
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,043,337.00</u></b>

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS**

General Appropriations	
Operations Including Contingent	\$ 4,581,805.00
Capital Improvements	<u>\$ 1,461,532.00</u>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,043,337.00</u></b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:33-9, the sum of \$4,720,000.00 is hereby authorized to be raised by taxation for the use of the Warren County Free Public Library; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby instructed to notify the Warren County Board of Taxation of this action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a summary of said budget shall be published electronically in the Star Ledger in the issue of March 12, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren on the date herein indicated. A public hearing on the County Operating, Open Space and County Library budget and Tax Resolution is scheduled on Wednesday March 26, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 So., Belvidere (White Township), New Jersey.



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**RESOLUTION 106-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2025 COUNTY FARMLAND  
PRESERVATION, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND LEVY**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners have reviewed the proposed 2025 expenditures from the Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund, and have determined that the amount of **2.0 cents** per \$100.00 of County equalized real property valuation will be sufficient to assist the Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Program in the County of Warren for the year 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners hereby approves a 2025 levy of **2.0 cents** of County equalized real property valuation pursuant to the County Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust fund established in November, 1993, modified in November, 1999, and modified again in November, 2002; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners hereby certifies to the Warren County Board of Taxation, the 2025 Warren County Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund levy in the amount of **2.0 cents** per \$100.00 of the County equalized real property valuation, which is estimated to provide a levy of \$3,098,091.00.

**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

(D6)

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**RESOLUTION 107-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
COMMISSION'S  
"ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST  
AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER  
TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964"**

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

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

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

**RECORDED VOTE: 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  
(D7)

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

**RESOLUTION 108-25**

**NUMBER 2025-A**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$ 14,358,688.00  
FROM THE WARREN COUNTY GENERAL CAPITAL  
FUND BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The capital improvements described in Section 2(A) of this Ordinance are hereby authorized as General Improvements to be made by the County of Warren, New Jersey. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$14,327,788.00 from the General Capital Improvement Fund and \$30,900.00 from the reserve for tree planting for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2(A).

Section 2(A). The improvements hereby authorized and the proposed appropriations are for the following purposes:

(1)	Road Resurfacing Improvements	\$ 951,932.00
(2)	Road and Drainage Improvements Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county roads and intersections.	\$ 1,260,000.00
(3)	Bridge and Culvert Improvements  Design, construct or reconstruct and improve various county bridges and culverts	\$ 1,000,000.00
(4)	Equipment and Furnishings  Acquisition of office, communications, safety & security, maintenance equipment, furniture & furnishings, and computer hardware and software	\$ 3,713,656.00
(5)	Buildings & Grounds Improvements  Design, construct or renovate and improve various county facilities	\$ 6,272,900.00
(6)	Specialty Vehicles and Maintenance and Construction Equipment Trucks, snowplows, sanders, tractors, mowers, and maintenance and heavy construction equipment	\$ 1,160,200.00
(7)	New Building and Land Acquisitions	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
		<u>\$ 14,358,688.00</u>

Section 2(B). The maximum amount of money to be appropriated for said purposes is \$ 14,372,788.00 no part of which is to be borrowed.

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

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

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be published, together with a Notice of Introduction thereof and of the Date of Final Passage in the manner provided by law. Final Passage is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM., in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Wayne Dumont Jr. Administration Building, 165 County Road 519 South, Belvidere, New Jersey or at such other date and time to which it may be adjourned.

Section 6. At least one (1) week prior to the date set for Final Passage of this Ordinance, there shall be posted on the bulletin board of the Board of County Commissioners, a copy of this Ordinance and a notice that copies of same will be made available upon request during the ensuing week up to and including the date set for final passage and the notice shall set forth the place at which such copies may be made available; and

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage as provided herein.

**On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, the resolution was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 2025:**

**ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION      ON FIRST READING**

**DATED: February 26, 2025      RECORDED VOTE: Mr. Kern      Yes**  
**Ms. Ciesla      Yes**  
**Mr. Sarnoski      Yes**

On motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Improvement Ordinance 2025-A was adopted on the second reading by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 26, 2025:

**ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION XXX-25 ON SECOND READING DATED: March 26, 2025**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak  
(D8)

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**RESOLUTION 109-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION CALLING UPON GOVERNOR MURPHY AND ATTORNEY  
GENERAL PLATKIN TO UPHOLD THEIR OATHS OF OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, the new administration under President Donald J. Trump has prioritized the need to enforce the federal immigration laws, and seeks to remedy the uncontrolled immigration policies that were in place over the prior four years; and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon Governor Murphy as the duly elected chief executive of the State of New Jersey to see to it that the laws of the State of New Jersey and of the United States are enforced, without political motivation or other ulterior motivation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Warren County are aware of their responsibilities to the citizens of Warren County, which includes ensuring that Warren County is a safe community, and operated with fiscal prudence; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the proper duty of law enforcement at all levels of government to apprehend persons who have violated the immigration laws of this nation, and specifically any persons who have willfully crossed the border without proper authorization and in defiance of their legal obligation to secure prior approval before entering this country; and

**WHEREAS**, this nation has a long and proud history of welcoming immigrants who have followed the rules regarding entry to the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey has directed law enforcement officials to take a “hands off” approach with regard to illegal aliens, except in very limited circumstances, and Governor Murphy has acquiesced in this unfathomable policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Warren County cannot and will not remain silent as the Governor and the Attorney General refuse to allow law enforcement officials to undertake their solemn responsibility to enforce the law, thereby exacerbating a situation that exists solely because the prior administration in Washington neglected to see to it that the immigration laws are faithfully executed.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that they call upon Governor Murphy and Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin to exercise their obligation under the laws of the United States and the State of New Jersey with regard to the unprecedented levels of illegal immigration that have inundated the State of New Jersey with persons with no legal right to be present in this State, and who have no intention of removing themselves from the State of New Jersey. This is not an extraordinary demand, as public officials take an oath to uphold the law and to do their duty, and there is no excuse for failure to do so. At the same time, the County Commissioners further proclaim that persons who immigrate to this nation and who do so legally, have “played by the rules” are welcome to come to New Jersey and to live and work here, and to become

citizens of this great nation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to all Warren County municipalities and the clerks of the boards of county commissioners in all twenty-one counties.

**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)

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**RESOLUTION 110-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE A-919/S-1518 CONCERNING  
PRIVATIZATION CONTRACTS**

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren opposes **A-919/S-1518** (*Reynolds-Jackson D-15/Wimberly D-35*)(*Turner D-15/Greenstein D-14*), which would establish certain procedures and standards concerning public services privatization contracts.

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would effectively prohibit the use of privatization contracts by requiring county governments to pay new employees' wages and benefits at a rate not less than the wages and benefits paid to displaced employees; and

**WHEREAS**, counties enter into privatization contracts to recognize important cost savings in salary, wage, pension, and health benefit costs that make up approximately 65% of overall operating budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, counties, municipalities, and school districts across the State are struggling to provide essential services in the wake of double-digit health benefit increases, pension payments, utility expenses, property and casualty insurance coverage, and the cost of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would effectively eliminate one of the only mechanisms available for local governments to control the ever-increasing property tax burden; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would create an overly burdensome, adversarial, and unnecessary level of bureaucracy by requiring the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) to review and approve privatization contracts as local governments should retain autonomy to enter into such agreements that they believe serve in the best interest of constituents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does in fact oppose **A-919/S-1518** (*Reynolds-Jackson D-15/Wimberly D-35*)(*Turner D-15/Greenstein D-14*). which would establish certain procedures and standards concerning public services privatization contracts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, and the clerks of the boards of county commissioners in all twenty-one counties.

**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)

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**RESOLUTION 111-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
THE WARREN COUNTY PEQUEST RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
AUTHORITY FOR MOTOR FUELS SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Pequest River Municipal Utilities Authority has a need for motor fuels services, and the County has the ability to make the services of its motor fuels systems available to provide such services in consideration of payment therefore on a reimbursement basis.

**WHEREAS**, the County is authorized, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40:65-1 et.seq. to enter into a shared services agreement with the Warren County Pequest River Municipal Utilities Authority to contract for said services.

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

The County shall make available to the Warren County Pequest River Municipal Utilities Authority the services of its motor fuels systems, as needed, in accordance with the terms of the Shared Services Agreement attached as Exhibit A hereto.

This Resolution shall take effect March 1, 2025. Term of Agreement to be in effect March 1, 2025 and terminating on March 1, 2030.

**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)

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**RESOLUTION 112-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION TO MODIFY PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR BLOCK 23,  
LOT 7.01 IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, REFERRED TO AS THE KEN  
MILLER PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2024 the Warren County Board of County Commissioners (the County) adopted Resolution 283-24 authorizing the purchase of Block 23 Lot 7.01 in Greenwich Township (the Property) from the landowner, Kenneth C. Miller (the Landowner), for purposes of open space preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2024 the County and the Landowner entered into a Purchase Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the County conducted an environmental investigation into the Property and identified a number of areas of concern, all but one of which the Landowner has adequately addressed to the satisfaction of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the dilapidated barn structure on the Property remains an area of concern and the County requires the demolition and removal of the dilapidated structure prior to closing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Landowner has agreed to execute a mortgage to the County in the amount of \$27,500.00 to cover the County's costs to demolish the barn on the subject property and clean up same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Landowner also agrees to no longer reserve a life-estate to the Property for himself; 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 modify the purchase agreement for this property to allow for the demolition and removal of the barn structure by the County and for the Landowner to execute a mortgage to the County in the amount of \$27,500.00 to cover the costs of said barn removal.
2. The Board hereby grants permission to modify the purchase agreement for this property to allow the Landowner to no longer reserve a life-estate to the Property.
3. The Board Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the 'Addendum to Contract of Sale Between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, Buyer, and Kenneth C. Miller, Seller, executed May 20, 2024,' as prepared by Special Counsel, Paul D. Mitchell, Esq.

**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 113-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATION OF A 16.717 ACRE PROPERTY  
IN FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP FROM THE LAND CONSERVANCY  
OF NEW JERSEY TO BE PERMANENTLY PRESERVED AND ADDED TO  
THE WHITE LAKE NATURAL RESOURCE AREA**

**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 acquisition of open space to accomplish the preservation of said land is a worthwhile and prudent undertaking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners recommends that County accept the donation of a 16.717 acre property known as Block 103 Lot 13 in Frelinghuysen Township (the "Property") from the Land Conservancy of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property adjoins existing Warren County parkland known as the White Lake Natural Resource Area and contains approximately 463 feet of frontage along the Paulinskill; and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Conservancy of New Jersey is purchasing the Property, permanently preserving it through the New Jersey Green Acres program, and wishes to donate said Property to the County of Warren at no cost pursuant to a Conservation Agreement; 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 accept donation of the Property for preservation purposes, and
2. The Board Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the Conservation Agreement and any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of this property.

**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 114-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR WARREN COUNTY AND  
ALL DELAWARE WATER GAP RECREATION AREA LOCAL  
COMMUNITIES AS A GATEWAY COMMUNITY PILOT PROGRAM  
UNDER THE EXPLORE ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, the Middle Delaware National Wild and Scenic River, the September 11th National Memorial Trail, Worthington State Forest, and the Columbia Wildlife Management Area are located in Warren County within the I-80/PA SR 611 Delaware Water Gap Regional Transportation Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the recently enacted EXPLORE Act (Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences Act) seeks in part to foster and encourage responsible recreation on Federal recreational lands and waters, with an emphasis on enhancements to recreation areas, long-distance bike and hike trails and high volume non-federal public lands, and by mitigating negative visitor impacts on infrastructure and local communities by “providing financial or technical assistance to a gateway community under an existing program” and to “enter into a public-private partnership, cooperative agreement, memorandum of understanding, or similar agreement with a gateway community or a business in a gateway community”; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 132: Gateway Communities of the EXPLORE Act establishes a Gateway Community Pilot Program that may lead to the study of needs and economic impact of visitor use on local communities that serve as access points to federally managed public lands; and

**WHEREAS**, overcrowding at the Dunnfield Creek Parking Lot, which serves the popular and well-known Mount Tammany Red Dot Trailhead and the White Blaze Appalachian National Scenic Trail, necessitates the deployment of New Jersey State Police resources to assist with the removal of vehicles illegally parked along I-80, including its exit and entrance ramps, thereby exacerbating existing safety concerns in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, local communities in the Delaware Water Gap Area are uniquely positioned to benefit from inclusion in the Gateway Community Pilot Program due to:

- Complex Multijurisdictional Emergency Response Challenges – Emergency services in the area are provided by both volunteer and professional responders, including the National Park Service, across multiple counties in two states—Warren County, New Jersey; Monroe County, Pennsylvania; and Northampton County, Pennsylvania—leading to coordination difficulties, resource constraints.
- Strained Fire and Rescue Resources –
  1. Emergency responses to travelers, hikers, climbers, and water rescues divert already scarce volunteer fire and rescue resources from the local communities they were originally established to serve, predating the creation of the recreation area and the interstate

highway.

2. The I-80 and PA SR 611 corridor, with over 55,000 vehicle trips per day, experience frequent lane closures due to construction, multi-vehicle accidents, and tractor-trailer incidents requiring specialized extrication and hazardous materials response. Additional factors such as rollovers, congestion, and the lack of shoulders on sharp turns create gridlock in both residential pedestrian villages and tourist areas, further straining emergency response capabilities, delaying access to the nearest emergency room and additional safety issues.
- Increased Wildfire Risk – Rising visitor numbers, increased frequency of lightning strikes, and the presence of drought-stricken, pest-damaged, and dead trees contribute to a heightened wildfire threat, requiring enhanced and complicated mitigation efforts across connected federal and state-owned resources.

**WHEREAS**, participation in the Gateway Community Pilot Program may lead to the opportunity to:

- Quantify the direct and indirect impacts of wildfires, emergency service demands, and highway incidents on local communities, by establishing a baseline, identifying trends and projections.
- Assess the need for enhanced wildfire detection, prevention, and suppression strategies.
- Identify opportunities for increased federal and state funding to support mitigation.
- Strengthen regional collaboration on wildfire preparedness, evacuation planning, and mutual aid agreements.
- Develop a public education framework to promote responsible recreation and fire safety awareness among visitors.

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners affirms that this request, and any future support or improvements resulting from participation in the Gateway Community Pilot Program, shall not use eminent domain or condemnation for land acquisition or shall it impose new restrictions or access to existing rock-climbing locations and routes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners formally requests support letters and resolutions from all affected municipalities, neighboring counties, and state representatives. These documents should be directed to our federal representatives, urging them to advocate for the inclusion of the Delaware Water Gap Recreation Area local communities in the Gateway Community Pilot Program under the EXPLORE Act.

**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 115-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS  
AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2025-  
2026 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR  
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WARREN COUNTY -  
CONTRACT #WC2512**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the plans and specifications for the following Maintenance, Repair and Construction Materials:

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|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Hot Mix Asphalt Surface Course             | 5. Dense Graded Aggregate |
| 2. Hot Mix Asphalt Base Course                | 6. Dense Graded Aggregate |
| 3. Hot Mix Asphalt Curb Mix                   | Using Recycled Concrete   |
| 4. UPM High Performance Bituminous Cold Patch |                           |

for the Warren County Department of Public Works for the 2025-2026 construction year are hereby approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Purchasing is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the above project at least ten (10) days prior to the receipt of bids in

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**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE  
ADVERTISING DATE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025  
BIDS TO BE RECEIVED – TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025  
AWARD DATE – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 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  
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**RESOLUTION 116-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2514R FOR  
PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO “PERSONNEL  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS” TO RJH LAW ENFORCEMENT  
CONSULTING SERVICES OF KENDALL PARK, NEW JERSEY AT AN  
HOURLY RATE OF \$175.00 PER HOUR**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren may hold Personnel Departmental Hearings in accordance with N.J.A.C. 4A:2-2.5 and N.J.A.C. 4A:2-2.7; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm RJH Law Enforcement Consulting Services provides legal services of a highly specialized nature regarding personnel issues, law enforcement matters, civil service matters and disciplinary issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond J. Hayducka Jr. of RJH Law Enforcement Consulting Services will provide legal services as a hearing officer in connection with disciplinary proceedings for the County of Warren; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Warren County has received all necessary documentation to allow award of this contract including the Business Entity Disclosure Certification, Business Registration Certificate, Certificate of Compliance With Campaign Contribution Law, Political Contribution Disclosure Form, Non-Collusion Affidavit, Stockholder Disclosure Certification, Affirmative Action Exhibit “A”, Required Evidence of Affirmative Action Regulations and the Determination of Value and these forms are on file; and

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

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services 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 Retention Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and RJH Law Enforcement Consulting Services, for professional services, at the hourly rate of

\$175.00 for attorney fees per agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.

2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the The Star-Ledger, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.

**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 117-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR AN EVENT CONTRACT  
WC2513R IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,680.00 WITH MES EVENT  
SERVICES, LLC FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL EVENT  
TO BE HELD ON JUNE 28, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, on November 20, 2025, Warren County will mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of legislation that separated the land now known as Warren County from the County of Sussex; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners wish to celebrate the establishment of the County of Warren by way of a 200<sup>th</sup> celebration; 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**, Warren County has received all necessary documentation to allow award of this contract including the Business Entity Disclosure Certification, Certificate of Compliance With Campaign Contribution Law and the Determination of Value and these forms are on file

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

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a contract to MES Event Services, LLC of Roosevelt, NJ for services for the above celebration event, at a total contract amount not to exceed \$99,680.00 per letter of agreement which is on file in the Office of 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 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 provided in account number 43175 5100

**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 118-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #2 FOR  
CONTRACT WC2313FO-6 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES  
FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS  
FOR UTILITY PERMIT WORK ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES AND  
STRUCTURES FOR NET INCREASE OF \$8,000.00 AND REVISED  
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$28,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, the County requested proposals to be received on Thursday, February 23, 2023 for Contract #WC2313FO for Construction Phase Engineering/Inspection Services; 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**, additional inspection hours are needed to complete gas company project requests for a net increase of \$8,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in account 40165 5100 ETWN 4834 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. Hereby approving Contract Modification #2 with Van Cleef Engineering Associates of Phillipsburg, NJ for the above project for a net increase of \$8,000.00 and a revised contract amount of \$28,000.00.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Ledger.

**RECORDED VOTE: 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 119-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2313FO-11 TO VAN CLEEF  
ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION  
SERVICES FOR THE 2022 RESURFACING AND REHABILITATION OF  
COUNTY ROUTES #519, #521, #623, #625, #629, #646, #655, #667 & #683  
ALLAMUCHY, BLAIRSTOWN, HARMONY, INDEPENDENCE,  
LOPATCONG, MANSFIELD, OXFORD, WASHINGTON & WHITE  
TOWNSHIPS & TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$86,450.00**

**WHEREAS**, the County requested proposals to be received on Thursday, February 23, 2023 for Contract #WC2313FO for Construction Phase Engineering/Inspection Services; and

**WHEREAS**, inspection services are needed for the above project; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the proposal submitted by Van Cleef Engineering Associates meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of \$86,450.00; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in accounts 0417A101 5063, 0420A101 5063 and 0421A101 5063 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 Van Cleef Engineering Associates of Phillipsburg, N.J. for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$86,450.00, 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  
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**RESOLUTION 120-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2434 TO RIVERVIEW  
PAVING FOR THE 2022 RESURFACING & REHABILITATION OF  
COUNTY ROUTES #519, #521, #623, #625, #629, #631, #646, #655, #667 &  
#683 ALLAMUCHY, BLAIRSTOWN, HARMONY, INDEPENDENCE,  
LOPATCONG, MANSFIELD, OXFORD, WASHINGTON & WHITE  
TOWNSHIPS & TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$4,943,323.88**

**WHEREAS**, the County advertised for bids to be received on Friday, February 14, 2025 at 1:30 P.M. for Contract #WC2434 for the 2022 Resurfacing and Rehabilitation of County Routes #519, #521, #623, #625, #629, #631, #646, #655, #667 & #683 Allamuchy, Blairstown, Harmony, Independence, Lopatcong, Mansfield, Oxford, Washington & White Townships & Town of Phillipsburg; and

**WHEREAS**, Riverview Paving of Hackettstown, New Jersey submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid of \$4,943,323.88; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid is within 7.5% of the County Engineer's estimate for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds have been established in accounts S21655302 5063, 0421A101 5063 and 0422A101 5063 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren do hereby award the contract for the above project to Riverview Paving in the contract amount of \$4,943,323.88.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the award shall be subject to final concurrence by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

**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 121-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION FOR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WC2311C WITH AN INCREASE OF \$7,094.00 FROM \$35,475.00 TO \$42,569.00 FOR PROVISION OF AN INNOVATIONS GRANT PROGRAM WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, Warren County specifications for Competitive Contract WC2311C included the right to extend the contract as provided by the Local Public Contracts Law 40A:11-15.1(B), and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this contract is subject to availability of funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren is authorized to execute the contract for provision of services between the County of Warren and the following agency/program:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
<b>Parent to Parent Addiction Services, Inc.</b>	Innovation – P2P Wrap Around Support Services	DMHAS	\$42,569.00
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$42,569.00</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  
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**RESOLUTION 122-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT WC2366C FOR PROVISION OF  
A YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM THROUGH CENTER FOR FAMILY  
SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER  
31, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, on October 23, 2024 the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 594-24 for Contract WC2366C funding Center for Family Services through the Department of Human Services contingent upon receipt of funds and the 2025 Warren County budget and anticipated state grants, and

**WHEREAS**, Center for Family Services, Family Crisis Intervention Unit (FCIU) program will be reduced by \$30,000.00 from \$160,659.00 to \$130,659.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the contract allocation for Center for Family Services – Family Crisis Intervention Unit program is revised for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
<b>Abilities of NW Jersey</b>	Career Exploration & Job Placement for Adults with Disabilities	County	\$36,166.00
<b>Big Brothers/Big Sisters</b>	One to One Community and School Based Mentoring	County	\$18,250.00
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	Social Services Center	County	\$27,010.00
<b>Center for Family Services</b>	Juvenile/Family Crisis Intervention Unit	JJC/FC	\$100,751.00
	Juvenile/Family Crisis Intervention Unit	JJC/SCP	\$29,908.00
	Intensive Outpatient Substance Use Treatment	Chapter 51	\$5,988.00
	Intensive Outpatient Substance Use Treatment	County	\$6,012.00
	Outpatient Mental Health	County	\$72,000.00
	Outpatient Substance Use Treatment for Adolescents	Chapter 51	\$8,000.00

	Outpatient Substance Use Treatment	Chapter 51	\$6,000.00
	Outpatient Substance Use Treatment	County	\$6,000.00
	Sexual Abuse Treatment	County	\$56,095.00
	Suicide Prevention	County	\$69,000.00
	Warren Hills Youth Prevention Collaborative	Chapter 51	\$18,393.00
<b>Community Prevention Resources</b>	Recovery Support – CARES	County	\$15,000.00
	Recovery Support - CARES	Chapter 51	\$25,000.00
	Prevention Education	Chapter 51	\$15,000.00
	Station House Adjustment - Central and Northern Warren County	JJC-SCP	\$10,000.00
<b>Contextual Family Services</b>	In-home Treatment	County	\$26,280.00
<b>DASACC</b>	Emergency Shelter	County	\$43,070.00
<b>Family Promise of Warren County</b>	Rapid Resolution Homeless Assistance	County	\$25,000.00
<b>Freedom House</b>	Outpatient Substance Use Treatment	Chapter 51	\$30,000.00
	Warren House Recovery Housing	Chapter 51	\$45,142.00
<b>Joseph H. Firth Youth Center</b>	Middle School And High School Drop In	JJC-SCP	\$33,276.00
	Policing for Trust	JJC-SCP	\$26,166.00
	Prevention Plus Wellness Implementation	Chapter 51	\$4,120.00
	Prevention Plus Wellness Implementation	County	\$6,892.00
<b>Legal Services of Northwest Jersey, Inc.</b>	Core	County	\$45,370.00
<b>New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care</b>	Short-term Residential Treatment for Adults with Co-Occurring Disorders	Chapter 51	\$2,300.00
	Short-term Residential Treatment for Adults & Adolescents	Chapter 51	\$15,080.00
	Sub-Acute Detoxification	Chapter 51	\$8,010.00
<b>NORWESCAP</b>	Emergency Basic Needs	County	\$21,900.00
	Food Bank	County	\$20,000.00

<b>Parent to Parent Addiction Services, Inc.</b>	Direct Services Hope One WC Outreach Van & Recovery Stop	County	\$15,000.00
	Direct Services Hope One WC Outreach Van & Recovery Stop	Chapter 51	\$60,000.00
<b>Project Self-Sufficiency of Sussex County</b>	Journey: Opportunity on the Move in Hackettstown	County	\$22,613.00
<b>Safe Harbor</b>	ARISE – Shelter Program	County	\$10,000.00
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$984,792.00

**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  
(H7)

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**RESOLUTION 123-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO RING  
CENTRAL, INC. OF BELMONT, CALIFORNIA FOR ANNUAL  
TELEPHONE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT MARCH 1, 2025  
THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026 IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF  
\$162,684.00**

**WHEREAS**, it has been recommended that the county issue a purchase order to Ring Central, Inc., of Belmont, California for annual telephone maintenance and support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6(q) is an exception and requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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

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

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

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a contract be awarded to Ring Central, Inc., of Belmont, California for annual telephone maintenance and support

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

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a purchase order Ring Central, Inc., Belmont, California.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Exception" in accordance with 40A:11-6(q) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services provided are for proprietary telephone maintenance and support.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the The Star-Ledger.

Funding for this contract is provided in account 014400-5076

**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  
(H8)

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**RESOLUTION 124-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH EIKON PLANNING  
AND DESIGN, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,500.00 TO DEMOLISH AND  
REMOVE THE DILAPIDATED BARN STRUCTURE ON BLOCK 23 LOT  
7.01 IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, REFERRED TO AS THE KEN MILLER  
PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren is under contract to purchase Block 23 Lot 7.01 in Greenwich Township (the Property) for open space preservation purposes and has retained the services of Eikon Planning and Design, LLC to ensure any environmental Areas of Concern identified on the Property have been appropriately and satisfactorily addressed prior to closing; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a dilapidated barn structure located on the Property which currently remains as an Area of Concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the County requires said dilapidated barn structure to be demolished and removed from the Property prior to closing; and

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

1. The Board hereby authorizes entering into an agreement with Eikon Planning and Design, LLC in the amount of \$27,500.00 to demolish and remove the dilapidated barn structure on Block 23 Lot 7.01 in Greenwich Township; and
2. The Board Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the agreement and any and all documents necessary for the demolition and removal of the dilapidated barn structure on the Property.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that adequate funds in the amount of \$27,500.00 in the account #03894-5065-8942401-5065 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  
(H9)

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**RESOLUTION 125-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2501 FOR THE LEASE OF  
COUNTY PROPERTY (PROPERTY ADJACENT TO ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING) FOR FARMING FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2025  
THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO  
ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS TO SUEED FARMS LLC, FOR  
ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245.00 AN ACRE IN THE TOTAL  
AMOUNT \$3,675.00 PER YEAR**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Contract WC2501 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in White Township identified as Block 21, Lot 14, approximately 15 acres is hereby awarded

to . . . SueEd Farms LLC of Washington, New Jersey

annual rent of \$245.00 an acre for a total amount of \$3,675.00.

**as per his bid submitted** February 11, 2025

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

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

**RECORDED VOTE: 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  
(H10)

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**RESOLUTION 126-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2502 FOR THE LEASE OF  
COUNTY PROPERTY (FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP) FOR FARMING FOR  
THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026 WITH THE  
RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS TO  
MAUREEN MARKEY-FERRIS, FOR ANNUAL RENT IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$16.00 AN ACRES TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,200.00 PER YEAR**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Contract WC2502 for lease of county property for agricultural purposes in Franklin Township, identified as Block 1, Lot 1 and Block 18, Lot 27, approximately 75 total acres, 25 acres which are available for agriculture is hereby awarded

to... Maureen Markey-Ferris, Allentown, Pennsylvania

annual rent of \$16.00 per acre for a total amount of \$1,200.00

as per her bid submitted February 11, 2025

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

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

**RECORDED VOTE: 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  
(H11)

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**RESOLUTION 127-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONTRACT WC2404 MICROWAVE RADIO  
MAINTENANCE FOR THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS  
CENTER, TO TUWAY WIRELESS FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2025  
THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026 FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF A THREE YEAR  
CONTRACT AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW  
40A:11-15(7) IN APPROXIMATE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF  
\$48,418.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Warren County Contract WC2404 for microwave radio maintenance for the Warren County Communications Center for the second year of a three-year contract as provided by the Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-15(10) said contract is hereby extended for the period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026

to . . . TuWay Wireless, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

**In the approximate amount of . . . \$48,418.00**

**as per their bid submitted . . . February 27, 2024**

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012500/5031 – Communications Center Repair and Maintenance

**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  
(H12)

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**RESOLUTION 128-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC24106 FOR  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE TO  
TUWAY COMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2025  
THROUGH MAY 31, 2026 WITH THE RIGHT TO EXTEND FOR TWO  
ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL  
PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW 40A:11-15(7) IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$213,240.00 PER YEAR**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Warren County Contract WC24106 for communication system preventive maintenance is hereby awarded

to . . . TuWay Communications, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

**In the amount of . . . \$213,240.00**

**as per their bid submitted . . . February 11, 2025**

Funding for this contract has been provided in budget account 012500/5026 – Communications Center - Contracted Equipment Maintenance

**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  
(H13)

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**RESOLUTION 129-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #6 FOR CONTRACT  
WC2333 FOR THE NEW HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING WITH DE SAPIO  
CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF FRENCHTOWN, NEW JERSEY FOR A NET  
INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,131.65, AND FINAL CONTRACT  
AMOUNT OF \$3,569,341.14**

**WHEREAS**, De Sapio Construction, Inc. was awarded a contract for the new Humans Services building in the original contract amount of \$3,496,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, there were various necessary changes made that previously increased the contract amount by \$68,209.49 for a final contract amount of \$3,564,209.49; and

**WHEREAS**, final required changes to address unforeseen conditions have increased the contract amount by \$5,131.65 for a final contract amount of \$3,569,341.14

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby approve Change Order #6 for the above contract for a net increase of \$5,131.65 and a final Contract in the amount of \$3,569,341.14

Funding for this contract is provided in account: 0420A516/5062

**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  
(H14)

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**RESOLUTION 130-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR CONTRACT WC2315R FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DRIVEWAY AND PARKING LOT REVISIONS BLOCK 1501, LOT 20.04 AND BLOCK 1501, LOT 20.03 CATHERINE DICKSON HOFMAN LIBRARY, BLAIRSTOWN, NEW JERSEY TO FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, A DIVISION OF UTRS, WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY AN INCREASE OF \$8,700.00, AND FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$35,187.50**

**WHEREAS**, Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc., of Washington, New Jersey were awarded a contract for driveway and parking lot revisions at the Catherine Dickson Hofman Library, Blairstown, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, there was a need for additional construction support services for site construction; and

**WHEREAS**, this change in award will result in a net increase of \$8,700.00 and a final contract amount of \$35,187.50

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby approve Change Order #2 for the above contract for a net increase of \$8,700.00 and a final Contract in the amount of \$35,187.50

Funding for this contract is available in account: 153906/5062

**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  
(H15)

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**RESOLUTION 131-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO  
HYGRADE INSULATORS, INC. FOR PAINTING AND REPAIRS AT THE  
NORTHEAST BRANCH LIBRARY UNDER THE OMNIA COOPERATIVE  
PRICING SYSTEM FOR WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
WORKS IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$63,285.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for the painting and repairs at the Northeast Branch Library and is hereby awarded

to . . . Hygrade Insulators, Inc., Phillipsburg, New Jersey

**in the amount of . . . \$63,285.00**

at the prices established under the Omnia Cooperative Pricing System

Funding for this contract has been provided in account/s 153908/5024

**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  
(H16)

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**RESOLUTION 132-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SURVEY AND FINAL DESIGN TO  
SNYDER’S ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 635, POHATCONG TOWNSHIP)  
FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 35+50 DUE TO STORM DAMAGE  
FROM THE JULY 14, 2023 AND JULY 15, 2023 STORM EVENTS TO  
COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN PER PROPOSAL PRICING  
SCHEDULE AWARDED WC2496FO UNDER INVOICING IN THE  
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$125,250.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC2496FO for Professional Engineering Services for survey and final design to Snyder’s Road (County Route 635-Pohatcong Township) from station 0+00 to station 35+50 due to storm damage from the July 14, 2023 and July 15, 2023 was hereby awarded

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

**in the estimated:** hourly rates of the pricing schedule submitted

**as per their proposal submitted . . .**January 28, 2025

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 surveying and doing final design to Snyder’s Road (County Route 635 Pohatcong Township) from station 0+00 to station 35+50

**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  
(H17)

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**RESOLUTION 133-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY  
AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoints the following individual to the Warren County Aging Services Advisory Council.

**Appointment:**

Judy Leone  
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865  
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  
(12)

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**RESOLUTION 134-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SUPERVISING  
ENGINEERING AIDE, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME  
POSITION OF PRINCIPAL ENGINEERING AIDE, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN  
THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
ENGINEER'S OFFICE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, that a full-time position of Supervising Engineering Aide, classified, is created within the Warren County Department of Public Works, Engineer's Office 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 Principal Engineering Aide, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, Range 1440 is hereby abolished.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time position of Supervising Engineering Aide, classified, within the Warren County Department of Public Works, Engineer's Office is created and established on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 1740 and made effective February 27, 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 135-25**

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 February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SENIOR  
PUBLIC WORKS INSPECTOR, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-  
TIME POSITION OF SENIOR ENGINEERING AIDE, CLASSIFIED,  
WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
ENGINEER'S OFFICE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, that a full-time position of Senior Public Works Inspector, classified, is created within the Warren County Department of Public Works, Engineer's Office 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 Senior Engineering Aide, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, Range 1140 is hereby abolished.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time position of Senior Public Works Inspector, classified, within the Warren County Department of Public Works, Engineer's Office is created and established on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 1240 and made effective February 27, 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 136-25**

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 February 26, 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, Bullock Litigation and Special Counsel Contract.
- (2) *Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property*: Covanta Site, Bastedo Property and Block 105 Lots 2 and 46.

**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  
(01)

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**RESOLUTION 137-25**

On motion by **Jason Sarnoski**, seconded by **Jason Sarnoski**, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held February 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT WC2515R FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO INSURANCE LITIGATION/NEGOTIATION FOR DOCKET NO. P. R.: WRN-L-000444-24, R. C.: WRN-L-000467-24, R. K.: WRN-L-000002-25 TO ANDERSON KILL & OLICK, P.C. OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$850.00 FOR STEVEN J. PUDELL, SUPERVISING RESPONSIBLE ATTORNEY, \$500.00 PER HOUR FOR SEAN D. McCABE, ASSISTING AND \$345.00 PER HOUR FOR ABIGAIL DAMSKY, ASSISTING**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren is a named party in connection with P.R., R.C., and R.K. v. County of Warren, New Jersey Docket Nos. WRN-L-000444-24, WRN-L-000467-24, and WRN-L-000002-25, where extraordinary legal questions have arisen regarding legal defense, indemnification, and insurance coverage from insurance carrier Selective Insurance Company of America and Chubb Insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for legal services of a highly specialized nature regarding the scope of insurance coverage owed to the County of Warren by Selective Insurance Company of America and Chubb Insurance in connection with the above mentioned cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm Anderson Kill & Olick, PC provides legal services of a highly specialized nature regarding the scope of insurance coverage owed to institutional entities such as the County of Warren; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Warren County has received all necessary documentation to allow award of this contract including the Business Entity Disclosure Certification, Business Registration Certificate, Certificate of Compliance With Campaign Contribution Law, Political Contribution Disclosure Form, Non-Collusion Affidavit, Stockholder Disclosure Certification, Affirmative Action Exhibit "A", Required Evidence of Affirmative Action Regulations and the Determination of Value and these forms are on file; and

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

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in budget account 011550/5100 – General Legal Services

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 Retention Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and Anderson Kill, PC for professional services for the above project, at the hourly rate of \$850.00 for attorney fees, \$500.00 for assistant and \$345.00 for assistant per agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the The Star-Ledger, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.

**RECORDED VOTE: 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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