

**These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissions on May 14, 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 March 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, County Director of Engineering Mike Finelli and Deputy Commissioner Clerk Tracy Matlock.

After the flag salute, Mr. Sarnoski requested everyone to remain standing for a Moment of Silence in remembering former County Administrator Steve Marvin, whom was a member of the Warren County family. Mr. Sarnoski added, Mr. Marvin was a great friend to many of us and as well as considered him as a mentor to this county. Mr. Marvin always set you straight on anything you asked him. Mr. Sarnoski continued he will be dearly missed.

At this time, 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 Regular Session of January 8, 2025 were approved.

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

On motion by James Kern, seconded by Lori Ciesla, the minutes of Regular Session of March 12, 2025 were approved.

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

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, the minutes of Executive Session of March 12, 2025 were approved.

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

MEETINGS

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, **PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION TO EXCEED THE COUNTY TAX LEVY LIMITS** was opened at 6:03 p.m.

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

County CFO Kim Francisco provided an explanation regarding the tax levy and establish a CAP bank resolution. This resolution is to establish a CAP bank. The State allows us to increase our budget levy by 2.5 percent this year, but we could go as high as 3.5 percent by resolution. In addition,

the State allows the County to “bank” any unused CAP space for two future years. This resolution is being adopted for the CAP banking provision. We do not need any additional cap space this year, nor are we using any banked space from prior years. If we do not use the banked cap space, it lapses after two years. This is a good budget strategy used by most counties and municipalities.

Mr. Sarnoski clarified we are not exceeding the county tax levy limits, we have no view to do that, but this is good budgeting practices and is required by statute in any county that is in a position that we are in, “which is a good financial position” would be smart to do something like this for any emergency situation that might come to us in the future. Mr. Francisco added this is considered the best practice in the state. He added, every town and county within our state does this.

At this time, Mr. Sarnoski opened up for public comment at this time.

Sylvia Zika, resident of Blairstown, came before the Board. Ms. Zika, regarding the tax levy, asked “What is the 2024 total evaluation of all the properties in Warren County?” Mr. Francisco replied he does not have that with him this evening. Mr. Sarnoski reminded we are talking about the resolution on the Tax Levy Limits, so we have to limit the conversation to that discussion; it is about the resolution to exceed the County Tax Levy Limits. He continued, if you have a question about the resolution to exceed the County Tax Levy Limits, we are happy to answer that question, but it is not a general discussion. This is about that purpose. County Administrator advised this is more of a question for Agenda Item A. 2.

Ms. Zika had a second question regarding the levy. She wanted to confirm the definition of levy to better understand and be on the same page. She asked, when it is said levy, are you referring to the total expenditures by the government of Warren. Mr. Francisco, answered no, we are referring to the amount collected by the taxpayers during 2025, it would be 79 million 500 thousand dollars, which is the same amount collected in 2024. Ms. Zika asked Mr. Francisco to speak slower and louder due to the replaying of the video on the website, the individuals cannot be heard. She continued that the audio is not good at all and she would like to hear what you said.

Mr. Francisco spoke louder and slower. The levy is not the expenditures; the levy is the amount we collect from the taxpayers to fund the budget. It is 79 million 500 thousand dollars this year, 2025. The budget is funded by other sources of revenue as well, revenues from the state, revenues from fees and permits and surplus. The levy is what we collect from the taxpayers that is 79 million 500 thousand dollars for 2025 which is the same as it was in 2024.

Ms. Zika continued as far as the county tax levy in the resolution, I am not clear on what it says in paragraph 3. Mr. Francisco confirmed with Ms. Zika she was talking about the paragraph 3 (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%...). At this time, the Board was trying to confirm what Ms. Zika was referring to. Ms. Zika referred back to paragraph 1 of this resolution, she wanted to address what was just said. On paragraph 1, before you just said, it is my understanding; you are not intending to increase by 3.5% over the previous year’s tax levy. She asked, “What was the previous year’s tax levy?” Mr. Francisco replied, 79 million 500 thousand.

Mr. Sarnoski asked if Ms. Zika had any other questions regarding this, we want to make sure we answer all of her questions in order. Ms. Zika stated this is very difficult to understand, it is not in plain language, so she needs correct responses. Mr. Sarnoski replied, it is in the language required by the State of New Jersey in statute. Mr. Francisco noted this resolution is from the template on the state website, it is used by every town with the appropriate modifications with their town name. Mr. Sarnoski stated this language is the same that we have used every year since this was established and the language is pretty clear of what the intent here is. He asked Ms. Zika if she had any other questions, he wants to make sure that all her questions are answered on the county tax levy limits.

Ms. Zika continued, paragraph 4, The Board of Commissioners hereby determines that a one percent increase in the budget for said year, she asked is that the 116 million dollar budget for 2025? Mr. Francisco answered, no, it is \$628,000. Mr. Francisco asked if we are looking at the same resolution. Ms. Zika said, "Yes we are but I am reading what it says, one percent increase in the budget for said year amounting to \$628,000." Mr. Francisco stated that is the amount that we can go up by doing this resolution; this is the extra amount that we could go up. He added, we are not going to go up, but we are going to bank that in case we would need it in a future year.

Mr. Sarnoski explained by banking it is not money being spent, it is money that would be needed for an emergency the budget could be increased by for next year. Ms. Zika asked the \$628,000 is taxpayer dollars? The Board replied, no. This is not money collected. Ms. Zika stated her time is up, she will have to submit her questions in writing.

Ms. Ciesla explained how the state has created laws that we have to follow with budgeting. She commented on the confusion that has been created with the "cap bank", this is not really a bank and it is not really money. What it is saying is that we did not need to increase our levy, so we are letting the state know that we did not increase, but this is the amount that we are going to put aside in case of an emergency and we need to go over it, this gives cushion for future years if needed.

Jodee Inscho, resident of Liberty Township commended the Board on having the foresight to establish a cap bank. She thanked the Board for being fiscally responsible and building a safe guard if needed.

Suzanna Gilbert, resident of White Township came before the Board and commented this is not enough for an emergency. Mr. Sarnoski replied, "This is as much as we can bank by law." Ms. Gilbert spoke regarding if there was a possible emergency on Route 31. County Administrator Alex Lazorisak stated, this would be a state issue.

There were no additional comments or questions from the public at this time.

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, to close Public Hearing on Resolution to Exceed the County Tax Levy Limits at 6:16 p.m.
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 COUNTY OF WARREN ANNUAL BUDGET** was opened at 6:16 p.m.
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

County CFO Kim Francisco discussed the adoption of the county budget of \$116,684,465.00. The budget is funded by miscellaneous revenues and fund balance of \$37.1 million and require a tax levy of \$79.5 million. Mr. Francisco remarked the amount collected from taxpayers will remain the same as 2024 in the amount of \$79.5 million, not one cent more. He reminded everyone of the previous resolution was only for the banking. Warren County is having a nice ratable growth. He noted in 2024 there was a 6% increase in ratable growths, which means our equalized value has gone up, which means the equalized tax rate will go down by over 3 cents in 2025. The equalized tax rate will go from 54.71 cents to 51.45 cents. The equalized tax rate is determined by the County Tax Board. This follows the decreases for the last 3 years.

Mr. Sarnoski asked for the explanation in layman's terms, a home that is valued at the same value as last year and the equalization rate for their town does not change will see an approximate 6% reduction in their county taxes. Mr. Francisco said they should see a reduction. Mr. Sarnoski added some towns throughout the county have reassessed and this could affect the percentage of reduction as well. The state does an equalization table, this is not done by the county and provided to us by the state. This is based off of how much the town value has increased in comparison to other towns within the county.

Mr. Francisco discussed the affects the county is having due to inflation. Some of the areas affected are the jail with the costs of food and clothing, increases to insurance coverage, increased funding to the Community College, Vo-Tech along with increased costs for elections to be given to the County Clerk and Election Board. We have been able to meet the inflation and fully fund our capital projects without raising the levy.

This was done by budgeting ahead and not issuing a gimmick budget. We continue to be a pay as you go county. Mr. Francisco is pleased to present this budget this evening with no tax increase to the levy in the current fund.

In regards to County open space, the rate will remain at 2 cents per \$100 in 2025. The 2 cent rate will generate over \$3 million dollars to fund our Farmland Acquisition, Preservation and Maintenance of recreation and Historical properties. Mr. Sarnoski added, we could not lower the rate without a referendum going to the voters.

Director Sarnoski opened this portion of the Public Hearing up for public comment.

Donna Williams, Business Administrator at Warren Tech, she is speaking on behalf of the Vo-Tech Board, they thanked the Board for all of the support over the years and all that the Board does for the students and the community. Ms. Williams added she is also a resident of Warren County and how this does affect her as well.

Sylvia Zika commented on Mr. Francisco's mention of the increase in the value of Warren County properties. She asked Mr. Francisco if he had the number. Mr. Francisco replied he did not have that number with him this evening. He added it went up about 6%. She asked if this included the ratables? Mr. Francisco explained the equalized value went up about 6% from last year to this year. He further explained this information comes from the Tax Board. Ms. Zika

asked how she could get a number, she was directed to submit an OPRA request for this information.

Suzanna Gilbert asked about Building & Grounds improvements, she was deferred to Public Hearing #4.

There were no other public comments or questions at this time.

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, to close Public Hearing on The Fiscal Year 2025 County of Warren Annual Budget at 6:24 p.m.

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

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 COUNTY OF WARREN LIBRARY BUDGET** was opened at 6:25 p.m.

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

County CFO Kim Francisco discussed the library budget. There are 4 towns that have their own library system and do not participate in the county library system. The library budget will be adopted this evening with an amount a little over 6 million dollars, funded by miscellaneous revenues and fund balance of 1.3 million dollars and a tax levy of 4 million 720 thousand dollars from the taxpayers in 2025. The amount is the same as 2023 and 2024. The levy will remain flat and the library rate will go down a fraction of a cent from 4.15 cents per \$100 to 3.95 cents. This year's budget will fund the Library's programs and materials, including books and digital items. Digital items are more expensive than print items. We are in the final stages of CDH renovations; we were able to fully fund the renovations without any debt. We will start to replenish our funds for future upgrades. In 2025, we will do siding repairs to the Northeast Branch, self-checkout center at the Richard D. Gardner Branch along with replacing all the public PC's in all the library branches. All to be funded through the library budget, without having any debt.

Sylvia Zika asked about the Summary of Revenues, first item, surplus of 1 million dollars. Where did this money come from? Mr. Francisco explained, spending less money than budgeted, this money goes into surplus. This money is in the library trust account.

Ms. Zika asked for clarification on the appropriated amount of 6 million dollars, this is for all four libraries. County Administrator Lazorisak explained we have one library system, with the four libraries within.

There were no other public comments or questions at this time.

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, to close Public Hearing on The Fiscal Year 2025 County of Warren Library Budget at 6:30 p.m.

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

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, **PUBLIC HEARING ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE 2025-A** was opened at 6:30 p.m.

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

County CFO Kim Francisco started by saying these projects are fully funded, so there will be no borrowing of moneys. Capital projects for this year will include continue upgrades to the 911 tower system; 15 miles of resurfacing of county roads; bridge, road and drainage improvements; equipment and furnishings; improvements to buildings and properties – which includes improvements to roofs, flooring and windows at various locations, Vo-Tech roof replacement, along with upgrades at the Community College; new vehicles, equipment and safety equipment. The total cost of the Capital Improvement budget is \$14.3 million dollars, again fully funded with no debt required.

There were no public comments or questions from the public.

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, to close Public Hearing on Capital Improvement Ordinance 2025-A at 6:34 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Sylvia Zika, Blairstown Township, requested that the budget resolutions on for approval this evening be postponed until next meeting. She is asking for plain language of the resolutions to be provided so people have a chance and little bit more time to understand, especially the thing about the county tax levy.

John Inscho, Mayor of Liberty Township, thanked the Commissioners for another year of keeping the tax levy steady. He expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners on behalf of the Liberty Township residents.

Adam Baker, resident of Blairstown, thanked the Board for a good budget and them doing a good job.

There were no additional public comments or questions from the public.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 164-25

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

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

RESOLUTION 165-25

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 166-25

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

Mr. Francisco explained the County had to deal with two budget caps – one in 1977 and one in 2010. You need to do both calculations and use the most restrictive Cap, which in our case is the 2010 Cap.

Mr. Kern asked CFO Francisco if the collective bargaining is still a subject to the two percent cap. Mr. Francisco replied, “No”. Mr. Kern requested this to be on the record, we are required to spend within the two percent, but collective bargaining can go higher.

RESOLUTION 167-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2025 COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 AND THAT THE BUDGET SHALL BE READ BY ITS TITLE.

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

Mr. Francisco commented on this resolution; it properly allows us to adopt the budget this evening without reading the whole budget. Budget has been properly advertised in paper and posted it on our website, per the budgeting laws.

RESOLUTION 168-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION TO AMEND INTRODUCED BUDGET.

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

Mr. Francisco remarked, this resolution is a new resolution, our budget had been submitted to the state for review, a couple items needed to be tweaked, on Sheet 5, 2024 data did not pull over in the spreadsheet requiring correction in titles, on Sheet 12, correction to Information Systems Other Expense increase of \$306.00 and correction to Board of Taxation Other Expense decrease of \$306.00.

Mr. Francisco read into the record the changes made for transparency reasons:

TITLE CHANGES:

COUNTY OF WARREN BUDGET SHEET 5

FROM:	2025	TO:	2025
Reimbursement, Mental Health Administrator Salary	\$150,000.00	Aging CCPD Medicaid Reimb.	\$150,000.00

Reimbursement, State Inmates at Correctional Institution	\$223,787.00	DCA Reimbursement Constitutional Officers’ Salaries	\$223,787.00
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Division of Economic Assistance	\$4,300,000.00	Department of Human Services-	\$4,300,000.00
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Earned Income Credit

Division of Temporary Assistance

APPROPRIATION CHANGES:

COUNTY OF WARREN BUDGET SHEET 12	FROM 2025	TO 2025
Information Systems Other Expense (increase \$306.00)	\$1,696,850.00	\$1,697,156.00
Board of Taxation Other Expense (decrease \$306.00)	\$ 52,650.00	\$ 52,344.00

Mr. Francisco asked if there were any questions from the Board or public. There was none.

RESOLUTION 169-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025

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

Mr. Francisco explained this is the formal adoption of the \$116 million dollar budget with a levy of \$79.5 million.

Mr. Sarnoski stated, this budget was introduced a month ago, every resident of Warren County had plenty of time to review and ask questions regarding the budget. There is no reason to hold this great budget up.

Mr. Kern remarked he is proud to speak and in support of the 2025 Warren County budget. This budget reflects fiscal responsibility, strategic investment and long-term vision for our residents. Despite inflationary pressures, the county levy remains flat at \$79.5 million. Our pay as you go philosophy means that by July Warren County will be debt free. That is not just good policy, that it is a good year of discipline and leadership. Mr. Kern thanked Commissioner Sarnoski for being a driving force behind that discipline. His steady leadership and tenure on this Board has help lay the groundwork for our debt free status. He has lead the helm for some of the toughest most forward thinking decisions that this county has faced. Whether it was selling Warren Haven, transitioning the county to a self-insurance model or championship voter approved bonding, these choices were not easy, but were the right choices for Warren County’s long term fiscal health. This budget also reinforces our commitment to preserving the rural character and natural beauty of Warren County with a strong Open Space Fund and a steady levy we are continuing to protect farmland and open land across our county. Stopping that land from being acquired for adverse development. It is about protecting our way of life and insuring future generations inherit a county that still looks and feels like home. We are also making meaningful investments in our infrastructure, public services from roads and bridges to our Vo-Tech school and courthouse. Our capital improvement projects will be fully funded without any borrowing.

Mr. Kern continued, as we mark on our 200th Anniversary, this budget honors our legacy of strong prudent governance. It ensures that Warren County remains to be an affordable, safe and thriving place to live for today and years to come.

Ms. Ciesla reiterated all that Mr. Kern has said. She added, she finds municipal budgeting to be interesting. She will be petitioning our Senators and Assembly to reword the cap bank for the public to better understand.

Ms. Ciesla remarked on the pay as you go philosophy helps everyone, not only the taxpayers, but all of the municipalities that are dealing with issues that are very difficult to deal with. Municipalities have much smaller budgets and are always chasing their ratables. The school budgets are being beat up by the state budget, schools are constantly trying to look for ways to save money and continue to raise taxes as much as they can to provide their students with an education.

She thanked Commissioner Sarnoski, Commissioner Kern and their predecessors for doing what they did in the past, with making important decisions with taxpayer's money.

Mr. Sarnoski spoke from the heart instead of reading the budget message. He explained what is done in the first few months of the year with the budget is the most important part of their jobs throughout the whole year. The amount of time spent to deciding what the rest of the year is going to look like, then we manage for the rest of the year. He is very proud of this budget, not only from how far Warren County has come, in the fifteen (15) budgets that he has been a part of, but where we are going. He expressed his appreciation to his colleagues for the kind comments, but without the Board members here along with the Department Heads and the time spent in January and into February looking at what the year is going to look like and what we can afford in Warren County. This is not only about being conservative and making sure we are spending wisely, but also spending with compassion and spending with intelligence and spending where it needs to be spent. We are not just looking to cut to cut, we do it with a very clear focus and focus on the future with what we need.

He continued regarding the fact that we have gone from 54.71 cents to 51.45 cents (3.26 cents) but the cut from last year (2024) 1.8 cents and 4.4 cents (2023). This is consistent with what we are giving back to the taxpayers; we are doing more with less, which is not easy. We are doing the same with the library too.

What he is most proud of being a Commissioner/Freeholder is that Warren County will be debt free in July. He campaigned on this issue 15 years ago when he became a Freeholder, no borrowing without taxpayer approval. This year he will see the results of this. Being a debt free county does not mean we don't do work. We do a lot of good necessary work for the people of Warren County but we do it the right way and save money by doing it this way. We do not mortgage our future.

In closing Mr. Sarnoski mentioned the 200th Anniversary celebration is about the people here, it is not about the Board. He thanked County Administrator Lazorisak who leads this charge, the Department Heads especially CFO Francisco and his team and all the staff that work here. As well as those that have come before us that have lead them to this. This is the reason why we are able to live in a beautiful safe and healthy county.

RESOLUTION 170-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION ADOPTING 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

Ms. Ciesla expressed her excitement that the CDH Branch of the library will be complete this year. She commended the former Freeholders for putting together a great library system.

Mr. Kern thanked the Library Board for their good work that they are doing, it does not go unnoticed by the residents.

RESOLUTION 171-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATIONS 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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 172-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROUTE 57 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT OVER A BRANCH OF THE LOPATCONG CREEK

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

RESOLUTION 173-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY '24 SECTION 5311 GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND NJ TRANSIT FOR A TOTAL OF \$730,488.00 (\$375,744.00 FEDERAL FUNDS; \$177,372.00 STATE FUNDS; AND \$177,372.00 ANTICIPATED COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS); SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

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

RESOLUTION 174-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2025 COST-SHARE ON WARREN COUNTY NON-PROFIT FARMLAND APPLICATION APPRAISALS NOT TO EXCEED \$11,500

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

RESOLUTION 175-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO APPLY AND ACCEPT FOR A

GRANT SFY25 ARRIVE TOGETHER CRITICAL INCIDENT MODEL, WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Mr. Kern asked regarding Agenda Item E1, why are we doing a resolution in support of something this Board had abundantly clear for two decades. Mr. Dech offered some insight to this resolution, this resolution is not for the Route 57/519 Intersection, this is for a Bridge on Route 57 further up the road from the intersection.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION 176-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS FOR WC2521 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR WATER ANALYSIS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

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

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION 177-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2506FO FOR ELECTION BALLOT PRINTING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK TO RELIANCE GRAPHICS, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026 FOR BALLOT STYLES PER ELECTION AT THE RATE OF \$2,200.00 AND \$.25 PER SAMPLE BALLOT FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 178-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2522R FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND COST ESTIMATE, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST LIBRARY BRANCH BUILDINGS, STEWARTSVILLE, NEW JERSEY TO SSP ARCHITECTURAL GROUP OF SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$23,500.00

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

RESOLUTION 179-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WINNER FORD FOR A 2025 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR FOR WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONS UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #20-FLEET-01189 IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$43,223.00

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

RESOLUTION 180-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP., FOR PURCHASE OF PSG BUSINESS PARTNER ONSITE/REMOTE SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH JULY 1, 2025 UNDER NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE CK04 FOR THE WARREN COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS OFFICE IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$50,684.42

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 THE RESIGNATION OF ELIZABETH BAYNE FROM THE WARREN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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

RESOLUTION 181-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL JEAN SMITH - TERM TO EXPIRE: 12/31/25

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

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 182-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

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

RESOLUTION 183-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

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

RESOLUTION 184-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF BRIDGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

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

RESOLUTION 185-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF ROADS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

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

RESOLUTION 186-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

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

RESOLUTION 187-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

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

RESOLUTION 188-25

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Assistant County Counsel Joe Bell IV announced in response to the public comment, the full budget is available on the website along with the supporting documents are available upon request in furtherance of the state regulation.

Director of Engineering Mike Finelli had a couple of items for this evening. First item is an update regarding County Route #659, Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, project is moving along; anticipate project completion by end of April.

Secondly, 2022 Resurfacing Project, preconstruction meeting was held last week, project will commence next week starting with drainage work.

County Planner Dave Dech had no report for this evening.

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

County CFO Kim Francisco had nothing more to report.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak only had the vacancy report this evening, backfill of two positions in Human Services.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Kern had two items to report on this evening. First item was regarding NJAC work that was done on behalf of all twenty-one counties in reference to the 9-1-1 funding. The state has cut the proposal from \$10 million to \$5 million; therefore, counties will be awarded less monies. Mr. Kern has spoken with John Donnadio in getting a favorable ruling from the federal government as far as how the federal dollars are not being allocated to the reason that they are there for. Mr. Kern will provide updates on this matter.

Secondly, he spoke regarding the county colleges had a cut from the state budget of \$20 million dollars. The governor claims to be a supporter of universal free colleges especially at the community college level but does not want to fund them. This could lead to programs being cut or tuition being raised for those that need that level of education. Mr. Kern added NJAC has testified to the opposition of the cut.

Mr. Sarnoski asked County Administrator to reach out to President Dr. Austin at the Community College to discuss how we are going to handle this and considerations for next year's budget.

Ms. Ciesla announced the Health and Wellness Field Day will be held Friday, April 4, 2025, 6 – 9 p.m., at the Warren County Vo-Tech School. Assistant Prosecutor Kelly Shelton put this event together to do community policing. County resources will be there to show what services are available. She encouraged the public to participate.

Next, Ms. Ciesla thanked County Administrator Lazorisak for the assistance with location of the Bicentennial Event that will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025 with a rain date of Sunday, June 29. More details will be coming. She is hoping to have everyone participate.

She reported on the Broadband, applicants are being contacted to answer questions by the BPU (Board of Public Utilities). She hopes that the monies will soon be awarded to do the work.

Lastly, Ms. Ciesla reported on her meeting with the Economic Development Committee regarding the Scenic Byway and tourism in Warren County.

Mr. Sarnoski announced the 2025 County Directory is now available and ready for distribution. He thanked Art Charlton and the Public Information Department for getting the directories out very quickly.

Secondly, he reported on the tour of the CDH Branch Library, comments were overwhelmingly positive. The Board is looking forward to the grand opening in early May and the opening for the public mid-May.

Mr. Sarnoski has had a conversation with the American Red Cross, they are looking to get involved with the Health and Wellness Field Day as well as get back in and more involved with Warren County again and expand their footprint.

Mr. Sarnoski announced there will be a Veteran’s Expo at the Belvidere Manor, on April 3, from 2 – 6 p.m. The expo is open to our county veterans to learn about the services that we provide and are available to our veterans.

Mr. Kern had one last item, the Pollinator’s Club in Knowlton Township had harvested some maple syrup. Jennifer Correa-Kruegel, Park Naturalist had provided some samples for the Board.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nevitt Duveneck resident of White Township, commented on the meeting, it has been very informative. He also spoke of the Board’s fiscal responsibility and acknowledged the fact that our county will be debt free in July.

PRESS COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 189-25

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 7:11 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 8:26 p.m.

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

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 8:26 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION 164-25

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 March 26, 2025.

Be and it is hereby resolved that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2025-11 and 2025-12, dated March 26, 2025**, in the amount of **\$3,373,201.46** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of County Commissioners.

2025-11	3/19/2025	\$1,220,780.75	
2025-12	3/26/2025	<u>666,460.45</u>	
TOTAL			\$1,887,241.20
PNC Bank Commercial Card	3/12/2025	\$9,804.95	
Delta Dental - April	3/14/2025	<u>41,124.77</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			50,929.72
Payroll	3/20/2025	\$1,435,030.54	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,435,030.54</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$3,373,201.46</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)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 165-25

**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.

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 102-25 ON FIRST READING

DATED: February 26, 2025	ROLL CALL:	Mr. Kern	yes
		Ms. Ciesla	yes
		Mr. Sarnoski	yes

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

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 165-25 ON SECOND READING

DATED: March 26, 2025	ROLL CALL:	Mr. Kern	Yes
		Ms. Ciesla	Yes
		Mr. Sarnoski	Yes

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
(D2)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 166-25

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 March 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)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 167-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE
COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 2025 COMPLIES WITH THE
REQUIREMENTS OF THE N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 AND THAT THE BUDGET
SHALL BE READ BY ITS TITLE**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8. provides that the county budget may be read by its title at the public hearing if, at least one week prior to the date of the hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget is available for public inspection and copies are made available to each person requesting the same, during said week and during the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8. also provides that the governing body shall, by resolution passed by not less than a majority of the full membership, determine that the budget shall be read by its title and declare that the conditions set forth above have been met; and

WHEREAS, the public information officer posted the approved budget on the County of Warren website. Copies were also made available to each person requesting the same, during said week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby declare that the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 subsections 1.a and 1.b have been met; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by virtue of the fact that the prerequisite conditions have been met, the budget shall be read by its title.

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 168-25

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 26, 2025 adopted the following resolution.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND INTRODUCED BUDGET

WHEREAS, the County of Warren budget for the year 2025 was approved on February 26, 2025

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and,

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2025 be made:

TITLE CHANGES:

COUNTY OF WARREN BUDGET SHEET 5

FROM:	2025	TO:	2025
Reimbursement, Mental Health Administrator Salary	\$150,000.00	Aging CCPD Medicaid Reimb.	\$150,000.00
Reimbursement, State Inmates at Correctional Institution	\$223,787.00	DCA Reimbursement Constitutional Officers' Salaries	\$223,787.00
Division of Economic Assistance Earned Income Credit	\$4,300,000.00	Department of Human Services- Division of Temporary Assistance	\$4,300,000.00

APPROPRIATION CHANGES:

COUNTY OF WARREN BUDGET SHEET 12

	FROM 2025	TO 2025
Information Systems Other Expense (increase \$306.00)	\$1,696,850.00	\$1,697,156.00
Board of Taxation Other Expense (decrease \$306.00)	\$ 52,650.00	\$ 52,344.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing on said amendment is to be held at 165 County Route 519 South on March 26, 2025 at 6:00pm.

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

(D5)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 169-25

On motion by **James Kern III**, seconded by **Lori Ciesla**, the following resolution was adopted on the second reading by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren at a meeting held March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET
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 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 \$79,500,000.00 dollars 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

1. General Revenues

Surplus Anticipated	\$ 18,810,894.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	\$ 18,373,571.64
Receipts for Delinquent Taxes	0.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR COUNTY PURPOSES	<u>\$ 79,500,000.00</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$ 116,684,465.64</u>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

3. General Appropriations	
(a&b) Operations Including Contingent	\$ 94,716,071.64
(c) Capital Improvements	\$ 12,296,888.00
(d) County Debt Service	\$ 603,200.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures-County	\$ 9,068,306.00
(f) Judgements	\$ 0.00
(g) Cash Deficit	\$ 0.00
Total General Appropriations	<u>\$ 116,684,465.64</u>

It is hereby certified that this summary is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners on the March 26, 2025. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2025 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

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

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

_____, Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak

(D6)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 170-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING 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 dollars 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
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	<u>\$ 4,720,000.00</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$ 6,043,337.00</u>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren approved the Budget and Tax Resolution 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.

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

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 105-25 ON FIRST READING

DATED: February 26, 2025	Roll Call:	Mr. Kern	yes
		Ms. Ciesla	yes
		Mr. Sarnoski	yes

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

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 170-25 ON SECOND READING

DATED: March 26, 2025	Roll Call:	Mr. Kern	Yes
		Ms. Ciesla	Yes
		Mr. Sarnoski	Yes

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
(D7)

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

RESOLUTION 171-25

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 \$ 14,358,688.00 from 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 108-25 ON FIRST READING

DATED: February 26, 2025 ROLL CALL: Mr. Kern
Ms. Ciesla
Mr. Sarnoski

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, 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 171-25 ON SECOND READING DATED: March 26, 2025

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

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)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 172-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROUTE 57 BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT PROJECT OVER A BRANCH OF THE LOPATCONG
CREEK**

WHEREAS, a meeting was held February 13, 2025 between the NJDOT and representatives of Lopatcong Township, Greenwich Township and the County of Warren concerning the Route 57 Bridge Replacement Project Over a Branch of the Lopatcong Creek; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the County of Warren were in agreement with the Route 57 Bridge Replacement Project Over a Branch of the Lopatcong Creek as shown on the plans as presented at the meeting held on February 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT has requested resolutions of support from Lopatcong Township, Greenwich Township and the County of Warren in order to advance the project; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has no further comment regarding the project other than those relayed at the meeting on February 13, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren support the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation Route 57 Bridge Replacement Project Over a Branch of the Lopatcong Creek; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, copies of this resolution to be sent to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Greenwich Township and Lopatcong Township.

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

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
(E1)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION 173-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY '24 SECTION 5311 GRANT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND NJ TRANSIT
FOR A TOTAL OF \$730,488.00 (\$375,744.00 FEDERAL FUNDS; \$177,372.00
STATE FUNDS; AND \$177,372.00 ANTICIPATED COUNTY MATCHING
FUNDS); SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2023 the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren approved the FY'24 Section 5311 grant application submitted to NJ Transit Corporation; and

WHEREAS, NJ Transit has subsequently awarded Warren County FY '24 Section 5311 funds, as outlined in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the Director of the Board is authorized to execute the FY '24 Section 5311 Grant Agreement with NJ Transit for a period from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025; subject to availability of funds.

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 174-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR ENTERING INTO
AGREEMENT WITH THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NEW JERSEY FOR
2025 COST-SHARE ON WARREN COUNTY NON-PROFIT FARMLAND
APPLICATION APPRAISALS NOT TO EXCEED \$11,500**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Agriculture Development Board had approved at their meeting on March 20, 2025, their desire to cost-share the development easements with The Land Conservancy of New Jersey (TLC-NJ) on five non-profit applications that were submitted to the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) in the 2025 round totaling approximately 504.83 gross acres; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2024, the SADC granted funding to TLC-NJ on the proposed development easements of five non-profit applications located in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, based on the SADC grant funding and preliminary approval of the non-profit applications, TLC-NJ can proceed with ordering two independent professional appraisals each on the five Warren County farms as follows:

1. Carson Farm One, Frelinghuysen Township, 330.03 gross acres
2. Carson Farm Two, Frelinghuysen Township, 66.64 gross acres
3. Carson Farm Three, Frelinghuysen Township, 39.45 gross acres
4. Harrison Farm, Washington Township, 27.38 gross acres
5. LeCompte Farm (Good Springs, LLC), Franklin Township, 41.33 gross acres

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost of the appraisals is \$23,000 and the Warren County Board of County Commissioners will enter into an agreement with TLC-NJ for the 50% of that total cost and Warren County cost-share not to exceed \$11,500; and

WHEREAS, TLC-NJ will submit the appraisal costs to Warren County for 50% reimbursement and the appraisal costs will be funded by the Warren County Open Space, Farmland, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren enters into an agreement with TLC-NJ on the 50% cost share, not to exceed \$11,500 for the farmland appraisals for the purpose of development easements on the non-profit applications located in Warren County as Carson Farm One, Carson Farm Two, Carson Farm Three in Frelinghuysen Township, Harrison Farm in Washington Township and the LeCompte Farm (Good Springs, LLC) in Franklin Township totaling 504.83 gross acres and the Board Director or Administrator of Warren County is authorized to sign the appraisal agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the adequate funds for the appraisals in the amount of \$11,500.00 in account #03895-5067 have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
(E3)

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RESOLUTION 175-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO APPLY AND ACCEPT FOR A GRANT SFY25
ARRIVE TOGETHER CRITICAL INCIDENT MODEL, WITH THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY
THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF LAW
AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

WHEREAS, Warren County is authorized to apply and accept the award of \$85,800.00. For a project total cost of \$85,800.00 for a project under the State of New Jersey SFY25 ARRIVE Together Critical Incident Model, Grant Period 4/1/25 to 3/31/26; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Administration Department has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request from the Warren County Prosecutor's Office; and

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the Acting Prosecutor and County Administrator to execute the application.

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

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
(E4)

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RESOLUTION 176-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS FOR WC2521 AND
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR WATER ANALYSIS
FOR THE WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE
PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026**

BE IT RESOLVED, that specification WC2521 for water analysis is hereby approved

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

Funds for this contract will be provided in budget account 013350/5028 – County Health Services, Professional, Consulting & Special Services

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

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

_____, Clerk
Alex J. Lazorisak
(F1)

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RESOLUTION 177-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2506FO FOR ELECTION
BALLOT PRINTING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK TO
RELIANCE GRAPHICS, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH
MARCH 31, 2026 FOR BALLOT STYLES PER ELECTION AT THE RATE
OF \$2,200.00 AND \$.25 PER SAMPLE BALLOT FOR AN ESTIMATED
AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that contract WC2506FO for Election Ballot Printing for the Warren County Clerk is hereby awarded

to . . . Reliance Graphics, Verona, New Jersey

in the estimated amount of . . . \$100,000.00

as per their proposal submitted . . . March 11, 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 ballot printing services under the direction of the Warren County Clerk, and quality of past services rendered.

Funds will be provided in budget account 011200/5100 – County Clerk Program Operating Expenses

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
(H1)

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RESOLUTION 178-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2522R FOR PROFESSIONAL
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND COST
ESTIMATE, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST LIBRARY BRANCH
BUILDINGS, STEWARTSVILLE, NEW JERSEY TO SSP
ARCHITECTURAL GROUP OF SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY IN THE
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$23,500.00**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the professional services of an architect to provide architectural services for conceptual design and cost estimate, located at the Southwest Library Branch Buildings, Stewartsville, New Jersey; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in account 0409A701/5060

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 SSP Architectural Group, of Somerville, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$23,500.00 per letter of agreement currently on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing, be made part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute said letter of Agreement by signing same.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)) because the services are to be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Ledger, as required by law, within ten days of its adoption.

RECORDED VOTE: 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 179-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO
WINNER FORD FOR A 2025 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR FOR
WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONS UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE
CONTRACT #20-FLEET-01189 IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF
\$43,223.00**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Department is authorized to issue a purchase order for a 2025 Ford Utility Interceptor for Warren County Corrections

to Winner Ford, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. . .

in the amount of \$43,223.00. . .

at the prices established under the New Jersey State Contract #20-Fleet-01189

Funding for this contract will be provided in account: 013150/5051

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

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

_____, Clerk

Alex J. Lazorisak
(H3)

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RESOLUTION 180-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO SHI
INTERNATIONAL CORP., FOR PURCHASE OF PSG BUSINESS
PARTNER ONSITE/REMOTE SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT
JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH JULY 1, 2025 UNDER NEW JERSEY
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE CK04 FOR THE WARREN
COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS OFFICE IN THE CONTRACT
AMOUNT OF \$50,684.42**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchasing department is authorized to issue a purchase order for PSG Business Partner Onsite/Remote Support Services for the Warren County Information Systems Office and this purchase is hereby awarded

to . . . SHI International Corp., Somerset, New Jersey

in the amount of . . . \$50,684.42

at the prices established under New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance CK04

Funding for this contract has been provided in account 011400/5029

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
(H4)

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RESOLUTION 181-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE
WARREN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoint the following individual to the Warren County Transportation Advisory Council:

Appoint:

Jean Smith
Columbia, NJ 07832
Consumer Advocate Rep.

Term to expire: 12/31/25

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 182-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR
THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes, and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Department of Human Services, Division of Administration** for fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the **Department of Human Services, Division of Administration** and made effective March 27, 2025.

New Positions:

1. Create a full-time position of *Program Development Specialist, Community Service*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1440 (Bassin).

Abolish a full-time position of *Program Development Aide, Community Service*, classified.

2. Create a full-time position of *Community Service Worker Drug Abuse*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1440.

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 183-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR
THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION
OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes, and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Department of Public Works, Division of Buildings and Grounds** for fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the Warren County **Department of Public Works, Division of Buildings and Grounds** and made effective March 27, 2025.

Salary Adjustments:

1. Establishing a salary adjustment for *Supervisor of Building Service*, classified, AFSCME Supervisor's Local 0671, R1440 (Cologna-Surlak).
2. Establishing a salary adjustment for *Maintenance Supervisor*, classified, AFSCME Supervisor's Local 0671, R1640 (Parichuk).

Abolish a full-time position of *Maintenance Superintendent*, classified.

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 184-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR
THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION
OF BRIDGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes, and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Department of Public Works, Division of Bridges** for fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the Warren County **Department of Public Works, Division of Bridges**, and made effective March 27, 2025.

Promotion:

1. Create a full-time position of *Senior Bridge Repairer*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1040 (Tomkins).

New Position:

1. Create a full-time position of *Bridge Repairer*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R0740.

Abolish:

1. Abolish a full-time position of *Assistant County Superintendent of Bridges*, unclassified.

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

(J3)

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RESOLUTION 185-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR
THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION
OF ROADS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes, and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Department of Public Works, Division of Roads** for fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the Warren County **Department of Public Works, Division of Roads**, and made effective March 27, 2025.

Promotion:

1. Create a full-time position of *Senior Public Works Repairer*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1140 (Feggulis).

Abolish a full-time position of *Senior Maintenance Repairer*, classified.

Salary Adjustments:

1. Establishing a salary adjustment for *Road Repairer Supervisor*, classified, AFSCME Supervisor's Local 0671, R1640 (Dean).
2. Establishing a salary adjustment for *Supervisor of Traffic Maintenance*, classified, AFSCME Supervisor's Local 0671, R1440 (Goddard).

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
(J4)

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RESOLUTION 186-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR
THE WARREN COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR
2025**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes, and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Finance Department** for fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the Warren County **Finance Department**, and made effective March 27, 2025.

New Position:

1. Create a full-time position of *Accountant*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1440.

Salary Adjustments:

1. Establishing a salary adjustment for *Senior Accountant*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1840 (Corbett).
2. Establishing a salary adjustment for *Senior Accountant*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1840 (McGuire).
3. Establishing a salary adjustment for *Senior Accountant*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1840 (Sommel).

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

(J5)

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RESOLUTION 187-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR
THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes, and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Library** for fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the Warren County **Library** and made effective March 27, 2025.

Salary Adjustments:

1. Establishing a salary adjustment for *Senior Library Assistant*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R0635 (Dabrowski).
2. Establishing a salary adjustment for *Principal Payroll Clerk*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1235 (A. Rodriguez).
3. Establishing a salary adjustment for *Senior Library Assistant*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R0635 (Heymer).
4. Establishing a salary adjustment for *Librarian 4*, classified, AFSCME Local 0671, R1935 (Sidie).
5. Establishing a salary adjustment for *Librarian 4*, classified, AFSCME Local 0671, R1935 (Durkin).
6. Establishing a salary adjustment for *Administrative Secretary*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1335 (Barny-McGinley).

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
(J6)

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RESOLUTION 188-25

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 March 26, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGETED PERSONNEL REQUESTS FOR
THE WARREN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR
2025**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners are in receipt of personnel requests for promotion, new positions, status changes, and salary adjustments within the Warren County **Planning Department** for fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners has reviewed and analyzed these departmental personnel requests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel requests are approved for the Warren County **Planning Department**, and made effective March 27, 2025.

Promotion:

1. Create a full-time position of *Clerk 3*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R0840 (Franks).

Abolish a full-time position of *Keyboarding Clerk 3*, classified.

New Position:

1. Create a full-time position of *Geographic Information Systems Specialist Trainee*, classified, AFSCME Local 3287, R1440.

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
(J7)

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

RESOLUTION 189-25

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 March 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 Boyce Litigation.
- (2) *Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property*: Covanta Site, Bastedo Property, Block 105 Lots 2 and 46, Clifford Property – Lopatcong Township and Block 31, Lot 7 – Harmony Township.

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
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