

*\*These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissions on June 25, 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 Wednesday, May 28, 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 Sarnoski. Also attending were County Administrator Alex J. Lazorisak, County Counsel Joe Bell, County CFO Kim Francisco, County Director of Engineering Michael Finelli and Deputy Commissioner Clerk Tracy Matlock.

After leading the flag salute, Director Sarnoski confirmed with the County Administrator that the meeting notice complied 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 Budget Session of January 4, 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 Budget Session of January 11, 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 Budget Session of January 15, 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 Regular Session of January 22, 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 Regular Session of February 11, 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 Regular Session of February 26, 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 Regular Session of April 9, 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 Regular Session of May 14, 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 May 14, 2025 were approved.

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

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT/PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Sarnoski read Proclamation into the record, as title only, will be presented on June 7 at National Trails Day.

**PROCLAMATION 286-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, PROCLAMATION – FORTY YEARS OF NJ YOUTH CORPS.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Tara Mezzanotte as representative to the Paulins Kill Watershed (Lower Delaware River Wild and Scenic Expansion Project) along with members of Blairstown (Karen Lance), Frelinghuysen (David Paust), Hardwick (Kendrya Close), Knowlton (Michelle St. Andri) Townships and the Foodshed Alliance (Christine Dunbar & Brian ). Members came before the Board this evening expressing reasons for protecting the Paulins Kill requesting the Board’s support of the Foodshed Alliance’s Paulins Kill National Wild and Scenic River Reconnaissance Study. They gave such examples as it providing habitat for the wood turtles, providing well water for area residents, providing agritourism and outdoor activities.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 287-25**

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 288-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FOODSHED ALLIANCE’S PAULINS KILL NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVER RECONNAISSANCE STUDY.

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

Mr. Sarnoski thanked those who came forward in support on this resolution. It’s good to have such support of these resolutions to understand the importance of it. He appreciates the comments and kind words.

Mr. Kern also thanked those who came in support of this resolution. He mentioned there were similar arguments thirty years ago when the Musconetcong went through a similar battle.

Ms. Ciesla thanked those who came out to support this resolution. It’s great to have all of you on board. We live in such a beautiful part of New Jersey and fishing is second to none. We want to preserve that and do whatever we can.

**RESOLUTION 289-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WARREN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MORRIS FOR THE PROVISION OF YOUTH SHELTER HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR WARREN COUNTY YOUTH PLACED AT THE MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH FACILITY.

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

**RESOLUTION 290-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO ACCEPT AND TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS #SCP-25-PS-21, SCP-25-PM-21, FC-25-21 WITH THE NEW JERSEY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMISSION TOTALING \$325,525.00 (\$224,774.00 STATE/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDS & \$100,751.00 IN FAMILY COURT FUNDS) TO BE USED BY THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION.

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

**RESOLUTION 291-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DIVISION OF CHILDREN’S SYSTEM OF CARE FOR 26OLWR CONTRACT TO PROVIDE YIP ADMINISTRATION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,028.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

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

**RESOLUTION 292-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AMENDING APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT BASED ON THE NEW STATEWIDE FORMULA VALUE ON THE MCEVOY#1 FARM, BLOCK 13 LOTS 11 & 17.01, BLOCK 18 LOT 58 IN WHITE TOWNSHIP CONSISTING OF 84.618 SURVEYED ACRES.

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

**RESOLUTION 293-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AMENDING APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT BASED ON THE NEW STATEWIDE FORMULA

VALUE ON THE MCEVOY #2 FARM, BLOCK 13 LOT 11.01 IN WHITE TOWNSHIP CONSISTING OF 20.090 SURVEYED ACRES.

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

**RESOLUTION 294-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AUTHORITY (NJTPA) INCLUDE A FIX THE S-CURVE STUDY IN THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

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

Mr. Sarnoski expressed we have been working very hard on this. As a member of the NJTPA Executive Board, he will continue to keep up a good fight. Hopefully we will be able to move up in leadership to actually affect some of this a little bit more in the future.

Ms. Ciesla echoed the support for the S-curve. Over the past several months, we've seen how important of a road Interstate 80 is because many people in the county couldn't get around. It is important to have the S-curve studies and not just the rock fall.

**RESOLUTION 295-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES THE TRANSMITTAL OF THE WARREN COUNTY CROSS ACCEPTANCE RESPONSE TO THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

Mr. Kern thanked Planning Director Dave Dech and the Planning Department for putting this together on behalf of several municipalities that we were working with.

**RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS**

**RESOLUTION 296-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATION WC2228B AND AUTHORIZATION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE WAYNE DUMONT, JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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

**RESOLUTION 297-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATION WC2536 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR INMATE COMMISSARY SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER.

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

**RESOLUTION 298-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATION WC2538 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR INMATE

DENTAL SERVICE AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER.

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

**RESOLUTION 299-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATION WC2541C AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE CONTRACTS FOR 2026 HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS.

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

**RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS**

**RESOLUTION 300-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 FOR CONTRACT #WC2314FO-1 TO JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR REMOVAL OF THE BLOOMSBURY DAM WITHIN THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER FOR INTER-COUNTY BRIDGE #07018/I3W, COUNTY ROUTE 579, GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY AND BLOOMSBURY TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY FOR NET INCREASE OF \$10,900.00 AND REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$21,900.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 301-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2540R FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR INSPECTION OF ACCESS BRIDGE TO 444 COUNTY ROUTE 94 (BLOCK 5, LOT 16, KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP) TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$4,233.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 302-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2537 FOR THE WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY NJ STATE POLICE HOPE TOWER REMEDIATION TO TUWAY COMMUNICATIONS OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$219,910.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 303-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT WC23122 THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE BANK BUILDING/WARREN COUNTY SURROGATES BUILDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO DUGA CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR A NET DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,350.00, AND A REVISED FINAL CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,650.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 304-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT WC24113 FOR A REPLACEMENT FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER TO HAIG'S SERVICE CORP., IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$57,200.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 305-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED FOR BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW 40A:11-6 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE REPAIR TO THE EXTERIOR ENVELOPE OF THE WAYNE DUMONT, JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WC2539 TO DESAPIO CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$399,849.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 306-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT WC2477 FOR THE EMERGENCY RE-STABILIZATION OF THE COUNTY ROUTE 626, LOMMASON GLEN ROAD (WHITE TOWNSHIP) ROAD EMBANKMENT FROM THE STATION 12.00 TO STATION 24.50 DUE TO THE JULY 2023 STORM EVENTS TO SPARWICK CONTRACTING, INC. OF LAFAYETTE, NEW JERSEY AN INCREASE OF \$276,246.00 AND FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$2,676,369.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 307-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMITS FOR REPAIR TO WARREN COUNTY BRIDGE #23066 AT BUCKHORN DRIVE IN WHITE TOWNSHIP DUE TO STORM DAMAGE FROM THE JULY 2023 STORM EVENTS TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING PER PROPOSAL PRICING SCHEDULE AWARDED WC2496FO UNDER INVOICING IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$31,926.00.

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

**RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

**RESOLUTION 308-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

**APPOINTING**

MICHAEL BYRNES – TERM TO EXPIRE: 05/24/28

**REAPPOINTING**

AUDRA FRANK – TERM TO EXPIRE: 05/24/28

MATTHEW POLSKY – TERM TO EXPIRE: 05/24/28

JOSEPHINE NOONE – TERM TO EXPIRE: 05/24/28  
CLAIRANNE ARCARO – TERM TO EXPIRE: 05/24/28  
SASHA FERNANDES – TERM TO EXPIRE: 05/24/28  
KERRY KIRK-PFLUGH – TERM TO EXPIRE: 05/24/28  
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 309-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL AND CHARITABLE CONSERVANCY TRUST FUND COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.  
CHRISTOPHER INFINITO – TERM TO EXPIRE: 03/25/26  
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

Mr. Kern congratulated all the members of the Environmental Advisory Committee. He is proud to say most of the members are returning so that’s pretty exciting. He also thanked Christopher Infinito for stepping up and sitting on the Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee.

Ms. Ciesla thanked everyone for serving.

**PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 310-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION CREATING A PART-TIME POSITION OF SENIOR ENGINEERING AIDE, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SENIOR ENGINEERING AIDE, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF ENGINEERING.  
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 311-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION CREATING FULL-TIME POSITION OF SOCIAL WORKER, BILINGUAL IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SOCIAL WORKER, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES.  
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

**RESOLUTION 312-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF HUMAN SERVICES SPECIALIST 1, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF HUMAN SERVICES AIDE, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES.  
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla, Jason Sarnoski: yes

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joe Bell had a couple of items for Executive Session, contract negotiation as well as an update on current litigation.

County Director of Engineering Mike Finelli provided an update regarding 2022 Resurfacing project. It is moving forward but unfortunately due to inclement weather these past few weeks, it has slowed down some. They still plan to complete it in June.

County Planner Dave Dech reminded the Board the paper-shredding event is Saturday, June 7, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Discussion took place regarding recycling of electronics. Certain electronics is collected at Pollution Control Financing Authority (PCFA) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

County Public Works Direct Emily Hammer had no formal report this evening.

County CFO Kim Francisco reported he received a draft of the 2024 audit and it looks good. We have a clean audit, no comments or recommendations, disallowed costs or negative findings. The audit will be on the agenda for adoption on the next meeting in June. This will officially close the books for 2024.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak reported on the Vacancy Report, nothing out of the ordinary, just a couple of backfills from retirements and promotions.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Kern reported there is a piece of legislation that's making its way through Trenton, A5671, changes to interest arbitration in respect to police and fire. It's memorializing that there is no more interest arbitration. It's creating a task force. He has spoken to John Donnadio at NJAC and told him this task force should be required to report back to the Governor and the legislature the impact that these awards of arbitration have on local and county budgets. What it does to the taxpayers when we are still local government has to have a 2% property tax cap. This can have a significant impact on our budgets and it's important that that data be given to the legislatures whether or not they want to use that data that can be up to the voters on handle their elected officials.

Ms. Ciesla had several items for this evening. In regard to broadband, the BEAD program is making some changes which she believes may be due to federal changes. This will be looked into to see what's going on. They may be authorizing different technologies which would be helpful.

Next Ms. Ciesla spoke of her attendance at the Lopatcong Township Memorial Day event which is always a nice event every year. It's nice to remember all of those who lost their lives for our country.

Lastly, Ms. Ciesla reminded everyone of the County's Bicentennial celebration on June 28.

Mr. Sarnoski had a few items for this evening. First, he congratulated the Warren County Community College graduates; he attended the commencement ceremonies on May 17.

Next, he congratulated Hackettstown Business Improvement District (HBID) award recipients.

Lastly Mr. Sarnoski reported he attended the ribbon cutting for Abilities of Northwest Jersey, opening of housing for disabled clients.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Lance resident of Blairstown commented on how she is enjoying the newly renovated CDH Library Branch and thanked the Board.

There were no additional public comments this evening.

PRESS COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**RESOLUTION 313-25**

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 6:22 p.m.

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

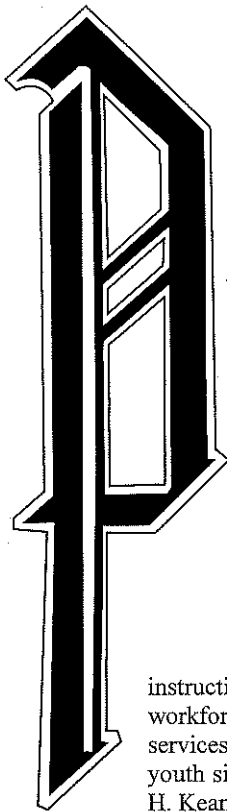
On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, the board adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Lori Ciesla, seconded by James Kern III, and there being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

County of Warren  
Board of County Commissioners



# Proclamation

## FORTY YEARS OF THE NJ YOUTH CORPS

**WHEREAS**, the "New Jersey Youth Corps Act," P.L.1984, c.198 (C.9:25-1 et seq.), signed into law November 27, 1984, established the creation of "a New Jersey Youth Corps to recruit, train, and employ young persons to supplement and assist in preserving, conserving, and enhancing those assets that are necessary to a sound and flourishing community life"; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Youth Corps program has provided academic instruction and diploma attainment, work-based community service learning, workforce readiness training, individualized counseling, wrap-around supportive services, and transitional placement services to more than 28,000 out-of-school youth since the program's announcement on June 25, 1985 by Governor Thomas H. Kean; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Youth Corps program has engaged participants, known as "Corpsmembers", in over 4.7 million hours of community service volunteerism over 40 years, representing over a \$170.3 million return on investment to New Jersey communities per the valuation of volunteer time; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Youth Corps program is a vital component of New Jersey's workforce development strategy to re-engage disconnected out-of-school youth into meaningful personal and professional development; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the New Jersey Youth Corps program builds individual confidence by way of incremental successes, increases individual employability by way of credential attainments and work-based learning experience, and transitions Corps members into next-step placements along their long-term career pathways; and

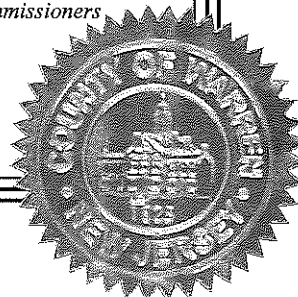
**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Youth Corps of Phillipsburg has been partnering with and providing meaningful service learning opportunities for young adults through the Warren County Department of Land Preservation since 2008.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby recognize the New Jersey Youth Corps as it celebrates its 40th anniversary in the state and congratulate its Corps members and staff for their contributions to the Warren County and New Jersey community.

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

*Lori Ciesla, Deputy Director  
Board of County Commissioners*

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



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

Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building  
165 County Route 519 South  
Belvidere, NJ 07823

**RESOLUTION 287-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**Be and it is hereby resolved** that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2025-20 and 2025-21, dated May 28, 2025**, in the amount of **\$4,386,172.41** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of County Commissioners.

2025-20	5/21/2025	\$1,900,252.63	
2025-21	5/28/2025	<u>907,390.72</u>	
TOTAL			\$2,807,643.35
Payroll	5/15/2025	\$1,578,529.06	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>1,578,529.06</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$4,386,172.41</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 288-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FOODSHED ALLIANCE'S PAULINS  
KILL NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVER RECONNAISSANCE  
STUDY**

**WHEREAS**, sixteen (16) miles of the thirty-one (31) miles Paulins Kill flow through Hardwick, Frelinghuysen, Blairstown and Knowlton Townships in Warren County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Foodshed Alliance is a 501(c)(3) organization has a commitment to foster a healthy, resilient foodshed that supports farmers, nourishes people, respects the land, and strengthens communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River Expansion Project Team (the "Project Team") in partnership with the Foodshed Alliance and their Paulins Kill Watershed Community, began evaluating potential Wild and Scenic River eligibility and suitability for the Paulins Kill, the second largest tributary to the Lower Delaware National Wild and Scenic River, to be potentially included in the existing Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River Designation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project Team researched Warren County's Paulins Kill resources and identified potential Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs) (as defined in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act) in the Knowlton, Blairstown and Hardwick Paulins Kill Segment to include trout production waters, historic and recreational features such as the Blairstown Historic District and Paulinskill Valley Trail, habitat for federal threatened and endangered species, high ecological and unique geological features; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2024, with support of the Project Team, the Foodshed Alliance announced its intention to initiate the reconnaissance process to pursue full independent National Wild and Scenic River designation for the entire Paulins Kill and its associated tributaries; and

**WHEREAS**, this effort aims to protect and enhance the unique values of the Paulins Kill and associated tributaries, as well as to provide local communities with the many benefits that such national recognition and designation can offer; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Park Service (NPS) publication: "Partnership Wild and Scenic River – A Primer", explains that a designated Wild and Scenic River ("WSR") must meet the following requirements:

1. Be free-flowing.
2. Have at least one ORV: outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural or other similar values (ORVs) that are located in the river or on its shore lands, contribute to the functioning of the river ecosystem, and/or owe their location or existence to the presence of the river.
3. Local support to create a local Management Council usually comprised of local municipal, county and state partner representatives with a national partner liaison responsible to create a

Memorandum of Understanding, and to develop and implement the Comprehensive Management Plan.

4. Local support for the designation, as expressed by a municipal resolution of the municipal governing body.
5. A 501(c)(3) organization, such as the Foodshed Alliance, that can establish a cooperative agreement with the NPS to pass through funds appropriated annually for the Partnership Wild and Scenic River Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Partnership WSR designation does not allow for federal land acquisition, cannot change local zoning ordinances and state laws, and cannot extinguish existing landowner rights; and

**WHEREAS**, [The Land Conservancy of New Jersey](#) and all four Warren County Paulins Kill municipalities have expressed support for the project as per [Knowlton Township Res# 2024-98](#), [Blairstown Township Res#2024-115](#), [Hardwick Township Res#2024-76](#), [Frelinghuysen Township Res# 2025-26](#); and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood, as explained by the Project Team, that this is a multi-year educational community partnership process, that at this time includes the following plans:

1. The final results of the municipal resolution reconnaissance support outreach effort phase will be shared with each municipality to consider a second resolution, one that demonstrates support for seeking a Paulins Kill Wild and Scenic River Study Bill.
2. The complete results of the municipal resolution outreach efforts, which will include the reconnaissance AND study bill support resolutions, shall be presented to each county and their state representatives seeking support for a Paulins Kill Wild and Scenic River Study Bill.
3. A final package that combines the support resolutions and legislator letters shall be provided to our Congressional Representatives for the next steps.
4. If the Paulins Kill Wild and Scenic River Study Bill is signed into law, it would appropriate federal funds to establish a Paulins Kill Wild and Scenic River Task Force/Management Council to develop a Paulins Kill Management Plan, review and finalize eligibility and suitability requirements, and develop a formal NPS Paulins Kill Wild and Scenic River Study Report that must be completed within three years.
5. The NPS Paulins Kill Wild and Scenic River Study Report is required for congressional representatives to seek an amendment to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, that would establish the Paulins Kill Wild and Scenic Rivers Act designating the eligible and suitable segments of the Paulins Kill and associated tributaries as part of the National Wild and Scenic River System.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners, supports the reconnaissance phase of the Paulins Kill National Wild and Scenic River Project as described herein with the goal of seeking a full Congressional Paulins Kill Wild and Scenic Study Bill.

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

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

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

Alex J. Lazorisak  
(E1)

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

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**RESOLUTION 289-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WARREN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN  
AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MORRIS FOR THE PROVISION  
OF YOUTH SHELTER HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR WARREN  
COUNTY YOUTH PLACED AT THE MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH  
FACILITY**

**WHEREAS**, Warren County is desirous of housing appropriate youth on an as-needed basis at the Morris County Youth Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Morris County Youth Facility has agreed to provide youth shelter services to Warren County youth at the rate:

- June 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 - \$300 per bed, per day with a minimum of one bed per day
- January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 - \$325 per bed, per day with a minimum of two beds per day
- January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027 - \$350 per bed, per day with a minimum of two beds per day

**WHEREAS**, both parties have agreed to re-assess the need for the second bed on May 31, 2025 to determine the County's requirements and to adjust the contract accordingly; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Commissioner Director and the Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, attached hereto and made part of hereof with the County of Morris for the provision of youth shelter services to Warren County youth placed at the Morris County Youth Facility as outlined in said agreement.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak  
(E2)

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**RESOLUTION 290-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO  
ACCEPT AND TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS #SCP-25-PS-21,  
SCP-25-PM-21, FC-25-21 WITH THE NEW JERSEY YOUTH JUSTICE  
COMMISSION TOTALING \$325,525.00 (\$224,774.00 STATE/COMMUNITY  
PARTNERSHIP FUNDS & \$100,751.00 IN FAMILY COURT FUNDS) TO BE  
USED BY THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
SERVICES, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION**

**WHEREAS**, Warren County applied to the New Jersey Youth Justice Commission (YJC) for anticipated funding in the amount of \$325,525.00 (\$224,774.00 State/Community Partnership funds & \$100,751.00 in Family Court funds); and

**WHEREAS**, the YJC has subsequently awarded the county this amount to be used by the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Administration for program services, program administration and Family Court services during the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the Director of the Board is authorized to accept and execute grant agreements #SCP-25-PS-21, SCP-25-PM-21, FC-25-21 with the NJ Youth Justice Commission totaling \$325,525.00 (\$224,774.00 State/Community Partnership funds & \$100,751.00 in Family Court Funds); subject to availability.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak  
(E3)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 291-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO  
EXECUTE A CONTRACT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, DIVISION OF  
CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE FOR 26OLWR CONTRACT TO  
PROVIDE YIP ADMINISTRATION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$39,028.00 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026;  
SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Children's System of Care provides funding to the Warren County Department of Human Services to provide YIP Administration services in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the attached contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Director of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to execute the 26OLWR contract application with the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Children's System of Care to provide YIP Administration services through the Warren County Department of Human Services in the amount of \$39,028.00, for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; subject to the 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  
(E4)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 292-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A  
DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT BASED ON THE NEW STATEWIDE  
FORMULA VALUE ON THE MCEVOY#1 FARM, BLOCK 13 LOTS 11 &  
17.01, BLOCK 18 LOT 58 IN WHITE TOWNSHIP CONSISTING OF 84.618  
SURVEYED ACRES**

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2023 c.245 was enacted on January 8, 2024, revising the method for valuation of farmland to be acquired for Farmland Preservation Program purposes to be known as the Statewide Farmland Preservation Formula (hereinafter “Statewide Formula”); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 27, 2025, the SADC approved new rules at N.J.A.C. 2:76-26 to implement the Statewide Formula, which became effective on April 7, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Owner provisionally accepted the Certified Value offer of \$4,800 per acre, but requested final approval to be conditioned on the provision of a certified Statewide Formula Value as such time as the Statewide Formula is adopted by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board granted Final Approval for the Property on August 10, 2022, Resolution #332-22, but the Owner is now entitled to be presented with a development easement offer based on the Statewide Formula; and

**WHEREAS**, the SADC certified the market value of \$6,912 per acre for the development easement, based upon an unrestricted “before” fee simple value of \$9,300 per acre, which is to be used for the calculation of the Statewide Formula base value pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-26.4; and

**WHEREAS**, the base value for the Statewide Formula is calculated at 50% of the certified unrestricted fee simple appraisal value, or \$4,650 per acre, which is then adjusted upward based upon the presence of certain agricultural and natural resource features along with additional factors and additional voluntary restrictions (Schedule A); and

**WHEREAS**, the Owner agreed to a maximum (10%) impervious cover limit, as defined under N.J.A.C. 2:76-26.2. on the Property outside of any exception areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Owner agreed to limit the residential buildings on the premises (and/or in the non-severable exception area) to a maximum of 2,500 square feet of heated living space pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-26.9(a)2; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-26 et seq., the Statewide Formula value of the easement is \$6,912 per acre with the landowner taking both of the additional voluntary restrictions, each of which \$465 per acre, thereby raising the Statewide Formula value to \$7,842 per acre; and

**WHEREAS**, the SADC will provide an increase cost share of 80% of the per acre Statewide Formula Value up to \$50,000 per acre, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-26.12 in the Planning Incentive Grant Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the per acre cost share breakdown is as follows, based on 84.618 acres:

	Previous (84.33 acres)	Estimated	New Formula	Estimated
	Cost Share	Total	Cost Share	Total
SADC	\$3,280/acre	\$277,547.04	\$6,273.60/acre	\$530,859.48
<u>Warren County</u>	<u>\$1,520/acre</u>	<u>\$128,619.36</u>	<u>\$1,568.40/acre</u>	<u>\$132,714.87</u>
Total Easement	\$4,800/acre	\$406,166.40	\$7,842/acre	\$663,574.35

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Agriculture Development Board approved the amended Statewide Formula Value as stated above at their May 15, 2025 meeting.

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

1. The WHEREAS paragraphs set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Board amends Resolution #332-22 and grants final approval to the additional restrictions along with an amended cost share grant for the purchase price of a development easement on the Property, comprising approximately 84.618 net easement acres, with cost-share as follows: SADC \$6,273.60 per acre, Warren County \$1,568.40 per acre for total cost of \$7,842 per acres pursuant to N.J.A.C.2:76-26.12.
3. The County’s share in regard to the purchase price of said easement is estimated at \$132,714.87(or an increase of \$48.40 per acre).
4. The purchase price of any Right-of-ways, Bridge Maintenance and Construction Easements, Sight Triangle Easements, Drainage Easements, or other interests identified by the County Engineer’s office on this property will be at the original \$4,800 per acre.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that adequate funds for the additional amount for the purchase price funding in the amount of \$4,533.27 in account #03895-5067-8952203-5067 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  
 (E5)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 293-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A  
DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT BASED ON THE NEW STATEWIDE  
FORMULA VALUE ON THE MCEVOY #2 FARM, BLOCK 13 LOT 11.01 IN  
WHITE TOWNSHIP CONSISTING OF 20.090 SURVEYED ACRES**

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2023 c.245 was enacted on January 8, 2024, revising the method for valuation of farmland to be acquired for Farmland Preservation Program purposes to be known as the Statewide Farmland Preservation Formula (hereinafter “Statewide Formula”); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 27, 2025, the SADC approved new rules at N.J.A.C. 2:76-26 to implement the Statewide Formula, which became effective on April 7, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Owner provisionally accepted the Certified Value offer of \$5,200 per acre, but requested final approval to be conditioned on the provision of a certified Statewide Formula Value as such time as the Statewide Formula is adopted by the SADC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board granted Final Approval for the Property on September 22, 2021, Resolution #424-21, but the Owner is now entitled to be presented with a development easement offer based on the Statewide Formula; and

**WHEREAS**, the SADC certified the market value unrestricted of \$6,903 per acre for the development easement based upon an unrestricted “before” fee simple value of \$10,200 per acre, which is to be used for the calculation of the Statewide Formula base value pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-26.4; and

**WHEREAS**, the base value for the Statewide Formula is calculated at 50% of the certified unrestricted fee simple appraisal value, or \$5,100 per acre, which is then adjusted upward based upon the presence of certain agricultural and natural resource features along with additional factors and restrictions (Schedule A); and

**WHEREAS**, the Owner agreed to a maximum (10%) impervious cover limit, as defined under N.J.A.C. 2:76-26.2. on the Property outside of any exception areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Owner agreed to limit the residential buildings on the premises (and/or in the non-severable exception area) to a maximum of 2,500 square feet of heated living space pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-26.9(a)2; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-26 et seq., the Statewide Formula value of the easement is \$6,903 per acre with the landowner taking both of the voluntary restrictions, each of which is \$510 per acre, thereby raising the Statewide Formula value to \$7,923 per acre; and

**WHEREAS**, the SADC will provide a cost share of 80% of the per acre Statewide Formula Value,

up to \$50,000 per acre, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-26.12 in the Planning Incentive Grant Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the per acre cost share breakdown is as follows, based on 20.090 acres:

	<b>Previous (21.22 acres)</b>	Estimated	<b>New Formula</b>	Estimated
	Cost Share	Total	Cost Share	Total
SADC	\$3,500/acre	\$ 70,315	\$6,335.20/acre	\$127,274.17
Warren County	\$1,700/acre	\$ 34,153	\$1,583.80/acre	\$ 31,818.54
Total Easement	\$5,200/acre	\$104,468	\$7,923/acre	\$159,173.07

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Agriculture Development Board approved the amended Statewide Formula Value as stated above at their May 15, 2025 meeting.

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

1. The WHEREAS paragraphs set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Board amends Resolution #424-21 and grants final approval to the additional restrictions along with an amended cost share grant for the purchase of a development easement on the Property, comprising approximately 20.090 net easement acres, with cost-share as follows: State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) \$6,335.20 per acre, Warren County \$1,583.80 per acre for a total cost of approximately \$7,923 per acre pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-26.12.
3. The County's share to the purchase price of said easement is estimated at \$31,818.54 (or a decrease of \$116.20 per acre for the County's cost-share).
4. The purchase price of any Right-of-ways, Bridge Maintenance and Construction Easements, Sight Triangle Easements, Drainage Easements, or other interests identified by the County Engineer's office on this property will be at the original \$5,200 per acre.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that adequate funds for the development easement purchase price amount have already been allocated in account #03895-5067-8952106-5067 and have been previously 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

(E6)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 294-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING AUTHORITY (NJTPA) INCLUDE A FIX THE S-CURVE  
STUDY IN THE LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) initiated plans to mitigate rockfall hazards along a portion of the I-80 S-Curve (milepost 1.0 to 1.5) in the Knowlton-Hardwick Township section of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The original project was estimated at \$4.5 million with a projected duration of approximately nine months, but has now ballooned to \$88.1 million spanning five years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) initiated efforts to repair and replace portions of the eastbound retaining wall from mile posts 1.2 to 1.5 due to poor structural condition and to meet current serviceability requirements with an initial construction cost of \$96.2 million spanning two years; and

**WHEREAS**, while the current projected total estimated cost of projects in this same section has since ballooned to \$194.6 million, they fail to address longstanding, well-known substandard safety hazards such as sharp curve radii, limited horizontal sight distance, lack of shoulders, short acceleration and deceleration lanes, and seven exit and entrance ramps within a sharp half-mile S-Curve, all contributing to the area's high crash rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the I-80 S-Curve section between Mileposts 0.98 and 1.53 has no shoulders and according to NJDOT crash reports from 2022, has a crash rate of 2.65 crashes per million vehicle miles traveled, compared to the I-80 statewide average of 1.22 and is the only section of I-80 in New Jersey with just two lanes and no shoulders; and

**WHEREAS**, due to public concern over the impacts of prolonged construction and lack of comprehensive safety mitigation, local communities began urging NJDOT and NJTPA to initiate a broader "Fix the S-Curve Study", to address all safety, mobility, and congestion issues between I-80 Exit 4 (Columbia) and the Delaware Water Gap Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, this request is backed by:

- Two formal NJDOT Problem Statement Requests submitted by Knowlton Township in 2017 and 2020;
- Hundreds of letters from concerned travelers;
- Sixteen resolutions adopted by two counties and nine municipalities across three counties in New Jersey and Pennsylvania that speak to supporting a Fix The S-Curve Study including two from the County of Warren:
  - **September 2020 - Warren County, NJ - #372-20** Resolution to Support Knowlton Township's Submission of the S-Curve Safety, Mobility, and Congestion Transportation Problem Statement for I-80 to NJDOT and Supporting Congressman Gottheimer's June 2019 Request for a Speed Study
  - **September 2021 - Warren County, NJ - #420-21** Resolution to Request NJDOT Initiate a Problem Statement to Study the Safety, Mobility, and Congestion Issues on I-80 From Exit 4 Columbia to the Delaware Water Gap Bridge

**WHEREAS**, despite this broad and longstanding advocacy, NJDOT has not agreed to undertake a comprehensive study, citing conflicting reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, Warren County commissioned an engineering study for the I-80 Interchange 4 area titled Traffic Engineering Evaluation of Truck Circulation Issues - Columbia, Knowlton Twp. dated February 6, 2025 that identified several safety and mobility concerns and proposed mitigation strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Knowlton Township Committee further notes:

- The Simpson Road I-80 Overpass has substandard vertical clearance, forcing oversized permitted vehicles to exit at Exit 4C and divert onto local residential roads (Decatur Street and Locust Street). These diversions frequently damage private property, down utility wires, require off-road maneuvers, and burden emergency and police services.
- The I-80 Westbound Simpson Road/Hainesburg River/Starlight Road exit and entrance ramps are substandard, with short merge lanes, no shoulders, and a high crash rate - including one fatality in 2023. Knowlton submitted a Transportation Problem Statement to NJDOT in 2017, which was not denied until 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners formally requests the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) include a study in its Long Range Transportation Plan to examine all safety, mobility, and congestion issues along I-80 from Exit 4 (Columbia) to the Delaware Water Gap Bridge. This study should incorporate:

- Findings from the NV5 Truck Circulation Study;
- Previous Problem Statement submissions;
- Rockfall mitigation efforts;
- Structural condition of the I-80 EB S-Curve retaining wall;
- The Simpson Road I-80 Bridge;
- The I-80 WB Simpson Road exit and entrance ramps; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the counties of Sussex, Morris and Monroe, PA, the Townships of Knowlton, Hardwick, Blirstown, and White urging them to submit resolutions or letters of support including the "Fix the S-Curve Study" in the Long Range Transportation Plan to the NJTPA.

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

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

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

(E7)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 295-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES THE  
TRANSMITTAL OF THE WARREN COUNTY CROSS ACCEPTANCE  
RESPONSE TO THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Planning Act (NJ Stat § 52:18A-196) calls for the periodic revision and readopting of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (SDRP); and

**WHEREAS**, the SDRP shall provide a coordinated, integrated, and comprehensive plan for the growth, development, renewal, and conservation of the State and its regions, and shall identify areas for growth, agriculture, open space conservation, and other appropriate designations; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Planning Commission (SPC), in accordance with the New Jersey State Planning Rules (N.J.A.C. 15:30-2.1), approved the release of the Preliminary SDRP on December 4, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the formal release of the Preliminary SDRP on December 6, 2024 commenced Cross Acceptance, an inter-jurisdictional process of soliciting and incorporating input into a Draft Final SDRP; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren, in accordance with (N.J.A.C. 15:30-3.2), submitted a Notice of Participation to the New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy (OPA) on January 24th, 2025, thereby authorizing the Warren County Planning Board to participate in Cross Acceptance as the designated Negotiating Entity for the County of Warren and its municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County's Work Program, which articulated the responsibilities of the Negotiating Entity throughout Cross Acceptance, was approved by OPA on March 3rd, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, in said Work Program, the County of Warren agreed to submit comments to the SPC on the findings, recommendations, objections, and other information as set forth in the Cross Acceptance Response Template (CART); and

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Planning Board, in its role as Negotiating Entity for the County of Warren, has prepared a Cross Acceptance Response summarizing the comments on the Preliminary SDRP for the County of Warren and the following municipalities:

BELVIDERE  
BLAIRSTOWN  
HARDWICK  
HARMONY  
KNOWLTON  
MANSFIELD

WHITE

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the transmittal of the Warren County Cross Acceptance Response to the State Planning Commission in furtherance of its continued participation in the Cross Acceptance process toward the adoption of a new State Development and Redevelopment Plan.

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

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

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

(E8)

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

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**RESOLUTION 296-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATION WC2228B AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO RE- ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE WAYNE  
DUMONT, JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT  
FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that specification WC2228B for the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building Roof Replacement 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 capital account 0425A504/5062

**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  
(F1)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 297-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATION WC2536 AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR INMATE  
COMMISSARY SERVICES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY  
CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that specification WC2536 for inmate commissary services for the Warren County Correctional Center 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.

No Funds are required for this 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  
(F2)

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 298-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATION WC2538 AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR INMATE DENTAL  
SERVICE AT THE WARREN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that specification WC2538 for inmate dental service at the Warren County Correctional Center is hereby approved

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

Funding for this contract will be provided in budget account 012800/5093 – Correctional Center – Medical Expenses

**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  
(F3)

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

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**RESOLUTION 299-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATION WC2541C AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE CONTRACTS  
FOR 2026 HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that specification WC2541C for competitive contracts for 2026 Human Services Programs funding is hereby approved.

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

Funds for and resulting contracts will be subject to the availability of funding and adoption of the 2026 county budget and anticipated 2026 federal and state grant 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  
(F4)

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**RESOLUTION 300-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION #1 FOR  
CONTRACT #WC2314FO-1 TO JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON,  
INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR REMOVAL  
OF THE BLOOMSBURY DAM WITHIN THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER  
FOR INTER-COUNTY BRIDGE #07018/I3W, COUNTY ROUTE 579,  
GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY AND BLOOMSBURY  
TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY FOR NET INCREASE OF \$10,900.00  
AND REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$21,900.00**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, continued professional engineering services are needed to assess impacts upon County bridge for a net increase of \$10,900.00; and

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

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

1. Hereby approving Contract Modification #1 with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. of Trenton, N.J. for the above project for a net increase of \$10,900.00 and a revised contract amount of \$21,900.00.
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  
(H1)

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**RESOLUTION 301-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2540R FOR PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR INSPECTION OF ACCESS BRIDGE TO  
444 COUNTY ROUTE 94 (BLOCK 5, LOT 16, KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP)  
TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF  
\$4,233.00**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the professional services of an Engineer to provide engineering and construction oversight on the above mentioned property; 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 03892/5100

**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 Director of Public Works of the County of Warren and Van Cleef Engineering, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$4,233.00 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 302-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2537 FOR THE WARREN  
COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY  
NJ STATE POLICE HOPE TOWER REMEDIATION TO TUWAY  
COMMUNICATIONS OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA IN THE  
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$219,910.00**

**WHEREAS**, it has been recommended that the county issue a contract for Warren County NJ State Police Hope Tower Remediation for the Warren County Public Safety Department as outlined in the proposal; and

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

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

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

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

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

1. The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized and directed to issue a contract to TuWay Communications of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania for services for the above project, at a cost not to exceed \$219,910.00 per letter of agreement which is on file in the Office of the Director of Purchasing and is made a part hereof by reference.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services defined cannot reasonably be described by written specifications to assure that the qualitative and quantitative assessment of the problems involved, which require expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor are obtained.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in The Star-Ledger.

Funding for this contract is provided in account/s 0425A410-5059

**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 303-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT  
WC23122 THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE BANK  
BUILDING/WARREN COUNTY SURROGATES BUILDING FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO DUGA CONSTRUCTION, LLC  
FOR A NET DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,350.00, AND A REVISED  
FINAL CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,650.00**

**WHEREAS**, Duga Construction, LLC of Garfield, New Jersey was awarded a contract for the Bank Building/Warren County Surrogates Building Roof Replacement Project in the contract amount of \$110,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, there was a change for unused allowance and a credit for ceiling tiles; and

**WHEREAS**, this change in award will result in a net decrease of \$7,350.00 and a final contract amount of \$102,650.00

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby approve Change Order #1 for the above contract for a net decrease of \$7,350.00 and a final Contract in the amount of \$102,650.00

**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  
(H4)

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**RESOLUTION 304-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC24113 FOR A  
REPLACEMENT FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE WARREN COUNTY  
COMMUNICATION CENTER TO HAIG'S SERVICE CORP., IN THE  
TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$57,200.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC24113 for a replacement fire alarm system at the Warren County Communication Center is hereby awarded

to Haig's Service Corp., Green Brook, New Jersey

in the amount of \$57,200.00.

as per their bid submitted . . . May 14, 2025

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

Funding for this contract will be provided in 0419A511/5062-0425A506/5062

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak  
(H5)

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**RESOLUTION 305-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED FOR BY  
THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW 40A:11-6 AND  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE REPAIR TO THE EXTERIOR ENVELOPE  
OF THE WAYNE DUMONT, JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WC2539  
TO DESAPIO CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT  
NOT TO EXCEED \$399,849.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works, Emily Hammer, has reported that areas of the exterior envelope of the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building are in need of immediate repair to the brick work and window assemblies; and

**WHEREAS**, Quotes were obtained and DeSapio Construction, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible quote received; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in capital account/s 0425A503/5062

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby declares an emergency situation as provided by the Local Public Contracts Law 40A:11-6 and authorizes the repair to the exterior envelope of the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak  
(H6)

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**RESOLUTION 306-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT  
WC2477 FOR THE EMERGENCY RE-STABILIZATION OF THE COUNTY  
ROUTE 626, LOMMASON GLEN ROAD (WHITE TOWNSHIP) ROAD  
EMBANKMENT FROM STATION 12.00 TO STATION 24.50 DUE TO THE  
JULY 2023 STORM EVENTS TO SPARWICK CONTRACTING, INC. OF  
LAFAYETTE, NEW JERSEY AN INCREASE OF \$276,246.00 AND FINAL  
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$2,676,369.00**

**WHEREAS**, Sparwick Contracting, Inc. was awarded a contract for the emergency road stabilization of County Route 626, Lommason Glen Road (White Township) road embankment in the contract amount of \$2,400,123.00; and

**WHEREAS**, there were additional unforeseen and conditions related to the work; and

**WHEREAS**, this change in award will result in a net increase of \$276,246.00 and a final contract amount of \$2,676,369.00

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds have been established in account 0423B299/5063

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren does hereby approve Change Order #1 for the above contract for a net increase of \$276,246.00 and a final Contract in the amount of \$2,676,369.00

**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 307-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR NJ DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMITS FOR REPAIR TO WARREN  
COUNTY BRIDGE #23066 AT BUCKHORN DRIVE IN WHITE TOWNSHIP  
DUE TO STORM DAMAGE FROM THE JULY 2023 STORM EVENTS TO  
VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING PER PROPOSAL PRICING SCHEDULE  
AWARDED WC2496FO UNDER INVOICING IN THE CONTRACT  
AMOUNT OF \$31,926.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that contract WC2496FO for professional engineering services for NJ Department of Environmental Protection permits for repair to Warren County Bridge #23066 at Buckhorn Drive in White Township due to storm damage from the July 2023 storm events was hereby awarded

to . . . Van Cleef Engineering, Phillipsburg, New Jersey

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

**as per their proposal submitted . . .** May 9, 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, Van Cleef Engineering is giving professional engineering services for NJ Department of Environmental Protection permits for repair to Warren County Bridge #23066 at Buckhorn Drive in White Township.

**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  
(H8)

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**RESOLUTION 308-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE  
WARREN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren hereby appoints and reappoints the following individuals to the Warren County Environmental Advisory Committee as created by Resolution #555-21, each serving a three (3) year term to expire 05/24/28:

**Appoint:**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Municipality</u></b>
Michael Byrnes	Blairstown Township

**Reappoint:**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Municipality</u></b>
Audra Frank	Lopatcong Township
Matthew Polsky	White Township
Josephine Noone	Washington Borough
Clairanne Arcaro	Town of Hackettstown
Sasha Fernandes	Blairstown Township
Kerry Kirk-Pflugh	Commissioner Liaison

**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  
(11)

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**RESOLUTION 309-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO  
THE WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL AND CHARITABLE CONSERVANCY  
TRUST FUND COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD OF TWO YEARS**

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners adopted the Warren County Open Space Recreation, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Procedures and Rules on June 26, 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, recommendations for membership on the Committee have been received from the Warren County Board of County Commissioners At-Large Representative Alternate, whose previous terms expired on March 25th, 2024; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, hereby appoints the following individual to the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee:

**APPOINT:**

**Warren County Board of County Commissioners At-Large Representative Alternate:**  
Christopher Infinito  
Washington, NJ 07882  
Term: 2 years, Expires: March 25, 2026

**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.

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Alex J. Lazorisak

, Clerk

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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**RESOLUTION 310-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A PART-TIME POSITION OF SENIOR  
ENGINEERING AIDE, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME  
POSITION OF SENIOR ENGINEERING AIDE, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN  
THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION  
OF ENGINEERING**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, that a part-time position of *Senior Engineering Aide*, classified, is created within the Warren County Department of Public Works, Division of Engineering 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, is hereby abolished.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that the part-time position of *Senior Engineering Aide*, classified, within the Warren County Department of Public Works, Division of Engineering is created and established on AFSCME Local 3287, Range 1140 and made effective May 29, 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 311-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SOCIAL  
WORKER, BILINGUAL IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH, CLASSIFIED, AND  
ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF SOCIAL WORKER,  
CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time position of *Social Worker, Bilingual in Spanish and English*, classified, is created within the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services 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 *Social Worker*, classified, is hereby abolished.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time position of *Social Worker, Bilingual in Spanish and English*, classified, is created and established on Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO Local 1032, for supervisory and non-supervisory employees of the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services, Range 19, and made effective May 29, 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 312-25**

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 May 28, 2025.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF HUMAN SERVICES SPECIALIST 1, CLASSIFIED, AND ABOLISHING A FULL-TIME POSITION OF HUMAN SERVICES AIDE, CLASSIFIED, WITHIN THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time position of *Human Services Specialist 1*, classified, is created within the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services 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 *Human Services Aide*, classified, is hereby abolished.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that a full-time position of *Human Services Specialist 1*, classified, is created and established on Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO Local 1032, for supervisory and non-supervisory employees of the Warren County Department of Human Services, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services, Range 14, and made effective June 5, 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  
(J3)

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**RESOLUTION 313-25**

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 May 28, 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 WC vs. State of NJ – 911 Fees.
- (2) *Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property*: Covanta Site and Bastedo Property.
- (3) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining*: Items to be discussed include: AFSCME 3287A

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

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

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

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