

*\*These minutes were approved by the Board of County Commissions on September 10, 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/Budget Session in its offices in the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building, Belvidere New Jersey on July 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Director Ciesla and upon roll call, the following members were present: Commissioner James R Kern, Commissioner and Deputy Director Lori Ciesla. 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. Commissioner Director Jason Sarnoski was absent.

After leading the flag salute, Deputy Director Ciesla 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 the Regular Session of June 11, 2025 were approved.

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

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, the minutes of the Regular Session of June 25, 2025 were approved.

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

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, the minutes of the Executive Session of June 25, 2025 were approved.

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

Meetings

Ms. Ciesla provided a brief overview of NJAC scholarships presented to the following recipients this evening. Each year the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) helps raise funds to be awarded to graduate students of a technical school that will be continuing their education at a county college or state college or university. The Commissioners were pleased to assist in presenting the following 2025 NJAC Foundation scholarships:

- Amazon Scholarship awarded to Kaelly Abad-Quizhpi, she plans to attend Rutgers University studying Business Administration.
- AT & T Scholarship awarded to Emmaleigh Hozer, she plans to attend Warren County Community College studying Business Management.
- Investors Bank awarded to Julianna Fox, she plans to attend Warren County Community College studying Early Childhood Development. Rylee Mullane,

she plans to attend Warren County Community College studying radiology. Miss Mullane was unable to attend this evening.

- SHI International Scholarship awarded to Joseph Lomanto, he plans to attend New Jersey Institute of Technology, studying Civil Engineering.
- South Jersey Industries Scholarship awarded to Dylan Schulze, he plans to attend Warren County Community College, studying Business Administration.

Mr. Kern offered his comments at this time. Hearing the stories of the recipients is incredible. He took a moment to thank John Donnadio of NJAC for securing the funds of the corporate sponsors to continue the scholarships to be awarded to such great students not only here in Warren County but throughout the twenty-one counties in the state. He added all of the students named this evening have a bright future ahead of them and it started here in Warren County. He continued, Warren Tech is great and awesome institution that continues to grow. Lastly, Mr. Kern congratulated each one of the recipients and expressed how proud the Board is of each student.

Ms. Ciesla echoed Mr. Kern's sentiments. She added, she had attended the graduation of the Vo-Tech, it is a great family and they do a great job producing students that have such impressive resumes already. She thanked John Donnadio from NJAC for what he does to get the money to these students.

John Donnadio, NJAC, thanked the Board for their kind words and recognized Commissioner Kern's first vice presidency of NJAC. He will be president next year following former Warren County Freeholder Richard Gardner's steps. He appreciates the leadership of County Administrator Lazorisak, who is an active integral part of the County Administrators, which helps to formulate many of NJAC's policies on legislative initiatives. He commented the scholarship foundation is one of his favorite things because he gets to give away other people's money. This is the first year they have been able to get over \$100,000.00 in scholarships. One hundred percent of those monies goes to county educational technical school graduates. The candidates get better and better every year. He concluded by congratulating the graduates.

At this time, scholarships were presented. Mr. Derrick Forsythe, Superintendent of the Warren County Technical School was present and congratulated the students and their families. These students exemplify everything that is taught at the Vo-Tech, which includes work ethic, dedication and commitment.

After the scholarship presentations, Ms. Ciesla invited Mr. Donnadio to give an update on the activities of NJAC. He started by mentioning tomorrow there is hearing on a piece of legislation that will change the way health benefits are paid, responsibility between local governments and employees. This bill (A5903) is attempting to address those local governments that still participate in the state health benefits program, of which Warren County was smart enough several years ago to get out of. This legislation, despite doing some very positive things, it would eliminate what's known as Chapter 78. That is a schedule of which employees are required to pay under current law. It would drastically reduce what employees will be required to pay at the expense of the counties and municipalities and ultimately the tax payers. While we emphasize with the employees that are participating in and experiencing, in some cases, thirty-seven percent increases in their health benefit costs, we have the responsibility to the taxpayers and we strongly oppose this bill

because in part it will also impact those local governments that do not participate in the state health benefits program. He explained if your health benefit premiums hit a certain percentage, then it would trigger negotiations with your collective bargaining unit, then you would have to offer a similar plan and follow the similar structure. It’s an awful bill. There are still six counties and 300 municipalities left in the State health benefits plan. The other counties saw an 8.5 percent increase, still unsuccessful. It’s the way the plan is being managed, the lack of creativity and the design of the plan. Health benefits costs county governments statewide \$1 billion. It takes up about 15-20 percent of county governments’ budgets. Chapter 78 is a critical tool to help mitigate those increases every single year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 360-25**

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

**RESOLUTION 361-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, INSERTION INTO THE 2025 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,116.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, JAG PROGRAM, COUNTY GANG, GUN AND NARCOTICS TASK FORCE GRANT, JAG 1-21TF-23  
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla: yes, Jason Sarnoski absent

**RESOLUTION 362-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, INSERTION INTO THE 2025 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$553,116.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION, SECTION 5311 TRANSPORTATION GRANT  
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla: yes, Jason Sarnoski absent

**RESOLUTION 363-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, INSERTION INTO THE 2025 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$125,439.69 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$159,404.67  
Recorded vote: James Kern III, Lori Ciesla: yes, Jason Sarnoski absent

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 364-25**

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 FOR THE 26C00198

CONTRACT FOR PLANNING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,202.00 NJ DHS FUNDS AND \$16,098.00 REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

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

**RESOLUTION 365-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 682-24 AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES APPLICATION FOR FY'25 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS FUNDING WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, TO INCREASE THE FUNDING BY \$52,803.00 FOR A TOTAL OF \$167,391.00 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025; SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

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

**RESOLUTION 366-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRAIL EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CHEEMA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CO.

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

**RESOLUTION 367-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GREEN STREETS & STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE MAPPING GRANT PROGRAM

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

**RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS**

**RESOLUTION 368-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATION WC2550 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR TASS AGENCY OFFICE SECURITY FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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

**RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS**

**RESOLUTION 369-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT WC2513R THE EVENT PLANNING OF THE WARREN COUNTY 200TH BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, TO MES EVENT SERVICES, LLC AN INCREASE OF \$22,336.77, AND FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$122,016.77

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

**RESOLUTION 370-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2508FO-1 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS FOR UTILITY

PERMIT WORK ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES AND STRUCTURES IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION 371-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT #WC2508FO-2 TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS FOR UTILITY PERMIT WORK ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES AND STRUCTURES IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION 372-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, AWARDED CONTRACT #WC24120 TO TILCON NEW YORK, INC. FOR THE 2023 RESURFACING & REHABILITATION OF COUNTY ROUTES #519, #625, #628, #632, #633, #638 #649 & #681 FRANKLIN, FRELINGHUYSEN, GREENWICH, HARMONY, POHATCONG, WASHINGTON & WHITE TOWNSHIPS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,233,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION 373-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT #WC2552R TO ADVANCE TESTING COMPANY, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PAVEMENT RIDE QUALITY TESTING ON THE WARREN COUNTY 2023 ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT \$23,850.00

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

**RESOLUTION 374-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO TILCON NEW YORK, INC., FOR ROAD RESURFACING ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOP CONTRACT #6, ROAD RESURFACING ON ROADWAYS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IN THE ESTIMATED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$313,938.00

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

**RESOLUTION 375-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO DAN SWAYZE & SON, INC., FOR LINE STRIPING ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOP CONTRACT #36, TRAFFIC STRIPING ON ROADWAYS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IN THE ESTIMATED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$301,467.08

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

**RESOLUTION 376-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF

CONTRACT TO JOSHUA D. MACKOFF, LLC, MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE GENESIS FARM PROPERTY, BLOCK 301 LOTS 4 & 21, BLOCK 502 LOT 7, FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP, APPROXIMATELY 225 ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,975.00

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

**RESOLUTION 377-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WADE APPRAISAL, LLC, METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE GENESIS FARM PROPERTY, BLOCK 301 LOTS 4 & 21, BLOCK 502 LOT 7, FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP, APPROXIMATELY 225 ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,500.00

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

**RESOLUTION 378-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT WC2469R FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE SHIPPEN MANOR DRIVEWAY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN, AN INCREASE OF \$12,000.00, AND FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$43,520.00

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

**RESOLUTION 379-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT WC2551R FOR SITE CIRCULATION, PARKING, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AND UTILITIES UPGRADES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY NATURE CENTER AND LAND PRESERVATION OFFICES AT BREAD LOCK PARK TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$80,250.00

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

**RESOLUTION 380-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT WC2522R FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR DESIGN AND COST ESTIMATING AT THE SOUTHWEST LIBRARY BRANCH BUILDINGS, STEWARTSVILLE, NEW JERSEY TO SSP ARCHITECTURAL GROUP OF SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY, AN INCREASE OF \$7,000.00 WITH A FINAL CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,500.00

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

**RESOLUTION 381-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT WC2539 FOR THE REPAIR TO THE EXTERIOR ENVELOPE OF THE WAYNE DUMONT, JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO DE SAPIO CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF FRENCHTOWN, NEW JERSEY AN INCREASE OF \$68,000.00, AND FINAL

CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$467,849.00

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

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 382-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN APPOINTED PERSONNEL OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PROSECUTOR

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

**RESOLUTION 383-25**

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MATTHEW ROTHFUSS AS ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY, CLASSIFIED

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

County Counsel Joe Bell had a few items for closed session involving litigation. He also mentioned a few items his office is working on such as several MOUs involving Prosecutor's office and Sheriff's department, foreclosure of properties, unfortunately the county has been hit with a magnitude of them, several utility crossing agreements, searching issues for a couple of properties on Route 57 in Washington, a trail easement on agenda this evening. Lastly, there is a new bill that came out recently about incarcerated youth that he is working on.

County Director of Engineering Mike Finelli gave an update on a few road projects. The 2022 resurfacing project is complete. They are going through the closeout part of the project. The contractor has been very receptive. He expects in another month or so to have the project closed and make the application to the State for payment. The second roadway project he reported on is the 2023 roadway resurfacing program. It was approved at tonight's meeting. Tilcon has been awarding the contract. They are in the midst of scheduling a pre-construction meeting. He anticipates the project to begin by the end of August with completion before the end of the year.

County Planner Ryan Conklin discussed a couple of items. The Complete Streets policy and plan is slated for consideration as adoption as part administrative plan and public hearing on Monday, July 28 at 6:00 p.m. The Safety Action Plan with NJTPA has been completed. He will most likely ask for a resolution of support at one of the upcoming Commissioner meetings. He took part in the road safety audit on Route 46 in Liberty Township. There were a number of fatalities so they prioritized that and conducted road safety audit. There may be a project addressing some issues coming up.

County Public Works Direct Emily Hammer distributed before and after pictures to the Board of Lommason-Glen Road (CR 626). She explained the curve of the highest portion of the retaining wall is about 1100 feet. The contractor is doing very well and working at a good pace.

She anticipates the road opening in 2025.

County CFO Kim Francisco discussed the annual event of the local tax bills going to residents. Sometimes the Commissioners get a complaint the County is holding up the tax bills. That's not entirely true. He explained the County budget, which is a part of the tax bill approved in March, was sent to the Tax Board. The Tax Board who was the County Tax Board, has to have all the budgets from all the tax districts (i.e. the county, school, town, fire districts). They have to have it all together, all certified by the State before they construct the rate. This time of year for the Tax Board is their Super Bowl. They're ready when they get the tax rates, they set them. If one budget is late, they have to wait. Residents don't have to worry. By law they have twenty-five days from the mailing to pay your tax bill. The normal due date would be August 10. If residents don't receive their tax bills until the end of August, they get twenty-five days to pay. It's not the County's issue. We get them out as quick as we can every year. It is a complicated process.

County Administrator Alex Lazorisak reported on the Vacancy Report, nothing out of the ordinary, just a few back fill of positions. He thanked all the County Department Heads, County employees and volunteers that worked to help with the 200<sup>th</sup> Bicentennial event. They all did a great job, worked hard and it was a great event. Several State troopers from the State OEM were there and commented afterwards that it was one of the best run and put together events they've seen in New Jersey. This is a reflection of the employees.

### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Kern thought the Bicentennial event was fantastic. Kudos to Commissioner Ciesla. He felt like every County employee was there working hard, helping in some capacity. Seeing some of the emails come through where people have said they were the best fireworks they have seen in their lives, even better than the New York Macy's fireworks. He has heard comments from people stating this should be done every year. He gave a shout out to County Administrator Lazorisak for all the work he has put into the event. He referenced the whiteboard in the conference room that had information all over it relating the event. He hopes the Administrator can take some time and relax.

The final item Mr. Kern commented on was about data centers and that may possibly be coming to Warren County. He thanked Planning Director Ryan Conklin and Land Preservation Director Corey Tierney. He does not want to sound an alarm. Warehouse applications and availability are actually full. So, they are built out. Now we have either built spec buildings or properties that are zoned for a certain type of use. The new thing that he thinks presents different concerns, especially to rural communities that are on well water, are these data centers and the amount of water they can potentially use and dry out residential wells. The State of New Jersey is looking at potential solutions to try to prevent his type of development. For those of us who have seen the warehouse crisis, that really did not work well. We need to be aware of it and we need to be smart about the type of development that comes into our county.

Ms. Ciesla agreed the Bicentennial event was fantastic. She cannot thank County Administrator and his team enough. She felt extremely safe. She was able to visit the Command Center and every detail was accounted for and so many people enjoyed the day. She joked the only

thing we did not plan for was sunscreen because we thought it was going to rain. It was such a great time, the food vendors were running out of food towards the end and the music was fabulous. The fireworks were definitely the best fireworks she has ever seen outside of Disney. She thanked everyone involved. It truly was a group effort to put this event on and she cannot thank everyone enough.

Next, Ms. Ciesla spoke of a portrait they have commissioned of Dr. Joseph Warren for whom the County is named. That portrait will be unveiled here, sometime in the future.

She reminded everyone of the Warren County Fair coming July 26-August 2 and invited everyone to visit the Board of County Commissioners' booth.

Ms. Ciesla also discussed the country is going to be 250 years old next year. She thanked Chief of Staff Christopher Infinito for helping her work with the county's breweries to set up a tavern talk. Warren County is going to be hosting one of the exclusive tavern talks the State is running. More will be discussed once details are finalized.

Ms. Ciesla thanked Engineering Director Mike Finelli for the work completed on Route 519.

She gave a report on the Economic Development Advisory Council meeting, which unfortunately she could not attend. They are working to combine economic development with tourism. She thanked Planning Director Ryan Conklin for his help. They are aware of the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce has created a Warren County Council. She has reached out to them because they found out via Facebook. They want to be sure they are focused on the needs of New Jersey businesses.

### CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Deputy Director Ciesla invited anyone to come forward with Public Comments, she reminded the public to state their name, location, and reminder everyone of the four-minute time limit for each person.

First Speaker Guy Citron spoke on behalf of Voices for Justice New Jersey. Last month the group came to the Board to request a proclamation affirming the rights of all person in Warren County. He noted they have not received any return communication from the Board. He reiterated the importance of the movement. They are asking Warren County to proclaim affirming all persons have rights in accordance with our Constitution, namely the Fifth Amendment. As of the newest federal budget reconciliation bill, ICE will be receiving more money than the Marines Corps. In the state of New Jersey, there are approximately half a million people who are in the process of becoming citizens. This process is quite broken and can be tricky. People who have some kind of a status, who they believe deserve to be here, get caught in this political problem. This is a non-partisan issue. He is asking the Board to recognize its moment in time in history to stand on common ground with them on American values and principles that make this country the greatest place in the world. He concluded by thanking the Board for their time.

Chet Penza, resident of Long Valley, member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hackettstown, where he volunteers at the food pantry, which has served the people of Warren County. Prior to joining Trinity, he served Westminster Presbyterian Church in Phillipsburg as their pastor from 2012 to 2019. Westminster partnered with Family Promise in Oxford to support the homeless population, and partnered with DASACC to support the abused women. They partnered with several other churches to establish the Presbyterian Depot located in Pilgrim Presbyterian Church where the county's poor could obtain kitchen items at no cost as they transitioned from being homeless to having a place to live. He was trained in a special program to become a Police Chaplain, and served the Phillipsburg Police Department under Chief Rob Stettner. He witnessed how law enforcement professionals interacted and served community members. They built relationships in the community; they treated people with respect and dignity and made Phillipsburg a safe place to live. Unlike the law enforcement professionals that he was proud to work with we are witnessing law enforcement federal ICE agents coming into towns and cities as masked invaders dressed in military gear and most times without judicial warrants in violation of peoples constitutional rights. Their actions do not protect communities but rather destabilize communities and tear apart communities. Today a large majority of Americans, 65% believe there should be a way for undocumented immigrants to stay in the country legally. With many supporting citizenship options for those who meet specific requirements. Mr. Penza continued, in his view, ICE agents stand in sharp contrast to the police officers he worked with, who protect the rights of all people in the community despite race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or immigration status. Tonight he invites the Commissioners to affirm the rights of all people in Warren County. The mass deportation of millions of people is not an act of justice but a fail to recognize the sacred worth of every individual. He thanked the Board.

Tara Mezzanotte, Municipal liaison for New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) for Knowlton and Hardwick Townships, gave an update to I-80. NJTPA released the draft Long Range Transportation Plan. Despite Knowlton, Hardwick, Blairstown, Warren County, Senator Steinhardt, Assemblyman DiMaio, Assemblyman Peterson, and Congressman Kean submitting resolutions and letters requesting fix the I-80 S curve, the plan was released without reference to that organized, coordinated effort. The final plan has not been released yet. She did confirm NJTPA is including all of their letters and resolutions that were submitted in the formal comment. She mentioned they are always open to new ideas, if anyone has any.

Heather Santos, resident of Long Valley, came before the Board this evening. Around 1970 her mother and father-in-law did not like how things were going in the Philippines under the Marcos regime. They decided to come to America, the land of the free and home of the brave. They left her husband and his younger sisters with their grandparents, came here and got jobs, found housing and a year later saved enough money to return to the Philippines and retrieve their children and bring them to their new home. Her husband was seven (7) years old at the time. Her in laws worked hard and eventually bought a house in Hillsborough, New Jersey. They all become citizens, the kids all went to college, got jobs, got married, bought houses and they are living the American dream that their parents wished for them. Mrs. Santos mentioned she and her husband have been married for 30 years, their son who is a chemical engineer and works for a laser manufacturer here in New Jersey. She and her husband recently planned a trip to Canada, shortly before the trip their son came to her and asked her to cancel it. She asked him why, her son was afraid his father would be detained and potentially deported. His father has been a citizen for over forty years, has a good job as a software developer, has never been in any legal trouble. Her son

has been following the news and seeing what is happening to immigrants. Her son was and is afraid for his father. She told her son there are factions in the United States that want us to live small and to be afraid. She continued, but we cannot do that. If we want to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave, we must live free and be brave. However, to reassure her son she got the name and number of an immigration attorney and put it in her phone just in case. Her son also shared he is afraid for his own safety. He is worried that masked vigilantes or overzealous ICE agents might hear his last name and detain him. Her son was born in the same hospital as she was in Morristown, New Jersey is afraid for his own safety. This is why she is here. She asked the Board to pass this proclamation so we can all be free. Ms. Santos thanked the Board.

Andy Meissner, resident of Mount Olive, is a volunteer of Voices for Justice. He is here in support of the proposed proclamation that was introduced last month. He read an excerpt from Vanity Fair just published written by Rümeyza Öztürk, a university student who was abducted from a neighborhood sidewalk in a community where his daughter used to live. In brief the article says, I was looking forward to taking a short walk and catching up with friends at the interface center, when I was suddenly surrounded and grabbed by a swarm of masked individuals who handcuffed me and shoved me into an unmarked car. Suddenly I was thrust into a nightmare, my shackled body was jostled from one location to another. I wondered who were these people. Her mom had heard her scream when they were taking her. Her body shook with fear. I began my own final prayers. I was shuttled from Somerville to another city in Massachusetts, then to New Hampshire, Vermont followed by Georgia and Louisiana. I experienced countless changes in agents, cars, planes and handcuffs. Throughout that whole time, I had been unable and not permitted to contact my parents, my friends or lawyer. I was disoriented, hungry, nauseous, not having access to my medicine, my inhaler. I was feeling completely hopeless. In Louisiana I was cramped in a caged like bus waiting for hours as countless number of other people had arrived in a nearby plane all shackled hands and feet and race. Mr. Meissner continued, friends this is no way to treat other human beings and certainly was not an example of due process or equal protection under the law. This is happening today across America in our own state, masked agents kidnapping people off of sidewalks, off of their riding mowers. Being kid napped from farms, their jobs, separated from their families and subjected to inhuman conditions. People often over thirty or more in cages are living without medicine, without sanitary conditions. They are being dehumanized, being called invaders, bodies and illegals. With the governments stated quota of 3,000 detentions a day, they are going after the most vulnerable. Mr. Meissner thought about this living in an area that revolutionary history, the phrase “Don’t tread on me”, comes to mind, of course this comes back to the Gaston flag was a symbol of the American Revolution against the British Crown, for some people it has become a rallying cry for those defending local autonomy and immigrants’ rights against federal intrusion. He thanked the Board for letting the audience speak and present this proclamation. We request all of our leaders here in Warren County and especially the member of the Warren County Sheriff’s Department. I see on the website the organization is committed to an excellent law enforcement, dedicated to the people, traditions and diversity of the county. The department provides service with understanding and responds with compassion. He read the mission in part, we work in partnership with citizens of Warren County to preserve life and maintain human rights and to ensure that Warren County is safe and secure for all to live, work or visit. In closing Mr. Meissner stated, human rights are essential freedoms that every person is entitled to, justice, indignity and equality and so it is with this backdrop and what is happening in our own communities is let’s recommit ourselves to human rights and especially the most vulnerable affirm that our constitutional rights apply to all persons here. He thanked the Board for

their time.

Bob Larson, resident of Long Valley started by joking he could use a few extra minutes, if the Board remembers him from the last meeting. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak to finish the story that he started last time. He spoke about an annual picnic at a state park on Long Island over the Memorial Day weekend. He understands Long Island is not in this area. It seems like a long way away, but he believes that what he is speaking to is happening in all our communities around the country. All of the things he spoke about, the diversity, the food, the music, the football, the laughter have become an integral part of that day. Just as much as a part of my family played for almost 70 years. That is until this year, full disclosure, I was unable to attend this year due to an illness. So a day or two after the picnic, I called my dad to check in. My dad is 96 years old, mostly in good health, sharp as a tack, but unfortunately, he is also blind. On this call we talked, talked as we always did about different things. We talked in detail about the picnic. My father was extremely excited about talking about it. Everyone was there as usual. He talked about the people that came, what they were up to, all those sorts of things. Then his demeanor changed and he suddenly got very serious. He said simply to me, Bob, the park was empty. Our family head count was normal, but many of our fellow picnickers, many Hispanic, were absent. My 96 year old, blind father could sense the absence of people, the absence of cooking aromas, the relative quiet in the park that day. It killed him, that special day that weekend of remembrance, how it was sorted by what's going on in our country. He was devastated that in his country, people could not feel safe just living their lives. Ladies and gentlemen, I believe the fear is real and I also think it's wrong. I think we all must do what we can to put an end to it. Clearly we have an immigration issue in this country that needs to be fixed but I think we'd all agree there's right ways of fixing things and wrong ways of fixing things. To me spreading fear is just absolutely wrong. In conclusion, I ask you, we all ask you, to adopt a proposed proclamation of affirming the rights of all persons in Warren County. Thank you for your time.

Nicolet Chapman, resident of Franklin Township, started by stating there is nobody that is an immigrant like she is right now. You can see by my accent too. This is a just talking point. What they are watching this TV and all this fake news and exaggeration. Every country has the law and every country has the law when you cross the border, you breaking the law. So you board illegal. It means you broke the law. I'm not afraid of anything. Somehow people forty years over here, the citizens and they afraid they're going to be deported. It's false. I know illegals, I know the legals. I have a lot of friends and nobody is afraid. They're over here fifteen years, five years, nobody afraid because they know they are not criminals and nobody will touch them. This is the opportunity of this country. I don't deny, but you have to come legally over here and pursue your dream. You are privileged to get citizenship, but the citizenship for some immigrants it means a two way ticket. The ATM machine, is the United States. They don't assimilate with this country. They make a lot of crimes. They stealing the money. I know a lot of people, they work as a healthcare givers, who devastate the elder people. This is a lot of cases probably hurt too. They get the opportunity and they using this country, we have a lot of things in the United States, which gives you the lot of opportunity, but they using in the bad way. This is false whatever they claim over here. They afraid the ICE, ICE goes after the criminals because I have lot of illegals and legal friends and nobody afraid because they know they didn't done anything. But if they, they catch them, whoever broke the law and they are illegally over here. It has to be, they have to live. As I said, I am an immigrant and I know much better. Nobody has any friends the illegals or something like they're crying. You know what they losing, losing the cheaper labor. That's the point. They're

losing the cheaper labor. They don't feel sorry for these people. They coming over here and they're working for pennies and instead of saying something about these people, how they torture over here and they because they prefer cheaper labor. They don't hire the American whose going to ask them for \$30 an hour, but they are gonna bring some illegals whose gonna ask the \$5 an hour. That's what they're crying for. She concluded by saying thank you to the board.

Keith Cumo, resident of Warren Township, First of all, this is a procedural question to help me with the rest of my comments. According to the information I received regarding this, they are looking for a proclamation, I believe at the last meeting, correct? My question is, is this a formal proclamation that Voices of Justice is requesting? If so, doesn't that request for formal proclamation need to be made two months prior to issuance by the County guidelines? Is it a formal proclamation? Okay, so that was a yes. Commissioner Ciesla confirmed they are asking for a formal proclamation and they would have to follow our procedures. So whatever you decide based on the comments tonight, two months from now is when you would take care this request. Commissioner Ciesla, agreed because if we choose to do a proclamation, we would also need to write it ourselves. Ok, that's what I thought. It's just to understand procedural questions. So with regards to the request itself, as I understand it, the last meeting, the Commissioners were asked to make a proclamation "affirming the rights for all persons in county consistent with our constitutional rights". That's what my understanding is. Okay, so with regards to this request itself, I'll keep this brief, I would strongly advise against issuing such a proclamation. On its face, it's vague and even contradictory. The request of affirming rights "of all persons in our county with our constitutional rights." So the question is, who is "our" Voices for Justice is referring to? I'll refer to them VFJ going forward. Who are "all" persons? They kinda ask the Commissioners to act in such a way that violates their oath of office or is contrary to law. You agree with that, correct? Citizens of this county are afforded, or this country are afforded certain constitutional rights. Guests, however, they arrive, are not. I think there has been a conflation or confusing with that. Let's just take aliens, for example, because that seems to be what I assumed was the crux of this conversation. They're entitled to the same constitutional due process rights provided to criminal defendants who are citizens when they're being criminally prosecuted, emphasis on criminal prosecution. We know this even from recent headlines which report on illegal aliens being detained by ICE that are convicted felons. Proof that they were given due process to become, you know, convicted felons, even repeat offenders. However, immigration proceedings that bar entry or remove or deport an alien are not criminal proceedings. The Supreme Court has affirmed this in several cases, just briefly in 1893 *Tag vs. U.S.*, the Supreme Court wrote that an alien being removed by the government is not being "deprived of life, liberty or property." Provisions of the constitution securing the right for trial by jury prohibiting a reasonable searches and procedures, cruel, unusual punishment, etc., have no application. In a sense, due process rights do not apply to that extent in civil proceedings. There is a conflation of things that are going on here. This is why illegal aliens, for example, are not read Miranda rights or assistance for government-appointed lawyers during deportation proceedings. This is why ICE doesn't need a court warrant to detain aliens. So these are distinctions. Those are my four minutes already? Can I have my final statement? Ok. I will stay away from the rest of that stuff. If you were to go forward with this, you would be agreeing with the values that these organizations, the organizations they are associated with and espouse. And I would suggest you look into these organizations. ITF, ATNJ, One New Jersey, these are organizations that are not bipartisan despite what they said. I really think that they need to be looked at. The summary is that they're conflating issues and that I'm afraid that if you made such thing, on the surface sounds really great, is really just, you're

espousing to something you really can't. Thank you.

Martin Keane, resident of Independence Township, stated his support for the police. I've always felt that being a police officer is one of the hardest jobs in this country. They have the right, under specific circumstances, to deprive a person of their liberty. This is not a right that police officers take lightly. They dress in a uniform with badge and a nametag so we know exactly who they are. This uniform represents help for us when we are in trouble. A clear identity of a person with authority, give us instructions during traffic accidents, natural disasters and other public events to keep us safe. We tell our children that if they are lost or cannot find us, it is always safe to speak with a police officer. They are the front line in defending our rights under the Fifth Amendment. So I must object to the administration's use of fear and cruelty in their enforcement of immigration law. It is insulting to law enforcement and its service to us to have people running around in masks, with no uniform or badge, claiming to be policed, armed as if they are going into combat. This is not America. We do not have a secret police force and we should never start one. The job of a police officer is hard enough. Now actions taken by unidentifiable people claiming to be police will no doubt taint the view of young children who see these images on TV or in person. It will make the job of the average police officer harder. You may say that this is a federal policy and the county has no authority to stop. That's true, but you are a local government who should reflect the voice of the people. This is what democracy is about. This is not a political issue, it is a patriotic issue. I ask the Commissioners to pass a resolution against this policy of debasing all of the honest and hardworking police officers who protect us every day. In times like this, you must remember that we'll no longer be the home of the free if we do not continue to be the home of the brave. Thank you.

Ken Hoffman, resident of Warren County, started by stating he is not a public speaker and he doesn't have pre-typed material, he's doing this off the cuff. He has been inspired after hearing people tonight. He doesn't see anybody here that's Native American. He sees Italian, Irish, English, Scottish, mixes. At some point, you guys are descendants of immigrants at some points, people came from other countries and you are descendants of that. Like Guy Citron said, the Constitution, Fifth Amendment, all persons it doesn't say CEOs, rich, white people. Anybody here, you know, it's been the fifth generation. It says all persons, that's important. That's our Constitution. I don't think anybody here has a problem with detaining and removing criminals, illegal criminals, immigrant criminals out of our system. That's not the issue. I think what a lot of the issue is that the gentleman said earlier, there's guys running around in masks just detaining people. There is no I.D. on them. There is no way to verify who they are. People that are citizens are getting swept up. You know, the sign there says One Nation under God and some of the council of people are religious. I am not a very religious person, but I do know that in the Bible it says, take care of your neighbor, love one another, respect each other. Don't be hypocrites. You know, take that into account. What's going on is historical. This is our history, our Constitution, our Bill of Rights. There is a phrase that says, you know, those who failed to learn from history are to repeat it. We have something going on right now in this country that's been done before. We've seen it before. About ninety years ago, we had a country start doing the same thing to a very specific religious group. Millions were killed and their bodies were burned and just discarded like trash. Let's not make the same mistake. Thank you.

Pamela Keane, resident of Independence Township, stated her concerns with the county library system. Good evening members of the Board of Commissioners and fellow community

members. My name is Pamela and I'm here today as a concerned resident and advocate for transparency, accountability, and fairness in how our library system is being managed here in Warren County. First, I want to acknowledge the importance of the work our library council does, but I also believe it's our responsibility to speak up when things don't seem aligned with the best of public interest. One of my primary concerns is the library budget and how it is currently being allocated. For example, the ongoing presence of legal counsel at routine meetings is not only necessary, but costly, money that could be redirected towards addressing a critical need. The hiring of certified librarians. We have positions of librarians that is open right now and are unfilled. That's impacting the quality of the services of our library, provide especially to students, families and longtime learners. Second, communication between the board and the general public has been lacking. Letters, emails and community concerns often go unanswered. When residents take the time to engage and share feedback, they deserve to be heard, acknowledged. Unfortunately, many in our community feel like the council operates in an echo chamber, prioritizing internal perspectives over public input. Furthermore, changes to the library bylaws have not been communicated clearly, if at all. Transparency around governance is essential. When decisions are made behind closed doors or shared after the fact, if at all, creates a culture of mistrust. People begin to wonder who is the library council really serving? It's starting to feel like the voices of everyday citizens, including parents, teachers and students, are being left out of the conversation. Our library system should reflect the values, needs and diversity of all Warren County residents. I urge this council to reevaluate its priorities, both financial and ethical, and commit to greater openness, responsiveness. We are not here to criticize for the sake of conflict, but to partner in building a stronger, more equitable community centered library system. I understand you're not the library board, but you do have a lot to say who is actually on the board. I've only been in Warren County for about three years, but I came from a library system where the council was actually voted on by the public. So people from all different types and areas and opinions were all taken into consideration. Thank you very much for your attention.

Nancy Mason, resident of Belvidere, started by stating excuse her if she gets off track. She did not plan to speak, so she doesn't have anything formal to be presented. I thank you for the opportunity to speak to this Board. I would like to say I am a proud American, born in the early fifties; I grew up reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, dueling with my hand over my heart. You have one line from that pledge up on the wall, One Nation under God. I think probably the last twenty years of my life, I often questioned which God, when I would recite that pledge, and more recently, the lines with liberty and justice for all kind of falls hollow for some people living in this country, even citizens of this country. But, don't get me wrong, I am a proud American. I love my country. I don't love what's going on at the moment. I don't love for the fact that ICE is rounding up indiscriminately people out of their homes, their workplaces, the courthouses where they are trying to do the right thing and make sure that their documentation is in order and they're being swept up and vanished to where? Alligator Swamp land? Maybe in New Jersey soon, in Fort Dix? Overseas to foreign countries where these people don't even have any relations there or any connection to foreign countries in private prisons? This is not the America that I grew up with. This is just not right. There have been so many cases, documented cases already of them rounding up people based on how they look, their color, their ethnicity, they have even rounded up and detained American Indians, who look Mexican because they are Mexican Indians, but they are Americans, they're Americans. It freaks me out that this is going on in our country today. This is not the America that we know and love. Warren County's a farming community. We rely, our farmers, I'm sure, have had migrant workers, migrant farm workers. I don't know their statuses, but picked their crops. I

worked at the County landfill for almost thirty years, and let me tell you, when I ran that scale, and local contractors would come in to dump their debris with their crew cabs full, with a certain group of men in the backseat that were definitely not white. Did they pick them up on Main Street in Hackettstown for the day or maybe Dover for the day? You know, I know they were day laborers, but the same staunch contractors, law abiding, blah, blah, blah. They weren't paying their fair share taxes with their flags flying off the back of the truck. They rely on these workers. We rely on these workers. These are members of our communities. We all love to go for good Mexican food, don't we? It's just sad what's been going on in our country. Please don't become a part of it. Thank you.

Steve Chapman resident of Stewartsville, began by saying I don't think looking around the room, I don't think any of us are Native Americans in here. I shouldn't judge, but probably not too many. The Native Americans allowed unfettered, unlimited immigration into their country and how did it work out for them? I hear a lot of language about snatching people off the street and ICE officers kidnapping people. I guess the people that are arrested for DWI and child support payments are also being kidnapped because these people are being arrested for doing something illegally. Being here illegally, they jumped their place in line. The entire population of many countries around the world would love to be here. It's just they couldn't get into Mexico and run across the border when we left it open. We all say we want to do something about it, but it seems that a lot of us don't. Which federal laws do we want to enforce in New Jersey or in Warren County? Do we get to pick and choose? I thought we fought a civil war against the right to pick and choose. So issuing proclamations that are backhanded ways of flouting federal government is wrong and I recommend that we don't do it. Thank you.

Scott, no last name provided, resident of Stanhope addressed the issue of ICE. He began by stating he didn't have anything prepared. I refer back to the gentleman who referred back to ninety years ago, and I'm a real student of history. They say the definition of a dictatorship is when you think you're in one. When you know you're in one, it's too late. I have a t-shirt that says, resist like it's Germany in 1938, but just say German 1933 because in 1938 there was zero chance of resistance. In 1934, there was zero chance for resistance. We have a limited opportunity here. ICE is not America. This is not who we are. We have a Constitution set up. We have local governments, we have local authorities. ICE is like an aberration and what they're doing to this country, the damage you can't even see yet because it hasn't arrived yet. We have an opportunity. You think if you asked in Germany in 1933, do you think in 1936 you won't be able to read your newspapers anymore because it's only gonna be state run newspapers and all the horrible things they did? No, it can't happen here. We say the same thing. It can't happen here. It is happening here. It's happening right now. This is a small act, a small proclamation in the small county in New Jersey. It's not gonna change the world. Resistance doesn't happen with one giant revolution. It happens with little acts of resistance that have to happen on a small local level. I don't see the downside of acknowledging that yes, the Constitution does apply to all people in Warren County. Where does that hurt anybody? I don't understand what the argument would be against a proclamation like this. It's just saying yes, Constitution applies in Warren County. It applies to everyone. Dictatorship work with an enemy. Once that enemy is gone, they have go to the next one. There's a saying they had in Germany when they came for the Jews. I didn't stand up. I wasn't Jewish. When they came for the Catholics. I didn't stand up, I wasn't Catholic. When they came for me, there was nobody left to stand up. This is the step we have to take along the way to make sure things like this, that have already happened, are reversed. That's my take on it. Thank you.

Mr. Kern added a comment at this time. The Board has been judged off of their sir names and regardless of their ethnicity is this Board is here to represent all of the people of Warren County. He wants to be very clear that he firmly supports the constitution and rights to all persons including due process and equal protection under the law. He believes the requested proclamation goes beyond that. Rather than reaffirming those principles, it appears to be a very veiled critique of lawful immigration enforcement and federal cooperation. Warren County has taken clear and a consistent stance in supporting of public safety and rule of law. We have passed multiple resolutions including those in 2019, 2024 and 2025 that affirm our commitment to working with federal agencies to uphold legal immigration processes and protect our communities.

It is also important to note that many of the individuals speaking tonight and at our last meeting in favor of this proclamation are not even residents of Warren County. Our policy should reflect the will and values of the people who live here and not shaped by outside political candidates and activism. He also noted, there is a camera in the room this evening for a candidate. What deserves careful consideration is whether this proclamation truly supports the county's core responsibilities and commitment to public safety. In his view, our existing policies already do that so more effectively and transparently. He hopes that this proclamation is taken to maybe Somerset County, Morris County and Hunterdon County and maybe see if they will pass it because he assured the public that he will not support this proclamation.

Ms. Ciesla stated immigration is a federal issue, not a state or county issue. However, if anyone does have an issue with our jail, that is under our jurisdiction. The Board will assist you the best that they can. If you are having an issue with immigration, there are many services that this Board can direct you to and if you are here legally and having issues that you feel you should not be having because you are legally here we can direct you to the correct individuals who can help at the federal level. Most of us are here via our ancestors who immigrated from other countries and as generations go on that increases to have ancestral to multiple countries. So we understand legal immigrations has been very important to this country and always will be. We do have a huge immigration problem that was left to fester for four years and now we have to deal with the fact that we have to figure out who should be here, we don't know who should be here, we went through something we talk about things but we also forget to talk about items that happened like 911. We need to know who is in this country as many people want to be here but not everybody loves us. Every year when we are sworn into office, we pledge to follow the Constitution of the United States and the State of New Jersey. We all take this pledge very seriously. No proclamation can out weigh the oath we take in a legal public meeting before our constituents and our God. Again, if you have any issues we are here to help you without a doubt but our oath is to follow the constitution and that is what we are doing. She thanked everyone.

#### PRESS COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**RESOLUTION 384-25**

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 7:34 p.m.

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

On motion by James Kern III, seconded by Lori Ciesla, the board adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 8:01 p.m.

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

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 8:01 p.m.

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**RESOLUTION 360-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**Be and it is hereby resolved** that Master Voucher Certificate **For Certification / Ratification for Payments No. 2025-26, 2025-27, 2025-28, and 2025-29, dated July 23, 2025,** in the amount of **\$10,259,192.04** including payrolls, allowances, bills and investments, is approved subject to the review of the vouchers by the Board of County Commissioners.

2025-26	7/2/2025	\$1,706,901.42	
2025-27	7/9/2025	985,528.19	
2025-28	7/16/2025	585,033.46	
2025-29	7/23/2025	<u>2,046,291.49</u>	
TOTAL			\$5,323,754.56
Horizon (Prescription, Claims, Admin)	6/30/2025	\$932,477.58	
Aetna	6/30/2025	233,481.46	
Sun Life Financial	6/30/2025	69,236.26	
Synchrony Rx	6/30/2025	371,445.41	
Home Depot	7/1/2025	7,906.77	
PNC Bank Commercial Card	7/3/2025	6,500.03	
Delta Dental - August	7/11/2025	41,605.41	
State of NJ Div of Pensions & Benefits	7/11/2025	3,506.03	
United States Treasury	7/14/2025	<u>4,264.63</u>	
TOTAL-OTHER			1,670,423.58
Payroll	6/26/2025	\$1,531,622.45	
Pollworkers	7/3/2025	130,085.77	
Payroll	7/10/2025	<u>1,603,305.68</u>	
TOTAL WAGES, FRINGE, MEALS			<u>3,265,013.90</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$10,259,192.04</u>

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

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

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

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**RESOLUTION 361-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**INSERTION INTO THE 2025 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$36,116.00 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, JAG PROGRAM, COUNTY  
GANG, GUN AND NARCOTICS TASK FORCE GRANT, JAG 1-21TF-23**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2025 in the sum of \$36,116.00, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, JAG Program, County Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant, JAG 1-21TF-23

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Grant Match of \$142,304.00 is included in the 2025 County Budget, Sheet 13E – Prosecutors Office Salaries & Wages and Sheet 13C - Group Insurance Plan for Employees

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$36,116.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”

State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, JAG Program, County Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force Grant, JAG 1-21TF-23 (administered by the Prosecutor’s Dept.)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak  
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**RESOLUTION 362-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**INSERTION INTO THE 2025 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$553,116.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT  
CORPORATION, SECTION 5311 TRANSPORTATION GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the adjustment of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the adjustment of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2025 in the sum of \$553,116.00, which item is now available from the New Jersey Transit Corporation, Section 5311 Transportation Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Match of \$177,372.00 is included in the 2025 County Budget, Match Funds for Grants – Sheet 16

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$553,116.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”

New Jersey Transit Corporation, Section 5311 Transportation Grant (administered by the Human Services Dept.)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

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

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 363-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**INSERTION INTO THE 2025 BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN  
THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$125,439.69 FROM THE STATE OF NEW  
JERSEY, OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION FOR A TOTAL  
AMOUNT OF \$159,404.67**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the adoption of the Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Warren request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the year 2025 in the sum of \$125,439.69, which item is now available from the State of New Jersey, Opioid Settlement Distribution

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$125,439.69 be and the same is hereby appropriated under caption:

“UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES”

State of New Jersey, State of New Jersey, Opioid Settlement Distribution  
(Administered by the Human Services Dept.)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of the approval by the State of New Jersey, Opioid Settlement Distribution

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

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 364-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO  
EXECUTE A CONTRACT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR THE 26C00198  
CONTRACT FOR PLANNING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,202.00  
NJ DHS FUNDS AND \$16,098.00 REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH FOR THE  
PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026; SUBJECT TO THE  
AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the NJ Department of Children and Families provides funding to the Warren County Department of Human Services to provide planning services and to supervise the administration of human services programs 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 26C00198 contract application with the NJ Department of Children and Families for the use of funds for planning services by the Warren County Department of Human Services in the amount of \$65,202.00 with a required in-kind county match of \$16,098.00; for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; subject to the availability of funds.

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

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

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

Alex J. Lazorisak  
(E1)

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**RESOLUTION 365-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 682-24 AUTHORIZING THE  
WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
APPLICATION FOR FY'25 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS  
FUNDING WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, TO  
INCREASE THE FUNDING BY \$52,803.00 FOR A TOTAL OF \$167,391.00  
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025; SUBJECT  
TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, on December 11, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren approved the FY'25 Social Services for the Homeless application for anticipated funding through the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, in the amount of \$114,588.00 for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, has increased the Social Services for the Homeless grant funds by \$52,803.00 for a total of \$167,391.00 for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

**WHEREAS**, this amends the allocation of funds on Resolution 682-24, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren that the FY'25 Social Services for the Homeless funding (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025) to the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, for \$167,391.00 is amended subject to the availability of funds.

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

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 366-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRAIL  
EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CHEEMA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
CO.**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren has a desire to establish a trail easement for the benefit of the public on property owned by Cheema Property Management Co. at 247 U.S. Route 46, property identified as Block 39 Lot 10, in White Township, and Cheema Management Company has agreed to permit the installation of such a trail easement; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren and Cheema Property Management Co. have agreed upon the terms to establish such a trail easement and for the maintenance and preservation of the trail easement and setting forth the rights and responsibilities of the parties to the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Trail Easement in draft form has been reviewed by County Counsel and is now ready for approval by the County Commissioners.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Agreement entitled "PUBLIC TRAIL EASEMENT AGREEMENT" by and between Cheema Property Management Co. and the County of Warren is hereby approved, and the Commissioner Director is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement, and any accompanying documents as may be required to consummate the same, on behalf of the County of Warren in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein.

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

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 367-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION  
FOR GREEN STREETS & STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE  
MAPPING GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is making available funding to promote stormwater management and increased resilience within communities through green stormwater infrastructure (green streets) and stormwater infrastructure mapping; and

**WHEREAS**, All 21 counties in New Jersey are eligible to apply for green streets and stormwater infrastructure mapping funding; and

**WHEREAS**, Grant funding to be divided equally among each of New Jersey's 21 counties. The minimum awarded amount is \$175,000 (\$75,000 for green streets and \$100,000 for stormwater infrastructure mapping). Should fewer than 21 counties apply for this grant funding, the remaining money will be added proportionately to each eligible grant applicants award up to a maximum total award of \$350,000 (\$150,000 for green streets and \$200,000 for stormwater infrastructure mapping); and

**WHEREAS**, Funding for green street projects can be utilized for any planning activities related to a project that includes the utilization of green infrastructure (as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2) along a county road that is located within an overburdened community as listed on the Environmental Justice Mapping, Assessment and Protection (EJMAP); and

**WHEREAS**, Funding for the stormwater infrastructure mapping can be utilized for any expenses incurred to meet the MS4 Infrastructure Map requirement of the Highway Agency MS4 permit issued to each county. A complete or partially complete MS4 Infrastructure Map must be submitted to the Department to receive the final disbursement of funds. Applicants who have already incurred costs towards completion of their stormwater infrastructure mapping may be eligible for reimbursement under this grant for incurred costs up to the amount of funding dispersed under the grant; and

**WHEREAS**, Initial disbursement of funds will occur upon execution of grant agreement. All funds must be spent by the Grantee by September 1, 2026. Any funding received by a grantee that is not committed to payment of eligible project costs must be returned to the Department. Further, any costs that are not allowed by the Department must also be returned. The determination of eligible project costs is at the sole discretion of the Department. Distribution of funds is at the sole discretion of the Department; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners supports the submission of an application for The Green Streets & Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping grant program for full amount of available funding; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners authorizes the Warren County Planning Department to submit the application to the NJDEP for the funding.

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

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 368-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATION WC2550 AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR TASS AGENCY  
OFFICE SECURITY FOR THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN SERVICES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that specification WC2550 for TASS Agency Office Security for the Warren County Department of Human Services 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 013450/5029 – TASS – Contracted Services

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

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 369-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT  
WC2513R THE EVENT PLANNING OF THE WARREN COUNTY 200TH  
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, TO MES EVENT SERVICES, LLC AN  
INCREASE OF \$22,336.77, AND FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF  
\$122,016.77**

**WHEREAS**, MES Event Services, LLC, Roosevelt, New Jersey were awarded a contract for the event planning of the Warren County 200<sup>th</sup> Bicentennial Celebration; and

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

**WHEREAS**, this change in award will result in a net increase of \$22,336.77 and a final contract amount of \$122,016.77

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds have been established in account 43175-5100

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren do hereby approve Change Order #1 for the above contract for a net increase of \$22,336.77 and a final Contract in the amount of \$122,016.77

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

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 370-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2508FO-1 TO VAN CLEEF  
ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION  
SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS FOR UTILITY PERMIT WORK ON  
VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES AND STRUCTURES IN THE CONTRACT  
AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, the County requested proposals to be received on Thursday, February 27, 2025 for Contract #WC2508FO for Construction Phase Engineering/Inspection Services; and

**WHEREAS**, inspection services are needed for Elizabethtown Gas Company utility related permit construction work; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the proposal submitted by Van Cleef Engineering Associates meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of \$12,000.00; and

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

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

1. The agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and Van Cleef Engineering Associates of Phillipsburg, N.J. for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$12,000.00, currently on file in the Office of the County Engineer, be made a part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

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

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 371-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2508FO-2 TO VAN CLEEF  
ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION  
SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS FOR UTILITY PERMIT WORK ON  
VARIOUS COUNTY ROUTES AND STRUCTURES IN THE CONTRACT  
AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, the County requested proposals to be received on Thursday, February 27, 2025 for Contract #WC2508FO for Construction Phase Engineering/Inspection Services; and

**WHEREAS**, inspection services are needed for Aqua NJ utility related permit construction work;  
and

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

**WHEREAS**, the proposal submitted by Van Cleef Engineering Associates meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the amount of \$8,000.00; and

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

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

1. The agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and Van Cleef Engineering Associates of Phillipsburg, N.J. for professional services for the above project in the amount of \$12,000.00, currently on file in the Office of the County Engineer, be made a part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

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

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 372-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**AWARDING CONTRACT #WC24120 TO TILCON NEW YORK, INC. FOR  
THE 2023 RESURFACING & REHABILITATION OF COUNTY ROUTES  
#519, #625, #628, #632, #633, #638 #649 & #681 FRANKLIN,  
FRELINGHUYSEN, GREENWICH, HARMONY, POHATCONG,  
WASHINGTON & WHITE TOWNSHIPS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$5,233,000.00**

**WHEREAS**, the County advertised for bids to be received on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 1:30 P.M. for Contract #WC24120 for the 2023 Resurfacing and Rehabilitation of County Routes #519, #625, #628, #632, #633, #638, #649 & #681, Franklin, Frelinghuysen, Greenwich, Harmony, Pohatcong, Washington & White Townships; and

**WHEREAS**, Tilcon New York, Inc. of Parsippany, New Jersey submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid of \$5,233,000.00 and

**WHEREAS**, the bid is within 9.7% of the County Engineer's estimate for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds have been established in accounts S31655302 5063, 0422A101 5063 0423A101 5063, 0424A101 5063 and 0425A101 5063 as certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren do hereby award the contract for the above project to Tilcon New York, Inc., in the contract amount of \$5,233,000.00.

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

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

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 373-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT #WC2552R TO ADVANCE  
TESTING COMPANY, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING  
SERVICES FOR PAVEMENT RIDE QUALITY TESTING ON THE  
WARREN COUNTY 2023 ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE  
CONTRACT AMOUNT \$23,850.00**

**WHEREAS**, the County requested a proposal to be submitted for Professional Engineering Services for the Pavement Ride Quality Testing on the Warren County 2023 Roadway Resurfacing Project; 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**, the proposal submitted by Advance Testing Company, Inc. of Campbell Hall, New York meets the needs of the program, price and other factors considered in the estimated amount of \$23,850.00; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in accounts 0419A101 5063, 0421A101 5063 and 0422A101 5063 and certified by the County Chief Financial Officer.

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

1. The agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren and Advance Testing Company, Inc. for professional services for the above project in the estimated amount of \$23,850.00, currently on file in the Office of the County Engineer, be made a part of this resolution by reference and approved and entered into by the Board on behalf of the County of Warren.
2. The Director is hereby authorized to execute said letter of agreement by signing same.
3. A notice of this action shall be published in the Star Ledger.

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

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 374-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER  
TO TILCON NEW YORK, INC., FOR ROAD RESURFACING ON  
VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOP  
CONTRACT #6, ROAD RESURFACING ON ROADWAYS FOR THE  
WARREN COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IN THE ESTIMATED  
CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$313,938.00**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Purchasing Department is authorized to issue purchase orders for road resurfacing on various county roads for the Warren County Engineering Department and is hereby awarded

to . . . Tilcon New York, Inc., Parsippany, New Jersey

**in the estimated amount of . . . \$313,938.00**

at the prices established under the Morris County Cooperative Contract #6

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0423A101 5063 – Resurfacing 2023

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

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 375-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO  
DAN SWAYZE & SON, INC., FOR LINE STRIPING ON VARIOUS  
COUNTY ROADS UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOP CONTRACT  
#36, TRAFFIC STRIPING ON ROADWAYS FOR THE WARREN COUNTY  
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IN THE ESTIMATED CONTRACT  
AMOUNT OF \$301,467.08**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Purchasing Department is authorized to issue purchase orders for line striping on various county roads for the Warren County Engineering Department and is hereby awarded

**to . . . Dan Swayze & Son, Inc., Scotch Plains, New Jersey**

**in the estimated amount of . . . \$ 301,467.08**

at the prices established under the Morris County Cooperative Contract #36

Funding for this contract has been provided in capital account 0424A206/5063 – Pavement Marking Program, capital account 0425A206/5063 – Pavement Marking Road and Budget Account 012900/5125 – Roads Capital Materials

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

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

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

Alex J. Lazorisak

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**RESOLUTION 376-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO JOSHUA D. MACKOFF, LLC, MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE GENESIS FARM PROPERTY, BLOCK 301 LOTS 4 & 21, BLOCK 502 LOT 7, FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP, APPROXIMATELY 225 ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,975.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Recreation has identified properties for potential acquisition and addition to the county park system; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County wishes to appraise this property for such purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, land appraisals are required by the State Green Acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Land Easement Purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, said appraisals will be in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Appraisal Requirements; 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**, Joshua D. Mackoff, LLC was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC2487FO on November 26, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in account 03894/5065, – Open Space – Preliminary Expenses

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Joshua D. Mackoff, LLC, in the amount of \$3,975.00 to prepare an appraisal on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Commissioner Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-LEDGER, as required by law, within ten (10) days of adoption.

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

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)

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

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

**RESOLUTION 377-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WADE APPRAISAL, LLC, METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES ON THE GENESIS FARM PROPERTY, BLOCK 301 LOTS 4 & 21, BLOCK 502 LOT 7, FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP, APPROXIMATELY 225 ACRES, PROPOSED FOR ACQUISITION, AS LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,500.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Warren County Board of Recreation has identified properties for potential acquisition and addition to the county park system; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County wishes to appraise this property for such purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, land appraisals are required by the State Green Acres Program prior to negotiations for acquisitions in order to be eligible to receive Cost Share Funding for Land Easement Purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, said appraisals will be in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Appraisal Requirements; 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**, Wade Appraisal, LLC was pre-qualified as an appraiser by WC2487FO on November 26, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available in account 03894/5065, – Open Space – Preliminary Expenses.

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

1. The agreement between the County of Warren and Wade Appraisal, LLC, in the amount of \$4,500.00 to prepare an appraisal on the land listed be accepted.
2. The Commissioner Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in THE STAR-LEDGER, as required by law, within ten (10) days of adoption.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak  
(H9)

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**RESOLUTION 378-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT  
WC2469R FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND ADMINISTRATION  
SERVICES FOR THE SHIPPEN MANOR DRIVEWAY AND DRAINAGE  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND  
DESIGN, AN INCREASE OF \$12,000.00, AND FINAL CONTRACT  
AMOUNT OF \$43,520.00**

**WHEREAS**, Colliers Engineering and Design, of Hampton, New Jersey were awarded a contract for engineering services for the construction inspection and administration services for the Shippen Manor Driveway and Drainage Project; and

**WHEREAS**, there was a need for additional construction observation and administration services; and

**WHEREAS**, this change in award will result in a net increase of \$12,000.00 and a final contract amount of \$43,520.00

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds have been established in account 03892 /5100

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren do hereby approve Change Order #1 for the above contract for a net increase of \$12,000.00 and a final Contract in the amount of \$43,520.00

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak  
(H10)

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**RESOLUTION 379-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WC2551R FOR SITE  
CIRCULATION, PARKING, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AND  
UTILITIES UPGRADES FOR THE WARREN COUNTY NATURE CENTER  
AND LAND PRESERVATION OFFICES AT BREAD LOCK PARK TO  
COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT  
OF \$80,250.00**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the professional services of an engineer for development of plans, permitting and bid documents for the construction of site requirements including parking, storm water facilities and utilities upgrades at Bread Lock Park ; 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 03894-5066

**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 Colliers Engineering and Design Consulting, of Hampton, New Jersey, for professional services for the above project, in the contract amount not to exceed \$80,250.00 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: yes, Jason Sarnoski absent**

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

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

Alex J. Lazorisak  
(H11)

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**RESOLUTION 380-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT WC2522R FOR PROFESSIONAL  
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR DESIGN AND COST ESTIMATING  
AT THE SOUTHWEST LIBRARY BRANCH BUILDINGS,  
STEWARTSVILLE, NEW JERSEY TO SSP ARCHITECTURAL GROUP OF  
SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY, AN INCREASE OF \$7,000.00 WITH A  
FINAL CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,500.00**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for additional professional services of an architect for conceptual design and cost estimating, 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, adding \$7,000.00 for a total contract amount of \$31,500.00 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: yes, Jason Sarnoski absent**

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak  
(H12)

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**RESOLUTION 381-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR CONTRACT  
WC2539 FOR THE REPAIR TO THE EXTERIOR ENVELOPE OF THE  
WAYNE DUMONT, JR. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOR THE  
WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO DE SAPIO  
CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF FRENCHTOWN, NEW JERSEY AN  
INCREASE OF \$68,000.00, AND FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF  
\$467,849.00**

**WHEREAS**, De Sapiro Construction, Inc. was awarded a contract for the repair to the exterior envelope of the Wayne Dumont, Jr. Administration Building for the Warren County Department of Public Works in the contract amount of \$399,849.00; and

**WHEREAS**, there were unforeseen and other conditions related to the work which require the addition of \$68,000.00 to the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, this change in award will result in a net increase of \$68,000.00 and a final contract amount of \$467,849.00

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds have been established in account 0425A503/5062 and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Warren do hereby approve Change Order #1 for the above contract for a net increase of \$68,000.00 and a final Contract in the amount of \$467,849.000

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak  
(H13)

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**RESOLUTION 382-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR  
CERTAIN APPOINTED PERSONNEL OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PROSECUTOR**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:157-10 et seq. and 2A:158-1 et seq., the Prosecutor shall recommend the compensation for the appointed personnel of the Prosecutor's Office in accordance with County guidelines and within the budget allocation, and

**WHEREAS**, the Acting Prosecutor Jessica Cardone has recommended salary establishment and adjustments for certain appointed personnel and has so memorialized by schedule which document is incorporated herein by reference dated June 24, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Warren County Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the 2025 salary adjustment for Assistant Prosecutor Joseph DeLorenzo of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office to be made effective July 24, 2025.

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

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 383-25**

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 July 23, 2025.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MATTHEW ROTHFUSS AS ASSISTANT  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY,  
CLASSIFIED**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners that Matthew Rothfuss is hereby appointed as Assistant Library Director of the Warren County Library; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this appointment shall be provisional pending qualification through an open competitive examination process in accordance with New Jersey Civil Service Commission regulations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appointment shall be effective August 14, 2025, 40 hours per week, at an annual salary of \$88,000.00.

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

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 384-25**

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 July 23, 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, Garcia Litigation and Lopatcong Township MOU with Sheriff.
- (2) *Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property*: Covanta Site, Bastedo Property and Belvidere Property.
- (3) *Matters Relating to the Collective Bargaining*: AFSCME 671 – Supervisors.

**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; yes Jason Sarnoski: absent**

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Alex J. Lazorisak  
(01)