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**FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR SHARED SERVICES FEASIBILITY STUDIES**

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder David Lindenmuth today announced that at the regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders they approved a resolution which awarded a contract to Government Strategy Group to conduct two feasibility studies regarding shared services. The studies will examine the feasibility of merging municipal courts and the possible creation of a county-wide police force.

“We are very interested in sharing more services in Salem County but it is important that we do it right,” said Freeholder Lindenmuth. “Government Strategy Group has the expertise in this field and they will be providing us strategy and guidance to help us offer better services at lower costs.”

Government Strategy Group, specialists in shared services consulting, will produce in depth feasibility studies that will define the critical issues and provide the County and municipalities with workable solution. They will be meeting with various municipalities to ascertain the feasibility of these shared services.

“We will be asking our municipalities to pass resolutions to support the feasibility studies so that we can apply for the maximum amount of funding from the Department of Community Affairs SHARE grant,” said Freeholder Lindenmuth. “We are hoping that at least eight municipalities will support this study that will be of no cost to them. The grant requires the applicant put up ten percent of the overall cost which the County will shoulder.”

Government Strategy Group will work to obtain grant funding to cover nearly all costs for the feasibility studies. The resolution approved by the Freeholders authorizes the feasibility study only if the firm is successful in obtaining adequate grant funding.

“This is a good deal for Salem County as we will study these ideas at relatively no cost to the County and it may provide long-term sustainable tax savings for our residents,” said Freeholder Lindenmuth.