

# MINUTES REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 2, 1993

Pursuant to Statute in such cases made in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on December 23, 1992, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren was held in Court Room #1, Court House, Belvidere, NJ on Saturday, the 2nd day of January 1993 A.D., at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

Before the meeting began, the Board held a symbolic swearing-in of Sheriff Don R. Kelley by the Honorable William Albrecht, Judge of the Superior Court. Sheriff Kelley was assisted by his daughter Patricia.

Immediately following, Undersheriff Sal M. Simonetti, assisted by his wife Carolyn and Undersheriff Victor R. Schmeltzly, assisted by his wife Joan, were sworn in by the Honorable William Albrecht, Judge of the Superior Court.

The following notice was read by the Freeholder Clerk Melinda Carlton: "ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT BY FORWARDING A NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK, THE STAR GAZETTE, THE BLAIRSTOWN PRESS, THE NEWS AND THE EXPRESS-TIMES AND BY POSTING A COPY THEREOF ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AT THIS MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED".

The Invocation was given by Father Michael Saharic, Pastor of St. Mary's Church in Alpha, NJ.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Freeholder Clerk Melinda Carlton.

The Certification of Election of Susan A. Dickey was read by Terrance Lee, County Clerk). The Oath of Office of Susan A. Dickey was administered by the Honorable William Albrecht, Judge, Superior Court.

Mrs. Dickey was assisted by her daughter Courtney.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by Freeholder Clerk Melinda Carlton and the following members were present: Mr. Miller, Mr. Matthenius and Mrs. Dickey.

## RESOLUTION 1-93

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1993.

### RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 1993

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Kenneth C. Miller is appointed Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 1993.

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

s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes

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The Oath of Office of Director of the Board was administered by the Honorable William Albrecht, Judge, Superior Court.

Mr. Miller was assisted by Assemblyman Garabed "Chuck" Haytaian.

**RESOLUTION 2-93**

On motion by Mr. Dickey, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1993.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF  
THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN  
FOR THE YEAR 1993**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Jacob C. Matthenius is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 1993.

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s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes

**RESOLUTION 3-93**

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1993.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FREEHOLDER JACOB C. MATTHENIUS TO  
VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1993**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Freeholder Jacob Matthenius is appointed to the following boards and committees for the year 1993:

Boards of School Estimate

Welfare Board

Planning Board

Office on Aging Advisory Council

Nutrition Program Advisory Council

Mosquito Extermination Commission

New Jersey Association of Counties - Voting Member

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s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes

**RESOLUTION 4-93**

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1993.

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**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FREEHOLDER SUSAN A. DICKEY TO  
VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1993**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that Freeholder Susan B. Dickey is appointed to the following boards and committees for the year 1993.

- Boards of School Estimate**
- Housing Committee**
- Welfare Board**
- New Jersey Association of Counties - 2nd Alternate Member**
- North Jersey Transportation Planning Committee**

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s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes**

**RESOLUTION 5-93**

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1993.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FREEHOLDER KENNETH C. MILLER TO  
VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1993**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that Freeholder Kenneth Miller is appointed to the following boards and committees for the year 1993:

- Boards of School Estimate**
- Human Services Coalition**
- Trustee, Warren County Legal Services**
- Mental Health Board**
- Police Chiefs' Association**
- New Jersey Association of Counties-1st Alternate Voting Member**
- Education Coordinating & Planning Committee**

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s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

**ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes**

**RESOLUTION 6-93**

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1993.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD TO APPOINT  
SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS  
BOARD OR WHICH THE DIRECTOR MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE**

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**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to appoint such committees as maybe required by law or authorized by this Board or which the Director may deem appropriate:

**Freeholder Kenneth C. Miller**

Abilities of Northwest Jersey  
 Association for Retarded Citizens  
 Boards of School Estimate  
 Crippled Children  
 County Courts  
 Division of Youth & Family Services  
 Drug Addiction Program  
 Education Coordinating & Planning Committee  
 Energy & Refuse Facility  
 Family Guidance Center  
 Human Service Coalition  
 Human Services/Mental Health  
 JIBS  
 Juvenile Detention Center  
 Jury Commission  
 Law Library  
 Legal Services  
 Mental Health Board  
 NJ Association of Counties - 1st Alternate Voting Member  
 NORWESCAP  
 NORWESCAP Alcohol Program  
 Planned Parenthood  
 Police Chiefs Association  
 Probation Department  
 Prosecutor  
 Sheriffs Office  
 Solid Waste  
 Special Civil Part - County Courts  
 Speedy Trial Commission  
 Surrogate  
 Trustee - Warren County Legal Services  
 Visiting Homemakers  
 Youth Services Commission

**Freeholder Jacob C. Matthenius**

Boards of School Estimate  
 Board of Taxation  
 Bridge Department  
 Buildings & Grounds

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County Clerk  
County Extension Service  
Emergency Management  
Engineers Office  
Gypsy Moth Spraying  
Health Services  
Lighting of Highways & Bridges  
Mosquito Extermination Commission  
NJ Association of Counties - Voting Member  
Nutrition Program  
Nutrition Program Advisory Council  
Office on Aging  
Office on Aging Advisory Council  
Personnel  
Planning Board  
Rescue & Ambulance Squads  
Resource Conservation & Development Project  
Road Department  
Shade Tree Commission  
Soil Conservation  
Superintendent of Schools  
Volunteer Fire Companies  
Vo-Tech  
War Veterans  
Warren Haven  
Welfare Board

Freeholder Susan A. Dickey  
Audio Visual Aids Committee  
Board of Elections  
Boards of School Estimate  
Correctional Facility  
County adjuster  
County College  
County Transportation Outreach  
Cultural & Heritage Commission  
Domestic Abuse & Rape Crisis Center  
Economic Development & Tourism  
Housing Committee  
Housing Program  
JTPA  
Library Commission  
Medical Examiner  
Mobile Eye Clinic

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NJ Association of Counties - 2nd Alternate Member  
 North Jersey Transportation Planning Committee  
 Planning Board  
 Private Industry Council of Morris/Sussex/Warren  
 Recreation Commission  
 Statewide Excess Liability Fund Representative  
 Transportation Committee  
 Weights & Measures  
 Welfare Board  
 Women's Commission

All Three Freeholders  
 Freeholders Office  
 Payroll  
 Treasurer

Purchasing Department  
 County Counsel  
 Data Processing

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s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes

**RESOLUTION 7-93**

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1993.

**RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES  
 INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON  
 TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1993**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the municipalities of Warren County are divided into three districts and a Freeholder is assigned as liaison to each district as follows:

<u>District No. 1</u>	<u>Freeholder Kenneth Miller</u>
Belvidere	Knowlton Township
White Township	Liberty Township
Oxford Township	Hope Township
Blairstown Township	Pahaquarry Township

<u>District No. 2</u>	<u>Freeholder Susan A. Dickey</u>
Washington Borough	Washington Township
Mansfield Township	Independence Township
Allamuchy Township	Frelinghuysen Township
Hardwick Township	Hackettstown

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District No. 3                      Freeholder Jacob C. Matthenius

Phillipsburg  
Alpha Borough  
Pohatcong Township  
Franklin Township

Lopatcong Township  
Harmony Township  
Greenwich Township

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s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes

**RESOLUTION              8-93**

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1993.

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF  
THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN  
FOR THE YEAR 1993**

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is the Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren for the year 1993. All regular meetings shall be held in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Administration Building, Route #519, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	13 at 9:30 A.M.	July	14 at 9:30 A.M.
January	27 at 7:00 P.M.	July	18 at 7:00 P.M.
February	10 at 9:30 A.M.	August	11 at 9:30 A.M.
February	24 at 7:00 P.M.	August	25 at 7:00 P.M.
March	10 at 9:30 A.M.	September	8 at 9:30 A.M.
March	24 at 7:00 P.M.	October	13 at 7:00 P.M.
April	14 at 9:30 A.M.	October	27 at 9:30 A.M.
April	28 at 7:00 P.M.	November	10 at 9:30 A.M.
May	12 at 9:30 A.M.	*November	24 at 9:30 A.M.
May	26 at 7:00 P.M.	December	8 at 9:30 A.M.
June	9 at 9:30 A.M.	*December	22 at 9:30 A.M.

\*Please note change of time of meeting

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s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes

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**RESOLUTION 9-93**

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1993.

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BLAIRSTOWN PRESS AS THE OFFICIAL  
NEWSPAPER AND THE EXPRESS-TIMES (OR THE NEWARK STAR LEDGER) AS  
ALTERNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER IN WHICH SHALL BE PUBLISHED  
ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES REQUIRED BY LAW  
ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the BLAIRSTOWN PRESS is hereby designated as the official newspaper and the EXPRESS-TIMES (OR THE NEWARK STAR LEDGER) as the alternate official newspaper in which shall be published all advertisements and notices required by law to be published on behalf of the County of Warren. This action is taken pursuant to NJSA 40:23-13.

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

s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes

**RESOLUTION 10-93**

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1993.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER AND  
THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
TO SIGN ALL WARREN COUNTY CHECKS**

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that in accordance with R.S. 40A:5-17 the County Treasurer and the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren are hereby authorized to sign all Warren County checks.

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

s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes

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**RESOLUTION 11-93**

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1993.

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING VARIOUS BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES FOR WARREN COUNTY'S PUBLIC MONIES**

**BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that pursuant to R.S. 40A:5-14 that the following banks be and are hereby designated as depositories of the County's public monies as herein set forth:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the United National Bank, Belvidere Branch; First Fidelity Bank NA North Jersey, Hackettstown Branch and Washington Branch; Phillipsburg National Bank and Trust Company, Phillipsburg Branch; Midlantic National Bank, Belvidere Branch; First National Bank of Hope, Hope Branch; United Jersey Bank Northwest, Hackensack Office; National Community Bank of New Jersey, Hackettstown Branch; Chemical Bank New Jersey, Phillipsburg Branch; Hudson City Savings Bank, Hackettstown Branch; Newton Trust Company, Hope Branch; Lakeland Savings Bank, Belvidere branch; City Savings FSB, Washington Branch and Skyland Community Bank, Hackettstown Branch be and the same is hereby designated as depositories for interest bearing accounts of public monies of the County Treasurer of the County of Warren.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the First Fidelity Bank NA North Jersey, Hackettstown and Washington Branches; United National Bank, Belvidere Branch and Harmony Branch; Midlantic National Bank, Belvidere Branch; and First National bank of Hope, Hope Branch be and the same is hereby designated as the depositories of the County's public monies received by the County Clerk, surrogate, Superior Court-Civil Part, Probation Department, Sheriff, County Treasurer (current account, payroll account,) other trust account, bond account, capital account, trust account, health trust account, section 8 program account, section 8 mod rehab account, section 8 voucher program account, community development account, state unemployment account, board of taxation appeal fee account, rehabilitation trust account and cultural and heritage commission account)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Midlantic National Bank, Oxford Branch be and the same is hereby designated as the depository of the County public monies received by the Superintendent of the Warren County Welfare House.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Phillipsburg National Bank and Trust Company, Phillipsburg Branch; Midlantic National Bank, Washington Branch; United Jersey Bank Northwest, Hackettstown Branch and United National bank, Belvidere and Blairstown Branches be and the same is hereby designated as the depositories of the County public monies received by the Warren County Nutrition Program for the Elderly.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Summit Mortgage Company, Short Hills

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branch be and the same is hereby designated as the depository of the County public monies received by the repayment of loans for home improvements under the County Housing Program.

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

s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes

**RESOLUTION 12-93**

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1993.

**PROVISIONS UNDER N.J.S. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A TEMPORARY  
APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 11,350,242.00 THROUGH  
THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 1993 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statutes 40a:4-19 provides that every County must make temporary appropriations during the period January 1 to January 30 to cover commitments made during the period of January through the date of the adoption of the Budget, the total of said appropriations for the preceding year, excluding the amount of appropriations for the Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance, and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty days of January, and

WHEREAS, one quarter of the total appropriations in the 1992 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance is \$11,350,242.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following temporary appropriations in the total amount of \$11,350,242.00 be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Financial Officer for their records.

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

s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes

**RESOLUTION 13-93**

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1993.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY TREASURER TO MAKE  
INVESTMENTS THROUGH CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS, REPURCHASE  
AGREEMENTS OR OTHER SIMILAR PLANS**

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WHEREAS, it appears to be to the best interest of the County of Warren to participate in the purchase of Certificates of Deposits, Repurchase Agreements or other investments which would allow the County Treasurer to make short term investments at the best rates available creating additional income through higher interest rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to made investments through Certificates of Deposits, Repurchase Agreements or other similar plans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Treasurer shall report to the Board of Chosen Freeholders at their next meeting all transactions made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all withdrawals be signed by the facsimile signature of the following: Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and County Treasurer.

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

s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes

Resolution #21 which reads "RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT E. WADE AS ASSISTANT WARREN COUNTY COUNSEL FOR A TERM WHICH SHALL RUN FROM JANUARY 7, 1993 TO JANUARY 8, 1994 AND AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT" was not acted upon.

## RESOLUTION 14-93

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 1, 1993.

### RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WARREN COUNTY WELFARE BOARD

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby reappoints the following member to the Warren County Welfare Board:

Beatrice Denton

Term to expire: 12/31/97

P.O. Box #274

Belvidere, NJ 07823

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

s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes

Freeholder Director Miller introduced Senator William Schluter who said he was pleased to be attending this reorganization and who commented that in the Senate,

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they are going to try to pass legislation which will have the State mandate/State pay be on the ballot so that they can see that the municipalities and the counties are reimbursed by the State for programs which the legislature enacts. He will do his best towards this end. He said that Susan Dickey did an outstanding job in her run for freeholder and she will be an excellent Freeholder. Don Kelley already has proved that he is a great Sheriff and he will continue to be a great Sheriff. With Susan Dickey joining the Board and Mr. Matthenius and Mr. Miller, this puts all the members on this Board in one particular political party. Congratulations should be offered to that party for a very strong effort for a great organization and for coming up with outstanding candidates, and not just being a party of September and October but a party from January 1st until December 31st because they have given Warren County good candidates up and down the line and good government. With this comes the responsibility and the accountability that they have. They will have to produce and he said he is sure they are going to produce as they are outstanding people. He looks forward to a good year this year in government and he is sure that this group will conduct good government. He gave his congratulations to the Board and best wishes for 1993.

Mr. Miller then introduced Senator Bob Littell from the 23rd District who said he had attended reorganizations in Warren County for 26 years and who congratulated Mrs. Dickey and Sheriff Kelley. He said that he and his colleagues will continue to work together to provide the best government that they can on the State level.

Mr. Miller then introduced Assembly Speaker "Chuck" Haytaian who extended his congratulations to Susan Dickey who he said did a great job in the election but he said that he knew all along that she was going to win. He knows she will do a great job. He also congratulated Sheriff Don Kelley who he said took over the job at a difficult time. He said there were some doubters in Warren County who said that it was rigged, it was packed, it was stacked and everything else they said about how it was done. He said he just wanted to remind everyone that they had resumes from 15 people, they interviewed those people and brought it down to 5 people and then 3 of them before the full executive board and then that nomination went to the Governor and in less than 30 days, the Governor appointed Don Kelley as Sheriff of Warren County. He then went through the primary and the general election and came through with flying colors. So he thinks that the executive board of the Republican party did a damn good job in picking Don Kelley and he hopes everyone agrees. Chuck congratulated Mr. Miller as Director of the Board and he thinks it is important that he has the continuity that he has and working with Susan and Jake, he thinks that this is going to be a great Freeholder board. Assemblyman Haytaian also mentioned that this is the first time since 1981 that we have had an all Republican board and he urged the Freeholders to work together. If he can work with Jim Florio, they can certainly work together! He also extended congratulations to the two undersheriff, two individuals that he has known for many years and who have worked hard in Warren County and are well qualified for their jobs. He then congratulated Ken again.

Mr. Miller then introduced Assemblyman Leonard Lance who mentioned to Susan Dickey that he hopes she will work well with her colleagues but she is a lot

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better looking than Jake. Mr. Lance said that we are celebrating the process of democracy in the United States tonight, the orderly transfer of power, to an all Republican Freeholder Board for the first time in quite awhile. He thinks that can be contrasted with the passions that rend the world, ethnic, religious, racial and geographic. One only has to look to Somalia, Israel, Lebanon, and Syria, to Cerbia and Bosnia to recognize that we here in the United States, here in New Jersey, here in Warren County, settle our differences peacefully and through the process of the ballot box. This is the beginning of a new year, a year which we hope will bring peace and prosperity to the rest of the world, we celebrate the orderly process of democracy in the United States. He offered his personal congratulations to Sheriff Kelley and Freeholder Dickey. He said he looks forward to working with the municipal family in Warren County over the course of 1993.

Mr. Miller then introduced former Freeholder Anthony Fowler who congratulated Ken on his appointment to Director of the Freeholder Board and commented that Susan Dickey will do a great job for Warren County.

Mr. Miller also recognized, in the audience, the newly elected State Republican Chairman, Ginny Littell.

Chuck Haytaian then invited everyone to attend a reception after these ceremonies at the Lisbon Capri (Mountain Lake Casino) sponsored by both the candidates and the WC Republican Committee.

Mr. Miller then introduced Melinda Carlton, County Administrator and Brian Smith, County Counsel.

Freeholder Miller asked Mrs. Dickey for her comments. Mrs. Dickey said that her first words are ones of gratitude to everyone here for taking time out of their holiday week to share in this occasion with the members of the board. She said she is very happy and very proud to take her oath surrounded by family and friends, old friends and new friends, without whose support this victory would not have been possible. She said that it is a great honor for her to be the first Republican woman elected Freeholder in Warren County. To her this victory represents the desire of the Republican party to introduce new thoughts and direction into their platform and to continue their efforts to make government more efficient and responsive. She said that she can't help but believe that this Freeholder Board will be strengthened, both by their differences and by their similarities and it will support the parties desire to return government to the people. She quoted from Hamlet, a quote that she said helped to shape her life: "This above all, to thine ownself be true and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." Through the years, she said she has come to understand the importance of these words and she feels she has measured her actions against their standards. Her approach towards her Freeholder position will be with this thought always in mind. She said she fully appreciates the responsibility that comes with the office and accepts these duties with a sense of humility and with thanks to the voters for the confidence that they have expressed in her.

During the campaign, she said she spoke of the need for balance, the balance of authority with public participation, the balance of our needs with our income and

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the balance of our quality of life with our growth. In working to realize this balance, she is asking for the public's input because participation is the responsibility of each of us. During her campaign, the County budget and the capital expenditures were the number one concerns of the people. It is a concern that she realizes and agrees with. Therefore, she said she will proceed with caution in capital spending plans and carefully examine the budget. We must now inventory our assets, to reassess our needs, to consolidate our ideas and to develop long-range capital plans. This will require the understanding and cooperation of all our departments, employees and committees but she feels that the end result will be a manageable budget and an achievable goal.

As we grow and expand our tax base, we need to employ good planning practices to minimize the negative impact and retain the quality of our natural surroundings. She plans to increase environmental awareness by focusing on air quality, ground water and natural resource protection and open space planning. Also important to her, is the continued preservation of our historic structures and the support of our farm community. She intends to work towards a permanent source of funding for farmland preservation and to incorporate farming as a part of our economic recovery plan. With the continued support of the people, she feels that she cannot fail to carry out the goals that she has set.

She said she would like to close with these words from an exceptional Republican president: "I desire so to conduct the affairs of this administration that if at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost every other friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that friend shall be down inside of me." These words are from the writings of Abraham Lincoln and today, she said she fully realizes the full importance of being true to her own convictions. She said that not only is this the least that she can do but the most that she can do to serve the people and the government of Warren County. She thanked everyone for their attention and wished everyone a healthy and a successful 1993.

Freeholder Matthenius said that it is a pleasure for him to talk to them again this year with a year under his belt as Freeholder. He thinks they have made some accomplishments to try and give the people a better government. He said he is particularly pleased with our legislative body and what they have done in 1992 to get us on a better course and stimulate the economy, particularly the reduction of the sales tax and also, the reduction of the budget. He said he looks forward to 1993 and we should reflect and see where we are going. We have to watch and see where the economy is going to go and we have to be very conservative. He appreciates the support he has received from most of the people and looks forward to the same in 1993. He then presented the gavel to Freeholder Director Miller.

Freeholder Director Miller thanked Mr. Matthenius for the gavel but said hopefully he won't have to use it. He doesn't expect to have a heavy gavel with this board. He said he thinks this board will be more harmonious than boards in the past when they have been of all one persuasion. Mr. Miller said he would like to talk about change. Not the kind in your pocket but the kind of change that you have seen take place this year where elected officials become more responsive to the people. Most

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are reluctant to change, some more than others, and the same is true in government. It would be easier to continue with our government as we have in the past but events over the past several years demand change. Looking back to when he was first elected Freeholder, he recalls viewing Warren County as a business without leadership. His first step towards change in County government was to bring in a professional business administrator. He believes that this was a giant step forward for the County. He said he has worked with the last administrators to implement change in the way Warren County does business. As a result, we have streamlined County government by computerizing and eliminating more labor intensive manual work. We have initiated a central motor pool which will save tax dollars. We are currently restructuring our county organization, consolidating similar departments into more efficient super departments. While these changes are not particularly popular with all of the work force, the majority of the County workers believe in the overall objective and are cooperative in saving tax dollars.

He said he would like to focus on the future. For years Warren County operated basically through crisis management and while we have very talented people working in the County, they are busy with assigned projects. He believes that we need to employ some consultants to study our long-term space needs, to help us prioritize those needs so we can develop an overall economic plan. One of the elements of a prudent, streamlined County government is a sound fiscal policy. We need to face reality. We have only so many tax dollars to work with and that is a number which is steadily decreasing due to revaluations in our municipalities. We have a specific number of people who are employed by the County and we don't wish to increase that number substantially and we have a number of objectives to reach and all of these things need to be done in a fashion that will give the taxpayers more for their dollar. We can accomplish this by continuing to institute change, changes which will result in our working harder and smarter. Changes that will be the result of ideas brought about by people, work groups discussing their problems, changes brought about by prudent, streamlined County government. He would like to follow Susan by asking all of the people to join the Freeholders in gaining their objectives, give the Freeholders ideas and thoughts and together we can make Warren County the envy of all the other counties in the State of New Jersey.

On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, and duly passed, there being no further official business to come before the Board on this date, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Matthenius: yes Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes

**ATTESTED TO:**

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk