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January 2, 1994

Pursuant to Statute in such cases made in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on December 8, 1993, 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 Sunday, the 2nd day of January 1994 A.D., at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

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 Marcie Bilyk, Pastor of the Summerfield United Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Freeholder Clerk Melinda Carlton.
The Certification of Election of Kenneth C. Miller was read by Terrance Lee, County Clerk.

The Oath of Office of Kenneth C. Miller was administered by the Honorable William Albrecht, Judge, Superior Court.

Mr. Miller was assisted by a friend, Gail Korman.

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 P.M. by Freeholder Clerk Melinda Carlton and the following members were present: Mrs. Dickey, Mr. Matthenius and Mr. Miller.

RESOLUTION 1-94

On motion by Mr. Miller, 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, 1994.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 1994

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Jacob C. Matthenius is appointed Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 1994.

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

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

Mr. Mattehnius was assisted by his wife Betty.

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On motion by Mr. Matthenius, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1994.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 1994**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren that Kenneth C. Miller is appointed Deputy Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 1994.

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: Mrs. Dickey: abstain Mr. Miller: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes

RESOLUTION 3-94

On motion by Mrs. 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, 1994.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FREEHOLDER JACOB MATTHENIUS
TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1994**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Freeholder Jacob Matthenius is appointed to the following boards and committees for the year 1994:

Boards of School Estimate

Welfare Board

Planning Board

Office on Aging Advisory Council

Nutrition Program Advisory Council

New Jersey Association of Counties - 1st Alternate Voting Member

Education Coordinating & Planning Committee

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s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 4-94

On motion by Mrs. 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, 1994.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FREEHOLDER SUSAN DICKEY
TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1994**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Freeholder Susan Dickey is appointed to the following boards and committees for the year 1994:

Boards of School Estimate

Housing Committee

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Welfare Board
 New Jersey Association of Counties - 2nd Alternate Member
 Trustee, Warren County Legal Services
 Mosquito Extermination Commission

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s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 5-94

On motion by Mrs. 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, 1994.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FREEHOLDER KENNETH MILLER
 TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1994**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Freeholder Kenneth Miller is appointed to the following boards and committees for the year 1994:

Boards of School Estimate
 Human Services Coalition
 Mental Health Board
 Police Chief's Association
 New Jersey Association of Counties - Voting Member

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s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 6-94

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Matthenius, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1994.

**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**

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
 Boars of School Estimate
 Crippled Children
 County Courts

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Div. of Youth and Family Services
Drug Addiction Program
Economic Development and Tourism
Energy & Refuse Facility
Family Guidance Center
Human Services/Mental Health
JINS
Juvenile Detention Center
Mental Health Board
NJ Association of Counties - Voting Member
NORWESCAP
NORWESCAP Alcohol Program
Planned Parenthood
Police Chiefs Association
Probation Division
Prosecutor
Sheriff's Office
Solid Waste
Special Civil Part - Judiciary
Speedy Trial Commission
Surrogate
Visiting Homemakers
Warren County Community College
Youth Services Commission

Freeholder Jacob C. Matthenius

Board of Taxation
Bridge Division
Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Division
County Clerk
County Transportation Outreach
Cooperative Extension Service
Economic Development and Tourism
Education Coordinating and Planning Committee
Emergency Management
Engineer's Office
Health Services
NJ Association of Counties - 1st Alternate Voting Member
North Jersey Transportation Planning Committee
Nutrition Program
Nutrition Program Advisory Council
Office on Aging
Office on Aging Advisory Council
Planning Board
Rescue and Ambulance Squads
Road Division
Soil Conservation

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Statewide Excess Liability Fund Representative
 Transportation Committee
 Volunteer Fire Companies
 War Veterans
 Warren Haven
 Welfare Board

Freeholder Susan A. Dickey

Audio Visual Aids Comm.
 Board of Elections
 Boards of School Estimate
 Correctional Center
 County Adjuster
 Cultural and Heritage Commission
 Domestic Abuse and Rape Crisis Center
 Economic Development and Tourism
 Gypsy Moth Spraying
 Housing Committee
 Housing Program
 JTPA
 Jury Commission
 Law Library
 Legal Services
 Library Commission
 Medical Examiner
 Mobile Eye Clinic
 Mosquito Extermination Commission
 Planning Board
 Private Industry Council of Morris/Sussex/Warren
 Recreation Commission
 Resource Conservation and Development Program
 Shade Tree Commission
 Superintendent of Schools
 Trustee - Warren County Legal Services
 Vo-Tech
 Weights and Measures
 Welfare Board
 Women's Commission

All Three Freeholders

Freeholder's Office
 Treasurer
 Purchasing Department

County Counsel
 Information Systems

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s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Dickey: no Mr. Miller: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes

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RESOLUTION 7-94

On motion by Mrs. 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, 1994.

**RESOLUTION DIVIDING WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES
INTO THREE DISTRICTS AND ASSIGNING A FREEHOLDER
LIAISON TO EACH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1994**

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 C. Miller</u>
Belvidere	Knowlton Township
White Township	Liberty Township
Oxford Township	Hope Township
Blairstown Township	Pahaquarry Township
Hardwick Township	

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

<u>District No. 3:</u>	<u>Freeholder Jacob C. Matthenius</u>
Phillipsburg	Lopatcong Township
Alpha Borough	Harmony Township
Pohatcong Township	Greenwich Township
Franklin Township	

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s/Melinda Rae Carlton, Clerk

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

RESOLUTION 8-94

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Matthenius, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren at a meeting held January 2, 1994.

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN
FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF WARREN FOR THE YEAR 1994**

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, the Open Public Meetings Act, the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren for the year 1994. All regular meetings shall be held in

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the Freeholder Meeting Room, Administration Building, Route #519, Belvidere, New Jersey on:

January	12 at 9:00 A.M.	July	13 at 9:00 A.M.
January	26 at 7:00 P.M.	July	27 at 7:00 P.M.
February	9 at 9:00 A.M.	August	10 at 9:00 A.M.
February	23 at 7:00 P.M.	August	24 at 7:00 P.M.
March	9 at 9:00 A.M.	September	14 at 9:00 A.M.
March	23 at 7:00 P.M.	September	28 at 7:00 P.M.
April	13 at 9:00 A.M.	October	12 at 9:00 A.M.
April	27 at 7:00 P.M.	October	26 at 7:00 P.M.
May	11 at 9:00 A.M.	November	9 at 9:00 A.M.
May	25 at 7:00 P.M.	* November	22 at 9:00 A.M.
June	8 at 9:00 A.M.	December	14 at 9:00 A.M.
June	22 at 7:00 P.M.	December	28 at 9:00 A.M.

* Please note that the second meeting in November is being held on Tuesday instead of Wednesday. Also note that the November and December meetings are all day meetings to begin at 9:00 A.M.

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: Mrs. Dickey: no Mr. Miller: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes

RESOLUTION 9-94

On motion by Mrs. 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, 1994.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BLAIRSTOWN PRESS 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

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 N.J.S.A. 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: Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes

RESOLUTION 10-94

On motion by Mr. Miller, 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, 1994.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER AND THE DIRECTOR OF

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

RESOLUTION 11-94

On motion by Mr. Miller, 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, 1994.

**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 and Washington Branches; 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's 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 Blirstown Branches be and the same is hereby designated as the depositories of the County's public

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monies received by the Warren County Nutrition Program for the Elderly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Summit Mortgage Company, Short Hills Branch be and the same is hereby designated as the depository of the County's public monies received by the repayment fo 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: Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes Mr. Matthenius:yes

RESOLUTION 12-94

On motion by Mr. Miller, 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, 1994.

**PROVISION UNDER N.J.S. 40A:4-19 TO OPERATE UNDER A
TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,211,516.00
THROUGH THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE 1994 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 1993 Budget, excluding the amount of the appropriations for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance is \$13,211,516.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following temporary appropriations in the total amount of \$13,211,516.00 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: Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes

RESOLUTION 13-94

On motion by Mrs. 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, 1994.

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

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

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County of Warren that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make 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: Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes

RESOLUTION 14-94

On motion by Mr. Miller, 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, 1994.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO
THE WARREN COUNTY WELFARE BOARD**

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

Dr. John W. Borino

Terms to expire: 12/31/98

R.D. 1, Box 122

Great Meadows, NJ 07838

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

Freeholder Director Matthenius introduced Congressman Richard Zimmer who congratulated Mr. Miller and pointed out that he has attended all of Ken's swearing-ins.

Senator William Schluter also congratulated Mr. Miller and said that we have good government at the local and county level due to good leadership.

Assemblyman Chuck Haytaian mentioned that he campaigned for Ken and congratulated him for winning his fourth term to this office. Mr. Haytaian said that his winning shows that the people want continuity and that they know good people when they see them. Ken is always right on the issue and Chuck considers him to be a long-time friend. He also mentioned that once you fight the good fight, it's over. Once it's over, it's over.

Assemblyman Haytaian also read a proposal from Henry Monetti regarding the donation of land to the county.

Assemblyman Leonard Lance said that what we do here today reaffirms the basic values of the American society. Warren County is on the threshold of tremendous progress.

Former Freeholder Chris Maier extended his congratulations to Mr. Matthenius, Mr. Haytaian and Mr. Miller and to Ken, said he was much impressed with his dedication and

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sincerity.

Former Freeholder Tony Fowler extended his congratulations to everyone and asked the board to keep a firm hand on the budget this year.

Former Freeholder Jim Swick congratulated Ken and said he admires his honesty and diligence.

At this time, Freeholder Director Matthenius welcomed all the mayors in the audience and thanked them for attending.

Under freeholder comments, Freeholder Dickey said that she looks forward to working with the board in 1994.

Freeholder Miller thanked Mr. Monetti for his generous proposal of a donation of land to Warren County. Mr. Miller said that he is proud and appreciate of all the support given to him and is ready to serve another term. He is proud of the confidence in him shown by friends and neighbors.

Mr. Miller said that he supports agriculture, industry, business, recreation and tourism and has always tried to be supportive of all these activities.

He is in favor of increasing our educational opportunities by expanding the library system, the construction of a permanent college campus, and he supports the Educational Coordinating and Planning Committee, a committee that was created by discussions that he instituted.

He is in favor of protecting the environment and supports solid waste projects, has increased recycling from 3% to 30%, supported the open-space referendum, helped the senior citizens by adding an additional site, funded adult day-care, established the Echo Housing project, supported the improvements for county roads and bridges, increased the local bus service and supports farmland preservation.

He is looking ahead to continue to improve the quality of life in Warren County without jeopardizing the character of our county. He feels we must commit to a plan of action to broaden the tax base to begin lessening the tax burden on our residents.

He pledges to continue to support the efforts in the area of economic development and the creation of an improvement authority which can help the municipalities through purchasing at substantially reduced rates. He hopes to continue efforts to remain fiscally conservative.

He would like to see expanded services in mental health, special school needs and ADA compliance. Also, he supports funding for transportation needs, updating the skills of our employees and the concept of State mandate, State pay.

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Mr. Miller said that the opportunities for our future here in Warren County are limitless. We must share our ideas and dreams. He mentioned that he believes that most of the hard issues are behind us and that this board must pull together and work together for the common good of the citizens of Warren County. We need a year of cooperation and consideration and he will continue to do his best to improve the quality of life in Warren County. He asks for the continued support in the future to allow him to do so.

Freeholder Matthenius thanked everyone for coming and wished them all a happy and prosperous 1994. He thanked the administrator and the county employees for all their help. He asked the board to work together this year so that we can accomplish what needs to be done. He is very pleased with the new emergency management and 911 building, the construction of the new college and the proposed 7 or 8 new units in the Echo Housing program.

As far as the budget is concerned, the board will do their best to keep it down. He is pleased with the department heads who have tried to keep their figures down. He said he is looking forward to the State take-over of the courts as space is a major problem in the county. He feels our maintenance department needs to be increased to keep up with our needs; new facilities, buildings and properties. Also, there are some road projects that need to be looked at. He asked everyone to make a commitment to make the county and the state better places to live and he pointed out that it takes a team to accomplish things.

Mr. Matthenius wished everyone well in 1994 and Mr. Miller invited everyone to a celebration at Apple Mountain, Top of the Green, immediately following this meeting.

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Dickey, and there being no further official business to come before the board on this date, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Mrs. Dickey: yes Mr. Miller: yes Mr. Matthenius: yes

ATTESTED TO:

Naomi J. Stout, Deputy Clerk