

GOVERNMENTAL CLERKS OF GENESEE COUNTY
APRIL 17, 1991, 10:00 A.M., ATLAS TOWNSHIP

This meeting was called to order by Loretta Manwaring, President at 10:00 a.m.

There were 26 people in attendance at the meeting.

Moved by C. Arvoy, supported by D. Woodbury approve the minutes of the January 16, 1991 meeting with the following change on page 2, the 5th paragraph should read "IIMC rather than MMAC." Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Carol Arvoy gave the Treasurer's Report which included the following information: Revenues and Expenditures; Membership Report; Membership Analysis and Non-Voting Governmental Units. Also included was the Membership Report, Membership Analysis and a list of the Non-Voting Governmental Units.

Mrs. Manwaring thanked the Governmental Clerks for the flowers sent in the memory of her brother.

Old Business

Bill Walworth said the Executive Committee met and a recommendation for a change in the By-Laws has been made concerning the voting rights of retired members.

Moved by Bill Walworth, supported by Darene Woodbury to amend the By-Laws in Article 3, Section 2 to read as follows:

"Associate status shall be offered to any retired Clerk or Deputy Clerk.

Said associate shall enjoy all privileges of the association."

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Bill Walworth said he understands the MTA will be on the ballot for the August Primary. Will the County handle the advertisements for the Legal Notice for the County MTA Issue or Cities holding elections.

Mr. Trecha agreed that his office will handle legal notices.

Presentations

John Trecha, Genesee County Clerk, spoke on the Reapportionment of Genesee County. He said every ten (10) years after the Federal Census, the Apportionment Committee has an obligation to determine the size of County Commissioners and areas they will be representing. The City of Flint has lot population, with about 20,000 people leaving the City of Flint. The County-wide population is fairly stable. The growth area is in the Fenton-Linden Corridor. Genesee is one of the 11th largest Counties in the State of Michigan.

The Apportionment Committee consists of five (5) members to include the County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Prosecutor and Chairmen of the Democratic and Republican Parties.

The County will be divided into four areas and public hearings will be held to get the input of the people as to whether there will be a larger or smaller number of County Commissioners representing Genesee County for the next ten (10) years. However, these public hearings don't always bring out a great deal of the public and that is why I am trying to go to as many special interest

groups, such as this group, to get your input. The present Commissioner Board has gone on record to stay the same size as they presently are. Mr. Trecha stated he would like to see a larger board for better representation of the County.

Many of the Commissioner's consider this a full-time job, but in truth, it is not. The Commissioner's are the highest paid in the State of Michigan at a wage of \$24,600.00. The Board of Commissioner's say we cannot afford to have more Commissioners and they are the same people who have the power to reduce the salary if more members are added to the Board.

Mr. Trecha then held a question and answer period.

Loretta Manwaring asked if it would help for each governmental unit to send a letter to the Apportionment Committee to increase the number of Commissioners.

Jackie Hamilton said Atlas Township is very satisfied with their Commissioner and if at all possible, would like to retain their present Commissioner.

Mr. Trecha said districts are not created for people. The public hearing would be a good time to express your views.

Carol Arvoy said the Governmental Clerks is a body and everyone has an interest in this, as the governmental units could have split County Commissioner Districts. We don't want the Cities, Townships and Villages split down the middle.

Richard Saathoff then gave a slide presentation of the Annual IIMC Conference which was held in Little Rock, Arkansas in May of 1990. He also gave some highlights of the IIMC Conference to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan in May of 1991 and urged all to attend if possible. He said Governor Engler was asked to attend the Conference and he turned down the request. Richard also said there will be delegates representing The Netherlands, South Africa, Malaysia, New Zealand and Canada. Michigan Day will be held on Tuesday, May 21st and many of the Clerk's who cannot attend the entire Conference will be coming for just the one day.

Loretta Manwaring said she thinks a letter should be constructed to urge the Governor to attend this important Conference.

Moved by Janet Johnston, supported by Peggy Proffit to send a letter to Governor Engler to reconsider his position on attending the IIMC Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Walworth said the City of Burton has been asked to be presenters at the Conference on Wednesday, May 22nd. He invited everyone to stop by the presentation.

Loretta Manwaring said she has an idea as to how we can try to get more people involved in voter participation. She asked everyone to bring an idea with them to the June 12th meeting as to how you would work to increase voter participation and "Overcome Voter Apathy".

Ida Reed of Flushing Township said she would be driving to the IIMC Conference for Michigan Day should anyone like to ride along.

Peggy Proffit said she would appreciate the Clerk's taking the time to fill out a questionnaire for Police Wages and mailing the responses back to her.

Jackie Hamilton said Louis Hawkins, Flint City Clerk, said he was unable to attend the meetings because the Council Meetings are on the same day as we hold the Governmental Clerk's Meetings.

Jackie also introduced Jerry Ragsdale, Goodrich Village Clerk and welcomed him to the meeting.

Loretta Manwaring set the next meeting for June 12, 1991 and Ida Reed, Clerk of Flushing Township volunteered to hold the meeting at their Township Offices.

Meeting adjourned by Loretta Manwaring at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC
Acting Secretary

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