

GENESEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND TREASURERS
MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 1992, 12:00 NOON
BOSLEY'S RESTAURANT

ATTENDANCE: 40

Mr. Becker called the meeting to order at 12:45 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Becker said Richfield Township now has a new Supervisor, Jeff Houston, as a result of the Special Election.

MTA will be meeting on January 16, 1992 at Richfield Township.

Mr. Becker said our speaker in February will be Jerry Kott of Burnham and Flowers, to explain the retirement program. In March, the County Equalization Department will make a presentation. In April, the speaker will be the Senior Citizens Director from Davison.

Doris Carpenter gave a report from the Treasurer's Ad-Hoc Committee. She said all Supervisors and Mayors were sent a letter regarding the computer system. There are to be no changes made after March 1, 1992. Doris said a meeting would be held regarding the Board of Review and all Board of Review Members could attend this meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER:

John Trecha said the new Supervisor at Richfield Township cannot be sworn into office until after the Board of Canvassers meet.

Mr. Trecha said his budget is being cut and he has lost another person in the Clerk's Office. The Board of Commissioners purchased a new software package to prepare camera ready specimens for our printing. We have eliminated Wolfe Jackson from the election process. This will give us a minimum of \$100,000 to \$150,000 savings in elections this year. Elections are a special field and has very little competition in printing, particularly in the last 10 years. With the new equipment, data will automatically rotate the positions of the candidates and they will then go to the printer. There are now 24 counties throughout the U.S. which has this system. However, Genesee is the only County in the State of Michigan to have this system. The system costs about \$25,000.00.

Mr. Trecha asked that when the Clerks order the A.V. Instruction booklets, they do not order more than is necessary to cut down the cost of printing.

The City of Flint is having an election on February 11th for the 2nd Ward, which will include 10-15 precincts, using the new system.

George Long is impressed with the new system. All tests have worked out well. Once it is loaded, we merely change the candidates in the system and it will do the same thing over and over again. We don't have to send anyone to proof the ballots at the printer, because this is done prior to them going to the printer. We will print the A.V. Ballots in the office with our laser printer.

Mr. Trecha discussed the cost of the election and would like to find ways of saving money with the absentee ballots. One suggestion was to eliminate the styrofoam from the absent voter ballots. Several of the Clerks questioned this idea, as the styrofoam serves as a protection when mailing the ballot.

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Mr. Trecha said the Presidential Primary will be a closed election, but to date, he has not received any particulars from the State Election Division as to how the election will be handled. As the law reads now, a voter must declare his/her party 30 days prior to the election.

Loretta Manwaring stated that all Clerks should have a copy as to what the Democratic and Republican rules are for this election.

Mr. Trecha stated the County Clerk's Office must send to the State Election Division the change in precincts 120 days prior to the August 4th Election.

Mr. Trecha said as soon as their office received information regarding the Primary Election, it would be forwarded to the Local Clerks.

Mr. Becker thanked Mr. Trecha for his information.

Mr. Becker adjourned the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC
Secretary/Treasurer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Beginning Balance	\$17.06
Dues	+32.00
Guest Lunch	- 4.50
Postage	-14.79
Ending Balance	\$29.77