

GENESEE COUNTY CLERK'S/TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION  
APRIL 1, 1998/12:00 P.M.  
WALLI'S SUPPER CLUB, G-4160 W. PIERSON ROAD, FLINT, MI

Jeff Cyphert, President, called the meeting to order at 12:35 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER - MIKE CARR, GENESEE COUNTY CLERK:

Mr. Carr spoke concerning the issue of Executive Form of County Government, the pros and cons. He explained this issue was addressed about 17 years ago and was placed on the ballot, which failed by a 2 to 1 margin. The reason for the failure was the Township people opposed it because they were afraid it would wipe out the township governments and no one had any experience with this form of government. Oakland and Wayne Counties have this form of government and Oakland County is the third fastest growing county in the United States.

Mr. Carr explained the history behind the Executive Form of Government in pre-revolution years. He said in 1968, Bobby Crim, who was the County Board Coordinator, was chairman of the group in Genesee County to change to this form of government. The reason it wasn't adopted was because they didn't want to be the first county to adopt this form of government and there was a 61 member board, which was later reduced to 17 members. The County Board functions as a legislative and administrative branch of government and in the local areas, there is a split between the legislative and administrative duties. An issue of concern in 1981, when this form of government was addressed, was the overcrowding in the jail. A decision had to be made to either release prisoners or build a new jail. Since that time we have built a new jail and that too is filled and now department heads are being asked to cut down in their departments so another new jail can be built. There is no long range plan in county government today.

By using the Executive Form of Government, the County Board loses some of its current power and many departments are done away with and put in groups of six or seven departments. Mr. Carr explained the positive side of this form of government is there would be more efficiency and a strong leader. He said Oakland County is taking the leadership role in trying to get their people to fly out of Bishop Airport with jets to service Oakland County. Our County Board is currently studying this issue and there have been several people come in to speak on this subject. The County Board has indicated to me they will continue to study the issue, but it may be one or two years before being placed on a ballot. The issue can be placed on a ballot either by the County Board of Commissioners or by petitions being circulated, with 14,763 signatures needed. It is up to those who think we should have this form of government to try to get this issue placed on the ballot. He said he isn't certain of how the Townships and Cities view this form of government, but it would give the local officials an opportunity to do their own economic development by working with the County Executive Board.

Mr. Carr entertained questions from the members. He said it is important to let your County Commissioner know if you are interested in hearing the gentleman from MSU speak concerning this issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Cyphert spoke concerning the amendment to Public Act 20, regarding Investment Policy. He said he is working with County Treasurer Dan Kildee to schedule a workshop for April 27, 1998 at the Sarvis Center from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with lunch to follow. The meeting is being sponsored by Bobbie Combs from NBD and Julie Gust from Standard Federal. He said he had fliers and handouts if anyone is interested. He said if the date of April 27<sup>th</sup> is a bad day, the Michigan Municipal Finance Officers Association, Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Association, MML and MMCT have formed a joint venture, to put together five (5) workshops and the cost will be \$25.00.

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Mr. Cyphert noted that the Treasury balance is \$20.00. He said discussion was held by the Executive Board that possibly sometime in the future, an envelope is passed around to help defray some of the miscellaneous costs and services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ginger Spencer gave the report from the Treasurer's Meeting held at the County. (See Attached)  
She noted that the next Treasurer's meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 1998 at the County.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mr. Cyphert turned the meeting over to Marty Donnelly, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

Marty Donnelly gave her report from the Nominating Committee and offered the following list of members as officers for 1998-1999:

President - Virginia Spencer  
Vice President - Janet Johnston  
Secretary - Cheryl Ladd  
Treasurer - Kathy Williams

Program Committee: Cheryl Azelton, Pat Drozdowski and Diane Fortune.

There were no other nominations offered.

A thank you was expressed from the Nominating Committee to all those who have generously agreed to share their time and talents to serve the Genesee County Clerk' and Treasurer's Association.

Moved by Jeff Cyphert, seconded by Carl Liepmann to accept the nominations of officers as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Cyphert expressed his thanks to the members for having served as President and state he enjoys taking part in this organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE  
Secretary

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