GENESEE COUNTY CLERKS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION MEETING
APRIL 5, 1993, 12:00 P.M., R.C. COOPER'S RESTAURANT

ATTENDANCE: 45

Mr. Becker called the meeting to order at 12:16 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The MTA Meeting will be held in Mundy Township on April 15, 1993 at 7:30 P.M.

A Treasurer's Meeting will be held on April 6th at 9:30 A.M.

A Clerk's Meeting will be held on April 15th at 10:00 A.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Becker asked if any of the Treasurer's were interested in the bar coding on the taxes. Several showed an interest.

0LD BUSINESS:

Mr. Becker said the Nominating Committee, consisting of Sara Bachmann, Cheryl Azelton and Marge Bissonnett have selected the officers for next year.

Sara Bachmann, said the officers are as follows: President, Don Becker; Vice President, Janet Johnston; Secretary, Cheryl Ladd; Treasurer, Ginger Spencer. The Program Committee shall consist of Diane Fortune, Cheryl Azelton and Jerry Stadler.

Moved by Walworth, supported by Proffitt to accept the nominations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Becker said Ginger Spencer has taken over the Property Tax Reform Committee for Cheryl Azelton, as Cheryl has had a valve replaced in her heart.

Ginger said questions were sent to Senator John Cherry and State Representative Candace Curtis. They have agreed to explain what was passed in the Senate and the House.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Senator John Cherry and Representative Candace Curtis

Senator Cherry said it is his intention to support the proposal for the June 2nd Special Election. Carman-Ainsworth could end up with less school funding than they presently have. The School Board could raise the mills or maintain the current funding. The millage can only be raised by a vote of the people and they can only raise the millage up to 27 mills. In any instance, this is still property tax relief. The SEV cap is at five (5%) percent of the cost of living and this could cause some municipalities problems on a per parcel basis.

The Constitution guarantees revenue by marking the Lottery and the Sales Tax for school funding. There are some flaws with the proposal, such as the sales tax not being federally deductible and some people will see more of a net increase than a decrease. This will depend on your property and your net income. We will see a net tax shift onto the individual from the businesses. There will be a negative impact on all renters and mobile home parks. We can exempt utility bills from sales tax and eliminate placing one tax from business to individual. The tax abatement plan is flawed but workable. It will need future improvements but is still better than what presently exists.

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Representative Curtis said the House was in session for 21 hours. A brief description of the reform is listed as follows:

Property Taxes will have 18 mills statewide on all classifications of property, plus 9 mills for enrichment purposes or to maintain current funding levels; SEV per parcel capped at 5% or inflation, whichever is less, beginning with the July 1993 tax bill; 1994 freeze as a one year lag in assessments is implemented (SB 146); SB 146 tie-barred to voter approval of HJR-G.

Per Pupil Funding will provide $4,800 per pupil foundation grant for the first 18 mills. Additional mills to be equalized at $100 per mill; First year increase in school funding to be no less than 3% and no more than 10%; Future increases in the foundation grant based on growth in sales tax and lottery revenue.

FICA and Retirement is included in the per pupil grant and the responsibility for maintaining funding shifted to the local level; Agreement to provide in statute that 50% of the increased costs associated with retirement will continue to be paid for by the State.

Adult Education Agreement is to maintain adult education as a separate categorical provision, with the allocation of funds to be determined by the legislature statutorily.

Categorical Aid for Special Education and Preschool to be maintained as a separately funded categorical provisions. All other categorical provisions are included in the per pupil grant.

Replacement Revenue is the two cent ($.02) increase in the sales tax if approved by the voters in June.

Mrs. Curtis explained the Governor said he would never sign a State Tax increase. She said there will be break across the board and everything will level out about the fourth year.

Mrs. Curtis said the people in the 51st District has high mills and they will see a reduction. This bill does not hold local units of government harmless and this is one of the downfalls.

Questions were asked regarding the following items: What affect would this reform have on the Homestead Credit; Headlee Amendment; What happens next should the ballot question fail; What affect this has on renters and mobile home residents and also Senior Citizens.

Mr. Becker said the next meeting will be on June 2nd, which is the same day as the Special Election. Mr. Becker said he would like to have the meeting on June 9th at R.C. Cooper's.

He also said he would like to have the luncheon set up so that when you first come in, the orders are taken at the door along with the payment of the luncheon. This will stop the interruptions we have during our meeting. Everyone agreed to this arrangement.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE - Secretary