

GENESEE COUNTY CLERK'S AND TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION
MAY 4, 1994, 12:00 P.M., R. C. COOPER'S RESTAURANT

ATTENDANCE: 26

Mr. Becker called the meeting to order at 12:40 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The MTA Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 1994 at Gaines Township. At the MTA Legislative Breakfast the topic of summer taxes will be discussed.

Jerry Stadler said he spoke with Gene Thornton from MTA regarding Proposal "A" and the possibility of collecting taxes in September, October and November and be done with it. Cheryl Azelton was at a meeting with some of the schools and they are in agreement with the once a year tax collection. Jerry said he would like to have a resolution passed by this association and send it to Gene Thornton and he will give it to the Legislators. The resolution would have to include three things: 1) Collection of taxes one time per year; 2) Collection of taxes from September 1st thru November 10th of each calendar year would eliminate cash flow problems for both State and Local Governments and School Districts and 3) Provide uniformity of collection throughout Genesee County.

Moved by Carl Liepmann, supported by Ginger Spencer to draft a resolution for taxes to be collected once each calendar year and present the resolution at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Stadler said the change in tax collection would not be done this year, but possibly could be changed in 1995 or 1996.

Cheryl Azelton said she met with Municipal Treasurer's and School Superintendents and discussion was held concerning the collection of summer taxes.

A discussion was held concerning House Bill 4663 regarding Absentee Voting.

Janet Johnston said the Governmental Clerk's of Genesee County met and a letter was sent to the Clerk's Organization and the Michigan Representatives. We don't oppose the bill completely, but oppose it in its present form. Darene Woodbury wrote a letter and it was published in the Journal Editorial Section.

Ginger Spencer said the MTA County Chapter opposes this Bill.

Ginger said David Hayes is working with the County putting together a bid with a good price from the manufacturer for bar coding. He would like any forms still out to be turned in so he knows what kind of equipment each unit needs. If anyone needs a form, please contact me.

GUEST SPEAKER: Chery Wagonlander

Mrs. Wagonlander spoke concerning Mott Middle College. She explained how the program came about and said the program is for students from 9th to 11th grades.

Mrs. Wagonlander said students who are eligible have to be Genesee County area students who have been promoted to ninth grade and demonstrates academic potential. Typically, these are students who are not functioning in a traditional setting, but have the potential to function successfully when provided smaller class sizes, additional counseling support, or varied teaching techniques. Academic deficiencies are not grounds for refusing applicants, but a

student who cannot function in an open, free, college environment will not be admitted. The family must believe that their child can handle the schedule.

Applicants will be interviewed for admissions by a committee that will consists of two Middle College staff members and three members of the Middle College Guidance Component Task Force. Thereafter, the student will be interviewed by a selection committee that will consist of Middle College teachers, counselors, administration, students, parents and MCC staff representatives. The Middle College administrative team for admissions will have the right to make the final determination on acceptance or refusal of each application.

Referrals come from the feeder school as determined mutually with the school district's administration, the high school principal who is in direct communication with the district's superintendent. A student must have a referral from the feeder school to proceed to the application phase of the student selection process. Testing to determine academic strengths and weaknesses will be done on all applicants in order to individualize educational recommendations and/or scheduling.

Factors involved in making the decision as to whether or not the student will be accepted into the program are:

- a. the student's formal release by the feeder school superintendent
- b. the student's past history
- c. the student's needs
- d. the resources of the program
- e. the recommendation of those who know the student
- f. whether or not the student appears to be invested in making a change in his/her life
- e. the student and parent or guardian's signatures on the formal contact agreement for participation.

The final step before entering the Mott Middle College is for students to attend an orientation session.

During our research, we found there are 15 Middle Colleges nationally and Flint is the only one that is multi-district. The Middle Colleges reach people who were originally ready to drop out of school. Genesee County has a 25% drop out rate.

Mrs. Wagonlander said on June 6, 1994, we will have our first graduating class of 120 students. We have had students leave us in their 12th grade year to return to their feeder school to graduate with their class. At first we felt somewhat rejected, but now feel we were a bridge for these students and they can go on to live a successful life.

Mr. Becker adjourned the meeting at 1:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AEE
Secretary