

GENESEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND TREASURERS
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 1, 1993, 12:00 P.M.
R. C. COOPER'S RESTAURANT

Attendance: 33

Mr. Becker called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

Announcements:

The MTA Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16, 1993 at 7:00 P.M. at Montrose.

A thank you was sent from R.C. Cooper's for the Association holding the meetings here last year. As everyone was satisfied, it was agreed to meet there again this year.

Mr. Becker said the MTA District Meeting will be held on October 6, 1993, which is the Clerks/Treasurers regular meeting day. If there are no objections, we will hold our October meeting one (1) week later, being October 13, 1993.

Darene Woodbury said the Clerk's will meet on Thursday, September 16, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at Richfield Township.

Doris Carpenter said there will be a Treasurer's meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. at the County building.

New Business:

The District 13 Meeting will be held on October 6th at the Holiday Inn, Gateway Center.

Mr. Becker said there are major problems with the new tax program. He also said there was an article on Townships being certified to regulate cable rates. Applications will be available October 1, 1993. You can receive an application by contacting Gloria from MTA. She will mail the application to anyone interested.

On Friday, September 3, 1993, there will be a meeting with the County Equalization Department at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Any problems you may be having with the new computer system can be addressed at that time.

Jeff Cypher, Treasurer, Grand Blanc Township, said on a daily basis, the legislature is doing different things on the tax issue. There are many tax issues being discussed and we have a real concern about this. A fax was received from MTA but no information was given regarding a public hearing, in Lansing at 9:30 a.m., on the personal property tax issue. Someone received a fax from the MML and 125 City elected or appointed officials attended this meeting and voiced their concerns and had they not been there, the personal property bill would have passed and gone to the House. Because of the dissatisfaction of the cities, they retracted their stance and the meeting was an information only hearing and no action was taken that day. Mr. Cypher said he would like MTA to keep the Townships informed of any meetings such as this so the local officials could go to Lansing and protect their communities. Communication is very necessary.

Carl Liepmann, Flushing Township Treasurer, said the State Representatives should be contacting the local units of government in the next few days in regards to revenue sharing.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Prosecuting Attorney Arthur Busch, gave an overview of the duties and responsibilities in his office. He said this position is one of the most challenging positions in law in Genesee County. Mr. Busch said one area of concern is the family support cases. There are so many fathers who are not paying their support and this presents many problems for families.

The prosecutor's office consists of 29 assistants and one chief assistant. There are approximately 3,000 felony cases processed every years. We spend three (3) days each week reviewing the cases and planning the strategy for each. The first quarter of this year, there were 2,000 subpoenas delivered. We have implemented reasonable policies in the department and prosecute smart. Mr. Busch shared some statistics about the cases which are handled through his office. He said presently, there is legislation pending changing the appeal process so it doesn't take so much time out of the prosecutor's office.

Mr. Busch said he has set goals for himself as prosecutor. The first goal is to reduce crime in Genesee County. Flint is ranked in the top 15 cities for crime in America. Some of those goals are as follows:

1. Citizens Probation Authority
2. Increasing morale of the employees
3. Promote better inner-agency cooperation
4. Update the management system
5. Address community concerns.

Mr. Busch said he is enthused about his job and should anyone have a complaint, he would like them to contact his office.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AE
Secretary