

GENESEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND TREASURERS MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 2, 1991, 12:00 P.M., BOSLEY'S RESTAURANT

ATTENDANCE: 31

Mr. Becker called the meeting to order at 12:51 P.M.

Mr. Becker said a letter is going out on November 1st from the Genesee County Parks and Recreation regarding the checks submitted to them separate from those going to the County Treasurer's Office. This will bring in about \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00 in revenues. This is not mandated but they would appreciate it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doris Carpenter gave a report from the Treasurers. Amede Hungerford will be retiring on November 1st and his replacement will be Lorraine Burgsell. There will be some changes, but nothing drastic. The next meeting will be November 4th and we need another member of the committee.

Mr. Becker said for each unit of government to invite their Assessor's along to the meeting on November 6th. At the November meeting we will be having someone from the Wellness Program at McLaren Regional Center. Through this program, you can have your cholesterol tested, blood pressure taken and various other preventive health screening done. Several of the municipalities have done this and it makes for better productivity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The MTA Spouses Night Out will be held on Friday, October 18th at 6:30 P.M. Tickets went to the Clerk's a week ago and should be turned in by October 7th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Representatives from Bishop Airport Authority were supposed to be here but I see they haven't arrived as of yet. Local Government Revenue Sharing could be but. We will do what we can and MTA urges the local units to contact their legislatures about the cuts.

Bryce McGinnis, Davison Township, said there is a movement underway to shift everything to the local units of government. We must stand up or this is going to happen. Cities and Townships are being pressured to encourage increase in gas tax.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ken VerBerg, from Michigan State University, discussed the changes we are presently experiencing. We have all enjoyed the unraveling of Eastern Europe and watching how TV brought this on our doorstep. There is a whole new challenge in the United States in terms of leadership. We have a wonderful opportunity to share our experience with those abroad. Another tremendous change coming down the pike and that will be the impact on us in terms of world competition. These changes are inevitable, whether Democrats or Republicans are in the White House. Earlier you eluded to local government decentralization of power from a social and economical standpoint. Michigan is the State that is in trouble from where we were 30 to 40 years ago. In the 1950's we had automobile industry and now that too has decentralized around the country and we now have competition from Japan, Korea and Mexico. Honda has parts from all around the world but is assembled in Tennessee. At one time auto production gave us such a wonderful standard of living in Michigan and now having difficulty maintaining that standard of living in Michigan.

Next year there will be two or three tax issues on the ballot. Your revenue growth is not going to be what you have experienced in past years. At the County level, how are you going to deal with the General Assistance people who are no longer on General Assistance. They are having a tremendous effect on our society and this is a reflection on us. We are going through a significant kind of adjustment in the standards of living. We will have to be more prudent in dollars and in the types of service we provide. We will have to begin to make more important choices.

We will be using more technology and will have to use it more wisely. When you think about hiring personnel, don't short-change yourself on getting the proper training needed.

As Clerks you can attend the classes offered by Michigan State in advancing in your career. The Michigan Municipal Clerk's Institute will be holding classes the first week in December and again April 20-24. The Advanced Clerks Class will be held on December 5th and 6th at the Kellogg Center. On February 13th and 14th, there will be an Advanced Clerks class.

The Treasurer's Institute is not being held at Michigan State. This is done at Central Michigan University in June.

Mr. VerBerg then took questions from the audience. He also explained the program for becoming a Certified Municipal Clerk and Advanced Academy of Education.

Mr. Becker thanked Mr. VerBerg for sharing his time with the Association.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC
Secretary/Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Balance	\$19.85
Dues	+25.00
Postage	-14.50
Guest Lunches	-16.50
Ending Balance	\$13.85