

GENESEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND TREASURERS
SEPTEMBER 5, 1990

ATTENDANCE: 27

The Guest Speaker, Representative Nate Jonker, spoke prior to the luncheon and business meeting, as he was attending a press conference at the Hyatt for Governor Blanchard at 1:00 P.M. today.

Representative Jonker said Governor Blanchard is announcing that he has chosen Libby Maynard as his running mate for Lieutenant Governor. He said this year will be a frustrating campaign for many people. It is surprising how many people in the general public do not know what the public officials do each and every day. He explained he thinks the role of the public official consists of three (3) "C's and a W". They are as follows:

1. Communication - It is essential and important the lines of communication are kept open between the public officials and the general public.
2. Cooperation - Once the lines of communication are open, cooperation is necessary to get government to really work. Everyone wants their programs to continue without seeing an increase in taxes. The State spends \$6.9 billion on schools each year. Recently, I introduced a long-term health care bill for the elderly and the cost of the bill is approximately \$600 million. We are trying to find a working solution to establish a new program with the revenues we presently have available.
3. Caring - We need to care about our working place and stop making jokes against the government. We should be bring respect back into government and care about the institutions we are working for or the office we are elected to. By making jokes, we demean ourselves.
4. Working - One of the things people want to day is to be taxed fairly and use those taxes wisely. Property tax is extracted unfairly. Senior Citizens living on small incomes still pay the same as those of us who are bringing in larger incomes. Property tax is not a fair tax. People don't always see the result of those taxes and this is very upsetting to them. We must make government work effectively. People want their government to work and don't understand when it takes a long period of time for get the end results.

As a member of the Education Committee and Election Committee, the worse thing we have done in our state is to approve the Lottery and the Political Party Preferential Primary. The general public see the Preferential Primary as an infringement on their privacy. Senator Joe Conroy has introduced a Bill, 516, as same day registration as Primary, which would fulfill the requirement of the National requirement and the other solution would be to do away with the Presidential Primary. Representative Jonker said he supports Non-Partisan Election of Township Officials. House Bills 4180 and 4181 have been introduced by Oakland County concerning this issue.

Mr. Jonker spoke highly of Senator Carl Levin and Libby Maynard, candidate for Lt. Governor. He said over the next 10 years, hopefully we can bring faith and trust into government again and hopefully prepare for our children to take over in the next century. Representative Jonker said his office is always open to the public.

Bill Walworth commended Representative Jonker for speaking to the group about the Presidential Preferential Primary problem. He stressed the burden this would put on the local Clerks.

This meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M. by President, Don Becker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MTA Meeting will be held on the third Thursday at Fenton Township at 7:30 P.M.

Spouses Night Out is October 26th at 6:30 P.M.

Loretta Manwaring recently had surgery and flowers were sent by Janet Johnston from our Association.

Two months ago "Paws with a Cause" was here and they were very informative. Hopefully, we can have them back in the near future. Bob Meyer, Clerk at Genesee Township, has set up an Open House for one of our waitresses little girls, who is in need of a Service Dog. The Open House will be held at Bosley's on September 26, 1990 from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. The tickets are \$20.00 each. The cost of getting a dog is about \$4,000.00. The tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the door and checks are to be made out to Bosley's.

Bill Walworth encouraged the Clerks to attend the Clerk's Meeting at Flushing Township on September 19th at 10:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Becker reminded the members of the Census '90 being returned if the estimations are incorrect.

Mr. Barkey thanked those who sent in the forms he requested. He explained Public Acts 112 of 1990 in regards to computer systems and local units of government being compatible with the County. He also apologized for the statements being incorrect which were mailed from his office.

Mr. Becker gave a brief rundown of the guest speakers for the next three months.

October - Equalization and Data Processing Department of Genesee County

November - Vivan Warran of Genesee County Drain Office will speak about drain assessments.

December - Genesee County Parks and Recreation.

Diane Fortune, Deputy Treasurer, asked that a phone call be made to the local governments so if there is an error, it can be explained to the people.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd
Secretary/Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance 9-1-90	\$71.45
Postage for Sept. Mtg.	-12.00
Flowers for L. Manwaring	-30.00
Dues from Sept. Mtg.	+16.00
Ending Balance 9-26-90	\$45.45