

MINUTES
GOVERNMENTAL CLERKS OF GENESEE COUNTY
Thursday, March 16, 2006
Weekdays Restaurant

The meeting was called to order by President Darene Woodbury at 11:15 a.m.

PRESENT:

Darene Woodbury, Julia Morford, Rob Coffman, Debbie Muron, Lisa Holmes, Andrea Barden, Sue Young, Ida Reed, Julie Adams, Cheryl Ladd, Margaret Herriman, Tina Rush, Linda Kingston, Barbara Peel, Jennifer Wills, Myra Hobson, Carol Liddell, Carol Thompson, Michael Dowler, Diane Dowler, Tom Broecker, Jane Lefler, Deborah Cross, Mary Jo Clark, Deanna Korth, Carol Arvoy, Lorri Donovan, Sheri Warner, Lucille Little, Carol Belm, Tere Onica, Tracy Johnston, Karen Miller, and Gayle Webster.

MINUTES and TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Adams, seconded by Clark to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2005 meeting and the Treasurer's Report dated March 9, 2006. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Ms. Woodbury did not have anything to report.

ELECTION REPORT:

Mr. Coffman said the school elections would be held May 2, 2006. The supplies will be in the week of March 20th and the ballots will be available the first week of April. A triplet form will be included with your supplies. This form will accommodate multiple school districts voting within the same precinct by keeping track of all ballots issued for each district. It will replace the last page of the poll book. Anyone that has a school district crossing county lines will receive an additional poll book for each district to record information. May election results will be accumulated at regional sites. Mr. Coffman requested that the PC Cards be delivered to these sites as soon as possible.

Mr. Coffman is considering placing analog telephone lines in each precinct in November. This will allow for faster transmittal of election results. School districts will be responsible for the full costs of the May election, unless the community puts an issue on the ballot. Then they will assume the full costs.

Election classes will be scheduled prior to the August Primary. Election workers are required to take training every two years.

Ballot containers will be certified before June 2006. The Board of Canvassers will be doing this at regional sites around the County. More information will be provided on this issue at a later date.

There is proposed legislation that would require school board elections to be held in November.

Mr. Coffman spoke regarding the purchase of accessible voting equipment. One of these units will be provided for each polling location. The State has released the Invitation to Bid (ITB). He felt the Automark would be selected for accessible voting. This machine will mark the optical scan ballot. Then the ballot would be inserted into the M-100 Tabulator to be counted. This equipment will be delivered in time for the August Primary.

Legislation related to early voting is still at the committee level. This would allow registered voters to apply for an absentee ballot without meeting the current requirements.

The State will be providing a new computer and a flat screen monitor to communities that are currently using QVF equipment. Shortly after that, the State will be dumping digitized signatures into our computers.

In the May election, precincts will be consolidated. Therefore, precincts will be combined at most sites. Contact Mr. Coffman before printing your poll lists. He will be able to help you merge several precincts into one alphabetized poll list.

We can still send applications to registered voters over 60 years of age or to accommodate a permanent absentee list.

State legislation allows local boards to initiate charter election date changes through a resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Gayle K. Webster, CMC
Secretary