

**GOVERNMENTAL CLERKS OF GENESEE COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008
Weekdays Restaurant**

The meeting was called to order by President Darene Woodbury at 11:10 a.m.

PRESENT:

Lisa Holmes, Marti Donnelly, Ida Reed, Lucille Little, George Long, Sue Young, Julie Adams, Margaret Herriman, Jane Lefler, Deanna Korth, Carol Arvoy, Sue DeVernay, Sheri Warner, Debbie Cross. Andrea Barden, Debbie Banyas, Julia Morford, Carol Thompson, Darene Woodbury, Mary Ann Price, Alicia Echols, Kimberly Miller, Karen Miller, Debbie Muron, Lorri Donovan, Sandy Brayton, Andy Badgley, Linda Kingston, Dan McGinnis and Gayle Webster.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Sheri Warner, seconded by Lisa Holmes to approve the meeting minutes of March 20, 2008 and the Treasurer's Report dated June 17, 2008. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Darene Woodbury said Doreen Fulcher was not able to attend due to the recent death of her mother. In addition, she was planning her daughter's open house.

General Remarks:

Julia Morford announced that there would be a MTA Meeting in Flushing tonight. There will be two Eagle Scout awards presented.

Carol Arvoy indicated that Lorraine Bess was very ill. Cards can be sent to her at P.O. Box 1, Otisville, Michigan 48463. E-Mail messages can be sent through carepages.com web site or Lorraine's specific site at becausehelives.

ELECTION REPORT:

George Long said staff members have been researching the possibility of hiring a different maintenance service. In the past, ESS has provided hardware support for the M-100's. He has been in contact with several vendors, including Mr. Dan McGinnis from RBM Consulting. Mr. McGinnis has worked in the election business, as well as ESS for many years. He now works for RBM. Mr. Long explained that the ESS Maintenance Agreement costs have increased. In addition, County officials have not been pleased with the service. Charges have increased by 14% for each M-100 unit. They have invoiced the County \$228.12 for servicing each M-100. With firmware updates, it would be a total of \$258.00 per unit. RBM proposed to offer full hardware service for \$195.00 per M-100. Will Wesley indicated that ESS would raise their firmware costs to \$80.00 a unit if we did not use their service maintenance. Mr. Long said that Mr. McGinnis has met with the Secretary of State office, as well.

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Mr. McGinnis provided pertinent information regarding a contract with RBM Consulting. He has worked for ESS and was familiar with the M-100. He said elections are high visibility and requires good service. He feels his company can provide a higher level of service and be more responsive to our needs. He said the one-year contract offered a lower price of \$195.00 per unit, on site service, part replacements and an annual maintenance inspection. He would like the annual inspection to be done in conjunction with the County. This contract would result in a cost savings. He felt a firmware contract was not necessary because software updates have been completed. If a firmware update were required during the contract period, RBM would cover \$50.00 of the cost per unit. The AutoMarks are covered under the ESS warranty until January 2009.

Mr. Long spoke on issues relating to the August primary. We should be receiving the ballots by June 27th. The supply orders should be in next week.

Mr. Long asked for a consensus from the Clerks on whether they wanted to initiate the new service contract with RBM Consulting. There appeared to be a consensus to proceed with the new contract. Mr. Long thought this would prove to be very beneficial to everyone involved. Invoices will be sent to the individual jurisdictions.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Gayle K. Webster, CMC
Secretary