

**GOVERNMENTAL CLERKS OF GENESEE COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2007
Weekdays Restaurant**

The meeting was called to order by Darene Woodbury at 11:20 a.m.

PRESENT:

Darene Woodbury, Ida Reed, Carol Arvoy, Julie Adams, Christina Rush, Julie Paulson, Carole Liddell, Jane Lefler, Michael Dowler, Sally Lurvey, Terry Edgette, Julia Morford, Lucille Little, Cheryl Ladd, Beth Holm, Andrea Schroeder, Chuck Marshall, Tina Blossom, Bob Krug, Tom Broecker, George Long, Sue DeVernay, Doreen Fulcher, Alicia Echols, Linda Kingston, Ellie Pasco, Sheri Warner, Michelle King, Kim Courts, Debbie Muron, Marti Donnelly, Sue Young and Gayle Webster.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Ida Reed, seconded by Chuck Marshall to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2007 meeting and the Treasurer's Report dated September 12, 2007.
Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None.

ELECTION REPORT:

Doreen Fulcher, Genesee County Director of Elections, reported on the new voter identification requirements that went into effect. Everyone will need to comply with identification requirements in the upcoming November 2007 Election. Voters will need to satisfy the picture identification requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card. Other forms of identification include Federal or State photo cards. Voters who do not bring picture identification to the polls or do not have picture identification can vote by signing an affidavit. New applications could be ordered with the "Affidavit of Voter Not In Possession of Picture Identification" form attached. The information regarding the new State law requirements was included in Election News on September 13, 2007. Mail in absentee voters are not required to show identification. Each precinct should post the new requirements on election day. The Clerks should put this information in the local newspaper to notify their voters of the requirements.

Discussion was held in reference to the January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary Election. The State of Michigan has set this date. However, the political parties still need to agree to hold the election on this date. If they do not wish to hold a January 15, 2008 election, the date could possibly be changed to February 2008. If this were to be done the January date would be cancelled. The deadline to make this determination will be November 14, 2007. The schools could tag on to either the January or February election date. The ballot for the Presidential Primary would not be sent to the printer until after November 14, 2007.

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The State's proposal to add a 1% sales tax did not go through. It will not appear on the November 2007 ballot.

Bill No. 811 that refers to the usage of the AutoMark was delayed. This bill requires a paper print out for voting equipment. It was determined that the printed ballot should be adequate to meet the requirements. This seemed to favor the State's decision to implement the usage of the AutoMark.

The August 2007 election reimbursement checks and billings were sent out from the County.

Ms. Fulcher reviewed the process for having ES&S election equipment repaired. She said the County had some spare equipment available on election day. This equipment has all been tested before each election. However, they do not have enough equipment for everyone that needs repairs. She indicated all repairs would need to be sent to Omaha. You will need to contact ES&S. They will ask you questions, refer to the audit tape and provide directions on how to ship your equipment. ES&S sent her a shipping label to attach to the case. It takes approximately four to six weeks for the repairs to be completed and shipped back. She suggested Clerks ask the company for a replacement in the interim.

There was a brief discussion in reference to the proposed Bill No. 4780 that would require the County to take over some local government services, such as elections. The County opposed taking over election responsibilities from local governments.

Ms. Fulcher asked if e-mail notification was working out for everyone. Generally, the Clerks did not have a problem with receiving information via e-mail.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Gayle K. Webster, CMC
Secretary