

MINUTES
GOVERNMENTAL CLERKS OF GENESEE COUNTY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2005
Weekdays Restaurant

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

PRESENT:

Darene Woodbury, Julia Morford, Bob Krug, Rob Coffman, Debbie Muron, Lisa Holmes, Lorraine Bess, Debbie Banyas, Andrea Barden, Sue Young, Marti Donnelly, Cindy Payton, Ida Reed, Julie Adams, Cheryl Ladd, Margaret Herriman, Melinda Carrier, Lucille Little, Sandy Brayton, Tina Rush, Michelle King, Joe Graves, Pat Drozdowski and Gayle Webster.

MINUTES:

Moved by Ida Reed, seconded by Tina Rush to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2005 meeting as written. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No Treasurer's Report was given.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Darene Woodbury spoke briefly on the reimbursement for ID Cards.

The group welcomed Cindy Payton back from her illness.

Darene said Pat's husband recently passed away. We were glad that Pat could be with us today.

ELECTION REPORT:

Rob Coffman spoke regarding the reimbursement for mailing the ID Cards. The County Clerk's Office spent \$36,113.81 to mail approximately 244,000 ID Cards. The County paid the total expense, so the State will reimburse them. The local governments will not have to submit any paper work for the reimbursement. He said the County is still trying to recoup \$1.3 million for the new voting system.

Mr. Coffman indicated that ESS has completed the software upgrade to the tabulators. The new firmware revision will alert the voter to over votes in more than one office and provide for better reading capability of the ballots. In addition, a cable was replaced in the machine.

Mr. Coffman spoke regarding a Wayne County circuit court ruling that indicated the Clerk could not automatically send out absent ballots to every voter over 60 years of age, unless they requested one. This case did not set a precedence and would not influence other municipalities.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Tina Rush wanted to know if anyone planned to hold a zoning seminar in the near future. If not, Montrose will be holding one in the near future. They have a new zoning board member that needs some training.

Julia Morford from Flushing Twp announced that the MTA was going to meet in Argentine Twp. on September 15, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. She indicated that this group would be holding monthly meetings.

The Genesee County Clerks & Treasurers Association will hold its next meeting Friday, October 14, 2005 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Beach House Bar & Grill Restaurant. The restaurant is located at 3503 Beecher Road. The guest speaker will be Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. Agenda items will include: Early voting, No-excuse absentee voting, Conducting a mid-decade census, ADA voting compliance and dumping digitalized signatures into QVF.

The roll out of new equipment and software updates to accommodate the digitalized signatures are anticipated around the first of next year.

Ms. Woodbury gave a brief report on Grand Blanc's mid-decade census. They picked up over 5,000 new residents, which relates to an additional 1.5 dollars in funding for the township.

Ms. Woodbury asked Julie Adams, Jackie Hamilton and Debbie Cross to be on the nominating committee for the election of officers in December. If anyone would like to volunteer to be on the nominating committee they should call Darene.

Ms. Woodbury asked for some direction on the December Meeting. The group wanted to continue with same type of format as last year.

A brief discussion was held in reference to early voting.

The election dates for 2006 will be the 3rd Tuesday in February, the 1st Tuesday after the first Monday in May, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The Clerks should count on at least three elections next year. These would be held in May, August and November.

Next year there will be two countywide millage proposals. One will be for Parks and the other for paramedics or 911.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Gayle K. Webster, CMC
Secretary