

**GOVERNMENTAL CLERKS OF GENESEE COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008
Weekdays Restaurant**

President Darene Woodbury called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

PRESENT:

Lisa Holmes, Marti Donnelly, Ida Reed, George Long, Doreen Fulcher, Sue Young, Julie Adams, Tina Rush, Tom Broecker, Jane Lefler, Carol Arvoy, Sheri Warner, Debbie Banyas, Julie Paulson, Tere Onica, Julia Morford, Alicia Echols, Darene Woodbury, Karen Miller, Pat Drozdronski, Mary Ann Price, Karen Frasn, Mindy Carrier, Jennifer Naismith, Bob Krug, Brenda Ashley, Debbie Muron, Teresa Kaisney, Terry Edgette, Sally Lurvey, Marry Ann Mills, Leanne Pennington, Charles Marshall 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 September 15, 2008. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Darene Woodbury acknowledged the thank you card that was send by Gayle Webster. The Genesee Clerks sent flowers to her due to the death of her father.

The Manwaring Committee will select an award recipient. The presentation will be made at the December meeting.

Ms. Woodbury asked Julia Morford to organize a nominating committee to determine the slate of officers for next year. The election will be held at the December meeting.

ELECTION REPORT:

Doreen Fulcher indicated that the Bureau of Elections had several pieces of material that they wanted sent to the precincts. These items will be included in the election supplies.

The County has been conducting an inventory of their election equipment and discovered some items were not returned to the appropriate owners. We need to have all election equipment at its proper location before RBM comes out to perform service. Make sure you have the same equipment you purchased. In the future, all County replacement machines must be returned as soon as the equipment is released. All jurisdictions are responsible for their equipment repairs.

The County sent the ballot proofs to all Clerks via email. The ballots were sent to the printer September 17, 2008. Doreen will keep us up-to-date on the delivery schedule. We should start expecting calls from the printer next week.

September 18th is the deadline to order additional applications. Email Doreen with your order.

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Contact the County as soon as possible with a number count of your workers that are expected to attend Election Classes. In addition, Flint Twp. will be having an election class October 25, 2008 from 9-11 a.m.

RPM will begin tabulator repairs the week of September 29, 2008. Email Dan McGinnis with any equipment problems at dmcginnis@gorbm.com. There may be some general maintenance done on the M-100s at that time.

RBM has suggested that we conduct Post Election Testing. Once the election equipment has been released, a test deck could be run through every tabulator to determine if it is functioning properly. RBM believes that this could give us advance notice that problems exist, rather than finding out immediately preceding an election. These problems could be resolved well in advance of the next election. This post-election testing will be strictly on a volunteer basis. Each municipality will be receiving one PCM card and one test deck to conduct their post testing. This test deck can be used after all elections and for training purposes. Doreen will contact us, when they are ready for pick up. In addition, the County has test deck ballots for the AutoMarks.

The County will be sending out voter registration applications as soon as possible. Their office has been inundated with these forms. Several groups are conducting voter registration drives, such as ACORN and Progressive. It is very hard to keep up with the volume being submitted.

If you are in need of additional election supplies, send an email to Doreen as soon as possible.

The Accuracy Test is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2008. The County will be providing the test decks and totals for the upcoming elections.

Please fax all write-in Declaration of Intent Forms to the County, as soon as possible. The deadline for these candidates is October 24, 2008. In November, the write-ins will have no party affiliation. There is a State law that indicates that stickers can be used for write-ins. These candidates should be told where to place the stickers and to fill in the oval on the ballot. In addition, there are requirements for using the correct stickers. Some of the concerns included: making sure the sticker was pressed down to adhere to the ballot, the labels were a certain thickest and raised ink would cause the machine to jam.

Ms. Woodbury suggested we need legislation that designates people who lose in the August Primary should not be able to run as a write-in in the November General Election.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Gayle K. Webster, CMC
Secretary

