

Minutes
Governmental Clerks of Genesee County
Thursday, December 16, 2004
Weekdays Restaurant

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

PRESENT:

Cheryl Ladd, Ida M. Reed, Carol Arvoy, Darene Woodbury, Mary Jo Clark, Marti Donnelly, Sue Young, Jennifer Wills, Mindy Carrier, Pat Drozdowski, Lucille Little, Lisa Baryo, Deanna Korth, Carole Liddell, Myra Hobson, Carol Thompson, Julia Morford, Megan Fischer, Terry Edgette, Sally Lurvey, Sheri Warner, Rick Frost, Debbie Cross, Mary Hopkins, Juanita Aguzian, Sue DeVernay, Beth Perkins, Mary Ann Mills, Celeste Swyck, Martha Lahring, Joe Graves, Sandy Brayton, Julie Adams, Kim Courts, Richard Saathoff, Lorri Donovan, Linda Lirtch, Jackie Hamilton, Mary Lutz, Ellie Pasco, Barbara Peel, Beth Holm, Jane Lefler, Linda Kingston, Carol Belm, Cindy Payton, and Gayle Webster.

MINUTES:

The minutes of September 16, 2004 were corrected, deleting Manwaring from the first sentence of the President's report.

Moved by Hamilton, seconded by Ladd to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2004 meeting as revised. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Webster, seconded by Saathoff to accept the Financial Report and the proposed Budget. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Darene Woodbury said that Linda Steinley a retired Clerk from Mt. Morris recently passed away.

There was agreement to use the same facilities next year. Darene will submit the meeting dates for the upcoming year.

ELECTION REPORT:

Rob Coffman said the Presidential Election went pretty smooth. The State Election bureau complimented us on a good election. We were the second largest County to have our results reported to the State that night. He thanked everyone for doing a good job. Clayton Twp will have a recount next week due to a close Trustee Race.

School Consolidation

Local clerks will be responsible for school elections next year. The intention is to have everyone vote in the same polling location. There might be some consolidation of precincts to accommodate school elections. On February 22, 2005, Atherton and Swartz Creek Schools will be holding special elections. Some voters may need to be contacted regarding the new school precinct locations. Twenty schools districts picked the annual May election date. Atherton Schools selected the November date. Coordinating committee meetings will be held in January. These meetings will be made up of the County Clerk, Local Clerk and a school representative. School districts have until the end of the year to select an election date or it will default to the odd year November election. Election workers will be paid their current rate. He suggested we do a countywide survey to determine what election workers are being paid. To be consistent, it would be nice to set up a standard pay scale. The State has recommended we use the same type of reimbursement form that we have used in the past for the Presidential Preference Primary. Most costs associated with the elections will be reimbursed. However, normal staff time cannot be charged. The Clerks will bill the County for the school elections. In turn, the County will bill the school districts. This should expedite the collection process. Mott Elections will be held on every odd year May date. Election dates are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday in February and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, August and November.

ES&S will be doing their annual maintenance checks in January. We are getting a new version of firmware for the machines. This will help with the pencil mark problems and designing the ballot.

Mr. Coffman said it was beneficial to use a local printer. He planned to use them for future elections.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Jackie Hamilton contacted the current officers and they were willing to serve another year. She opened the floor up for nominations. There were none. She suggested that we re-elect our current board for another year. She entertained a motion to unanimously adopt and reappoint these members.

Moved by Kingston, Seconded by Ladd to reappoint the current officers for another year.

Darene Woodbury - President
Sherri Warner - Vice President
Carol Arvoy - Treasurer
Gayle Webster - Secretary

Motion carried. The current board was re-elected for another year.

LORETTA MANWARING AWARD:

Carol Arvoy presented Robert Coffman with the Lorretta Manwaring Award for 2004. Mr. Coffman was honored to receive the award.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Gayle K. Webster, CMC
Secretary

