

Clinton County Government Study Commission Meeting
August 29, 2007
Minutes

Call To Order:

Chairman Mike Hanna called the Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was participated in by all present.

Roll Call:

Ms. Gardner took roll call as follows:

Present were: Ms. Deb Day, Mr. Mike Hanna, Mr. Dan Harger., Ms. June Houser, Mr. Richard Novosel, Mr. Terry O'Connor, Mr. Les Robinson and Dr. Bob Wise arrived at 7:10 p.m. .

Absent were: Dr. Kathleen McQuaid, Ms. Coreena Meyer, and Mr. Ernie Renninger.

Approve Agenda:

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the August 29, 2007 agenda as presented. Mr. Harger seconded the motion. Ms. Gardner took a roll call vote whereby the motion to approve the August 29, 2007 agenda was approved unanimously.

Reports:

Invoice Review:

Treasurer O'Connor presented an invoice of \$38.25 for secretarial services.

Mr. Harger made a motion to approve payment of the invoice totaling \$38.25. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Ms. Gardner took a roll call vote whereby the motion to approve payment of the invoice totaling \$38.25 was approved unanimously.

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New and Continuing Business:

Ms. Day reviewed the two proposals received for printing and mailing of the Charter to

the citizens of Clinton County. She reviewed the residential mailing list that the will be used for the mailing. The mailing will consist of the Charter report and summary which are approximately 12 pages. The 2 bids prices were as follows:

Reese's Print Shop	Art Printing
\$6,806.00 for third class bulk rate mailing	\$8,515.00 for third class bulk rate mailing
\$8,500.00 - regular mail	\$10,825.00 - regular mail

Mr. Novosel will attend the Commissioner's meeting on Thursday to request that the Study Commission be allowed to use the County's bulk rate permit for this mailing. It was noted that possibly another government agency may let the Commission use their bulk rate permit.

It was noted that the Study Commission has approximately \$10,000 left in the budget.

Ms. Houser made a motion to accept the bid of Reese's Print Shop for the Charter mailing. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. Ms. Gardner took roll call vote whereby the motion to accept the bid of Reese's Print Shop for the Charter mailing was approved unanimously.

Ms. Day noted that there will be 11,000 copies printed which allows almost 500 extra copies available for anyone who needs one. The Commission will schedule the mailing for mid-September. It was suggested that the Commission submit a news release when the mailing is ready stating that the citizens should watch for the Charter mailing in the next week.

The Commission noted that complete copies of the Charter are available for review at the Commissioner's office, Ross Library, Renovo Library and the Commission's website. Also anyone who would like a copy of the complete Charter can contact any Commission member.

Meeting Minutes:

Mr. O'Connor made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 27, 2007 as presented. Ms. Houser seconded the motion. Ms. Gardner took roll call vote whereby the motion to approve the June 27, 2007 minutes was approved unanimously.

Additional Meeting:

Ms. Houser made a motion to schedule two meetings in October: one for October 10 and the other one for October 24, 2007. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. Ms. Gardner took roll call vote whereby the motion to approve the scheduling of two meetings in October: one for October 10 and the other one for October 24, 2007 minutes was approved unanimously.

Communication:

Mr. Robinson announced that Lancaster County is going forward with their Charter Study and may be contacting Commission members for information.

Public Comment:

One again the public voiced its concern over the statement in the Charter regarding a professional attitude attracts more growth.

A member of the public, who had been unable to attend meetings in the past, presented a number of questions that he had. The Commission reviewed the history of many of their decisions regarding the Charter including:

- Appointed versus elected County Executive.
- Districts versus at-large for the Legislative Branch; noted public was in favor of at-large presentation.
- Salary changes.
- Tax collection.
- Budget process being more open.
- Transition Committee.

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- Qualified Tax Appeals Board
- Need for a full time controller.
- Minority representation.
- District structure when it was being considered.
- Minority Report; noted the report was printed in the local newspaper.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 08:35 p.m.

Deb Day, Secretary
Clinton County Government Study Commission

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