

Clinton County Government Study Commission Meeting
January 24, 2007
Minutes

Call To Order:

Chairman Dan Harger called the Commission to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Clinton County Resource and Education Center. 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. Coreena Meyer, Mr. Richard Novosel, Mr. Terry O'Connor, Mr. Ernie Renninger and Mr. Les Robinson.

Absent was: Ms. June Houser, Dr. Kathleen McQuaid, and Dr. Bob Wise.

Pennsylvania Economy League representative present was Mr. Charles Watters and Mr. Joe Boyle.

Approve Agenda:

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the January 24, 2007 agenda as presented. Mr. Hanna seconded the motion. Ms. Gardner took a roll call vote whereby the motion to approve the January 24, 2007 agenda was approved unanimously.

New and Continuing Business:

Defining Districts:

The PEL presented the three additional map scenarios as requested at the last meeting. Mr. Hanna also presented a map scenario for review.

The rules of defining districts are

- One man one vote.
- Municipalities in a district must be contiguous to each other.
- The Commission did not want to split any municipalities.

The Commission discussed which scenarios gave each region of Clinton County the best representation.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the four district map scenario entitled Clinton County 2 (pink, green, blue and red colors). Mr. Hanna seconded the motion. Ms. Gardner took a roll call vote whereby the motion to approve the four district map scenario entitled Clinton County 2 was approved as follows: Seven Yeas and One Nay being Mr. O'Connor.

Salaries:

Ms. Day presented the summary of salaries for various positions in Sixth Class Pennsylvania Counties. The Summary showed the current salaries for Clinton County, the salaries for 2011 in Clinton County, and the average of the salaries for the other Sixth Class Counties and proposed salaries under the Home Rule Charter. The Charter salaries were established by starting with the average salary and adding cost of living.

Mr. Renninger made a motion to accept the Charter salaries as presented on the Summary Sheet with the following clarifications:

- **Listed Salaries for Hired Executive and Clerk of Legislators is a maximum amount.**
- **Seven Legislators total amount should be \$35,500.00.**
- **District Attorney's salary will be in keeping with State Law.**

Ms. Day seconded the motion. Ms. Gardner took a roll call vote whereby the motion to approve the Charter salaries were approved as follows: Seven Yeas and One Nay being Mr. O'Connor.

The PEL stated at the next meeting the Study Commission should start to review the Second Revised Drafts with a fine tooth comb pointing out all grammar, typos, and policy issues.

The PEL stated that each Commission Member needs to put in writing justification for what the problems were and how their decisions will fix the problems. The PEL will start developing the Summary of Facts for the final report. Public Hearings will need to be scheduled soon.

Budget:

The Commission stated the budgeted amount for 2007 was \$24,000 which was the amount leftover from the original \$50,000 for 2006. Treasurer O'Connor stated that the Commissioners Office has not official notified the Study Commission on the exact budgeted amount for 2007.

Mr. Renninger made a motion that Ms. Meyer send a letter to the Commissioners

Office asking them to put in writing confirmation on the exact budgeted amount in 2007 for the Study Commission. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. Ms. Gardner took a roll call vote whereby the motion to approve Ms. Meyer sending a letter to the Commissioners Office asking them to put in writing confirmation on the exact budgeted amount in 2007 for the Study Commission was approved unanimously.

Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2007:

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 17, 2007 as presented. Mr. Hanna seconded the motion. Ms. Gardner took roll call vote whereby the motion to approve the January 17, 2007 minutes was approved unanimously.

Reports:

Invoice Review:

Treasurer Mr. O'Connor presented invoices for approval totaling \$235.50 which included:

\$ 60.00 - Technology expenses
\$175.50 - Secretarial expenses

Ms. Day made a motion to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$235.50. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. Ms. Gardner took a roll call vote whereby the motion to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$235.50 was approved unanimously.

Communication:

Ms. Day presented an overview of her recent appearance on the radio show "Organ Melodies" where she had reviewed what the Study Commission has done over the past year.

Public Comment:

It was noted that a final report and summary is important to present to the public. It was noted that it is vital that the Commission be on the "same page" when presenting the Charter to a public forum.

The Commission noted that the Charter needs to be the best complete package it can be no matter what individual decisions may not have been the majority decision.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 09:11 p.m.

Deb Day, Secretary
Clinton County Government Study Commission

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