COUNCIL OF ELECTION OFFICIALS
MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2014

At a regular meeting of the Council of Election Officials held on June 18, 2014 at 9:09 a.m. at the Delta Township Hall, Lansing, Michigan:

Chairperson Lauri Braid (Shiawassee County Clerk) called the meeting to order.

Members present: County Clerks – Lauri Braid (Shiawassee), Larry Kestenbaum (Washtenaw), Sharon Tyler (Berrien), Tina Leary (Van Buren), Pattie Bender (St. Joseph), Tim Snow (Kalamazoo), Local Clerks – Chris Swope (City of Lansing), Joseph Bridgman (Huron Township), Jan Roncelli (Bloomfield Township), Sarah Bydalek (City of Walker).

Others present: Chris Thomas (BOE), Bill Zaagman (GCSI)

Chris Thomas spoke about the following topics and bills:
Conyers issue with petition circulation, judge ordered on the ballot. Needs legislation to correct. Personal Property Tax issue on the ballot. On the Voting systems the subcommittees are finishing their results, but are a long way from an RFP. Money will be the biggest issue.

Bill Zaagman covered the following bills and topics:
HB 4001 – voted out of the House, but will not see it move out of the Senate.
HB 5193 – closed session, passed the House, pending legislation.
HB 4363 – elected officials be present, passed the House, no further movement.
HB 5560 – Government legal notices, would create a tier approach to publications.
HB 5584 – eliminates the February election date.

Moved and seconded to support HB 5584.

PA 94 of 2014 – Miscellaneous Election changes related to signature gathering.
HB 4693 – Return of Election Materials, on hold
HB 4878 – Local Elections, allows local government clerks to receive assistance. Passed the House, in the Senate.
HB 4833 – Raising Recount Fee – Bill is pushing for senate action
HB 5635 – Allows electronic return of absentee ballots by members of the military and overseas.

Moved and seconded to support HB 5635.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.
Chris Swope
Lansing City Clerk