At a regular meeting of the Council of Election Officials held on February 16, 2011 at 10:40 a.m. at the Delta Township Hall, Lansing, Michigan:

Chairman Joel Hondorp (Byron Township Clerk) called the meeting to order.

Members present: County Clerks – Joyce Watts (Allegan), Tim Snow (Kalamazoo), Lauri Braid (Shiawassee), Larry Kestenbaum (Washtenaw County) Local Clerks – Linda Shannon (Auburn Hills), Joel Hondorp (Byron Township), Dan Kasunic (Kentwood), Chris Swope (Lansing), Terri Kowal (Shelby Township), Heidi Isakson (Wyoming).

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

Chris Swope moved, supported by Larry Kestenbaum, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Bill Zaagman went over potential Legislative Priorities. He would like a list of 4 or 5 from the list that are our top priorities and would like him to work on specifically. He speculated on the budget, but there are not many details yet.

The Legislative Reception is scheduled for March 23, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Capitol. CEO will meet with Senator Dave Robertson and possibly St. Rep. Peter Lund in the morning before the reception. We will try to meet with the Secretary of State in the afternoon after the reception. Bill Zaagman will work on getting rooms for us to meet and will get back with us. Tara Paksi will send out invitations and take RSVP’s for all Legislators, MACC and MAMC.

Chris Thomas spoke about using reapportionment as a way to clean up the QVF. They are going to be working on legislation to get rid of antiquated language such as references to punch cards and voting machines. That led to a discussion on Automark and future election machine purchases. There are no plans at this point for any future purchases. Discussion regarding the status of test deck software.

Next meeting on March 23, 2011 before the Legislative Reception. More details will be sent at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Lauri L. Braid
Shiawassee County Clerk