The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ulrich

The following were present: Chris Swope, Janice Vedder, Terri Kowal, Dana Muscott, Ann Ulrich, Lorna Wilson, Joan J. Raap, Ed Weessies, Terri Hegarty, Sharon Tischler, Rob Flynn, Kathy Dornan, Tom Frazier (MI Twp. Assn)

Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2006 was deferred to the next meeting.

Tom Frazier discussed campaign finance bills that are moving and the Presidential Primary proposals that are being discussed by the Party Chairs.

Janice Vetter asked for support of bills Rep. Jones is introducing to allow school districts to hold their elections in August. By consensus, the committee supported the issue.

Review Bill Matrix: The committee reviewed a number of bills with Bill Zaagman from GCSI and took the following positions:
HB 4030 (paid circulator regulations) – support
HB 4048 (no reason AV) – support with early processing
HB 4084 (electronic records) – support
HB 4085 (recall petitions) – support with reservation
HB 4090 (early voting) – support concept
HB 4134 (no reason AV) – support with early processing
HB 4183 (Detroit school elections) – no position
HB 4231 (voter ID to PO Box) – support
HB 4246 (IGTFR contract contents) – need more information
SB 12 (no reason AV) – support with early processing
SB 13 (register on Election Day) – oppose
SB 83 (hunting license voter registration) – need more information
SB 126 (early voting) – support concept
SB 127 (1st time voters AV) – support
SB 135 (permanent AV list) – support
SB 139 (recall criteria) – support with reservation
SB 160 (AV application mailing) – support
SB 161 (no-fault insurance) – no position
SB 190 (recall criteria) – need more discussion
SB 202 (permanent AV) – oppose this version as too restrictive
The committee supports a bill to allow clerks to register other municipality’s voters – not having those voters considered “mail in” registrations.

The committee adjourned at 11:00 a.m.