MAMC
Legislative Committee Minutes
(unofficial – no quorum)
May 17, 2006
Delta Township

There are no official minutes of the May 17, 2006 meeting of the MAMC Legislative Committee because of a lack of a quorum of its members present.

Members present: Mary Kotowski, Sharon Tischler, Terri Hegarty, Janice Vedder, Ed Weessies, R.J. Poel, Janet Santos, Jill Bastian.

Others present: Tom Fraizer, MTA, Chris Thomas, Bureau of Elections, and Bill Zaagman.

Items discussed:

1. Fingerprints and picture ID.
2. HB 5705 (Oppose.) Should be for AV ballot applications, not for AV ballot return envelope.
3. HB 5852 (No position.) Who pays for special elections, on one of 4 dates vs any other date; political issue between Legislature and Governor.
4. HB 5892 (No position.) Call a Constitutional Convention early.
5. HB 5964 (Get more information.) Retention of electronic records.
6. HB 5965 (No position.) Recall provisions.
7. HB 6007 (Support, but implement no earlier than 2008.) Picture ID to vote.
8. HB 6026 (Prefer every other year – odd year.) Technical amendments to school code; to accompany HB 4755 which would restrict school elections to November.
9. HB 6022 (Support.) Inactive Vote File – Chris Thomas asked for Clerks’ support.

Copies of a list of pending elections bills were distributed by Bill Zaagman. He reported that political differences between the two parties are preventing good election legislation from being enacted and that the bills on this list are being held up in the Senate. It was consented to meet with two representatives from the County clerk’s Association to prioritize these bills and then meet with the Leaders of the House and Senate to work to get these bills approved.

The June 2006 meeting was canceled unless immediate action is required.

Jill D. Bastian, Clerk
Charter Township of Orion