



**CENTRAL ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CLERKS ORGANIZATION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

Noon

**Pekin City Hall
111 South Capitol Street
Pekin, Illinois 61554**

CALL TO ORDER

President Tarr called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.

PRESENTATION

Tazwell County Clerk, John Ackerman shared election challenges that are faced with the Consolidated elections. He expanded on the frivolous Freedom of Information Act requestors that resulted in increased scrutiny at polling locations.

Mr. Ackerman reported that the Vote by Mail process resulted in a higher voter turn out than Illinois had ever seen. With this process, a Task Force was initiated to review the votes to determine if double voting had occurred. This was found within Illinois, and the individuals were prosecuted. All of the individuals who were discovered as having done this were current college students.

Mr. Ackerman shared that many municipalities around the state are looking at Rank Choice Voting, and a few have a referendum to be included during the next election to make allowance for it. He stated that this would be an auditing nightmare.

Mr. Ackerman hosted a question and answer session with the members present.

ROLL CALL

CIMCO Officers Present:

Stefanie Tarr, President; Angie Huonker, Past President; Nicole Stewart, Vice President;
Tana Ward, Secretary; and Wendy Hundley, Treasurer

CIMCO Members Present:

Mary Barnes (West Peoria), Kelli Bennewitz (Galesburg), Trina Bonds (Peoria), Valeri Brod (Washington), Morgan Cadwalader (East Peoria), Courtney Coe (Peoria), Brandy Dalton (Tolono),

Ericka Gugliotta (Galesburg), Tammy Hintz (Delavan), Sue McMillan (Pekin), Alexandria Reis (Fairbury), and Tierra Schickel (Normal)

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Angie Huonker to approve the December 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Mary Barnes. Motion carried by viva voce vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Hundley presented the Treasurer’s Report. A motion was made by Kelli Bennewitz to approve the report as presented, seconded by Angie Huonker. Motion carried by viva voce vote.

Treasurer Hundley also presented CD options to the members. A consensus was to move forward with two options, both a 6-month option and a 12-month option.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Treasurer Hundley presented the Annual Audit Report that had been approved by the Auditing Committee. A motion was made by Brandy Dalton to approve the report as presented, seconded by Angie Huonker. Motion carried by viva voce vote.

The ByLaws Committee had met to discuss Amendments to Standing Rule 6 (a, b, c) that should be considered by the membership. Morgan Cadwalader and Courtney Coe presented these amendments. This item will be brought forward to the April meeting for consideration after the 30-day notice to the membership.

NEW BUSINESS

The Website Committee discussed possible changes to the Municipal Clerks of IL website, and questioned if CIMCO should mimic these changes. This item is only a recommendation with MCI, and is currently under consideration with the Communications Committee. Courtney Coe shared details of a Public versus Private section to the CIMCO site, and which items could be included within each section. She expanded further on the possibility of additional resources that could be made available.

Webmaster Tana Ward shared updates that had been incorporated to the current website regarding the CIMCO Board, Committees, and Membership Rosters, as recommended with the elimination of the Telephone Committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

President Tarr shared the upcoming schedule dates of note.

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| ○ MCI Spring Seminar | April 4-5, 2024 | Champaign |
| ○ CIMCO Meeting | April 10, 2024 | Bloomington – 6:00pm |
| ○ IIMC Annual Conference | May 19-22, 202 | Calgary, Alberta, Canada |
| ○ CIMCO Meeting | June 13, 2024 | Savoy – 6:00pm |
| ○ CIMCO Meeting | August 14, 2024 | Normal – Noon |
| ○ IML Annual Conference | September 19-21, 2024 | Chicago, IL |
| ○ CIMCO Annual Meeting / Officer Election | October 3, 2024 | Peoria, IL – 5:30 pm |
| ○ MCI Institute & Academy | October 6–11, 2024 | Bloomington, IL |
| ○ CIMCO Meeting / Christmas Party | December 11, 2024 | Galesburg, IL – Noon |

ADJOURNMENT

Angie Huonker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nicole Stewart. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm.

Tana Ward

CIMCO Secretary

MCI District Six Director

Village Clerk, Thomasboro, IL

Deputy Village Clerk, Rantoul, IL