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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 437

Date Meeting Held: 1/17/72
Hour Meeting Held: 11:00 A.M.

Committee Chairman: Oscar L. Anderson

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: General Procedures

Roll Call:

Anderson, Oscar L., Chairman	<u>Present</u>
Blend, Virginia H., Vice-Chairman	<u>Present</u>
Arness, Franklin	<u>Present</u>
Ask, Thomas M.	<u>Present</u>
Erdmann, Marian S.	<u>Present</u>
Jacobsen, Arnold W.	<u>Present</u>
Payne, Katie	<u>Present</u>
Rollins, George W.	<u>Present</u>
Simon, Clark E.	<u>Present</u>
Sparks, M. Lynn	<u>Present</u>
Speer, Lucile	<u>Present</u>

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation or Title</u>
Dan K. Mizner	Montana League of Cities and Towns
Tom Phillips	Montana League of Cities and Towns
Opal R. Eggert	Elected County Official's Association
Denny Curran	Lee Newspapers, State Bureau
Frank Adams	Great Falls Tribune

Chairman Anderson said the purpose of this first meeting is for members to become acquainted and meet the staff. He introduced Jerry Holloron, Research Analyst, who stated his experience and offered his assistance to Committee members.

The Chairman discussed the role of the secretary. He mentioned that there is a postage limitation of \$20 for each delegate, but there will be no bookkeeping on this; it is on the honor system. He also mentioned the limited use of telephone lines.

These Delegates are on the following Committees: Clark Simon, Administrative; Marian Erdmann and Thomas Ask, Rules and Resolutions; Virginia Blend and Lucile Speer, Style, Drafting and Transition; and M. Lynn Sparks and Katie Payne, Public Information.

Miss Pat Chvatal was then introduced. She is the intern assigned to this committee. She is a senior at Carroll College and will write two papers during the Convention.

The Chairman then introduced visitors (named on page 1) who stated their occupations and volunteered help if needed. Rules and procedures for meetings were discussed. These are to be uniform for all committees. After some discussion about the availability of minutes and testimony, a motion was made that the entire Committee be furnished with copies of testimony. It was mentioned that this will be in the rules so the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Mizner offered his assistance. He said if a citizen has an inquiry of a Delegate, he will be available to answer it or contact that person. He will also take care of duplicating any material submitted by his group. He also represents the Fire Chief's Assoc., the Clerks Assoc., Parks and Finance Assoc., and County Attorney's Assoc.

People who don't have any affiliation with an organized group who have suggestions or proposals will have their ideas handled as a citizen proposal through Max Baucus.

Mrs. Opal Eggert spoke briefly. She represents the Elected County Officials Association. This organization does not include the County Commissioners.

Mr. R. D. Zinacker, representing the County Commissioners Association, was not present because the time of the meeting was changed. The Chairman mentioned that he thinks everyone should answer any and all letters from citizens either personally or through lobbyists. The suggestion was made that the secretary be given all letters of proposal for sorting to eliminate duplication.

Mr. Denny Curran, Lee Newspapers, and Mr. Frank Adams, Great Falls Tribune, were also introduced. Mrs. Katie Payne introduced Mr. Bob Buzzas, an intern.

The lobbyists agreed that 3 days' notice is sufficient for hearings on generalities.

There was some discussion on the different places in the Constitution where local government is mentioned. The Committee members should be well versed in all before the hearings start, although our assignment has so far been only Article 16 and Article 19, Section 6.

A motion was made that a hearing for Local Government be called beginning January 24, following the general format of the proposed hearing notice from the Legislative Committee which was presented as a sample (attached). Mr. Holloron was instructed to draw up a proposed hearing notice. The motion was seconded and after some discussion, passed unanimously.

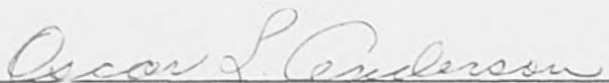
It was mentioned that the Administration Committee wants duplicating work to be pared to a minimum. All suggestions should be brought in and we will consider their worth before duplicating them.


Mr. Holloron distributed a book entitled "LAW FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS."

It was decided to meet tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

There being no further business it was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Time of adjournment: 12:20 p.m.


OSCAR L. ANDERSON, Chairman


PAT ROMINE, Secretary