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MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 437

Date Meeting Held: 1/19/72

Hour Meeting Held: 10:35 a.m.

Committee Chairman: Oscar L. Anderson

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: General

Roll Call:

Anderson, Oscar L., Chairman	<u>Present</u>
Blend, Virginia H., Vice-Chairman	<u>Absent</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>Absent</u>

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation or Title</u>
Denny Curran	Lee Newspapers, State Bureau
Frank Adams	Great Falls Tribune
Bob Buzzas	Intern

The minutes of the January 17 meeting were read by the secretary and approved with a correction pertaining to citizen proposals. It was decided that all Committee members will have a copy of the minutes from now on so they won't have to be read.

A discussion followed on when the Committee will have public hearings next week. The notice decided upon is attached. The manner in which these hearings will be held was also discussed.

The Chairman will find out how broad a range we will be able to discuss and handle in this committee at a meeting of committee chairmen with Mr. Graybill. He asked the opinion of the Committee on what to discuss in the way of assignments and changes. Other committees probably will be discussing the problems of overlapping responsibility.

The Committee discussed whether they should start writing proposals or wait until the public has been heard. Mr. Holloron mentioned that Mr. Graybill will control joint committees. If this Committee wishes to take a stand on an issue, they can send a representative over to testify before the committee that is hearing it.

Miss Chvatal's list (attached) of articles that apply to local government was presented and the Chairman asked the Committee to look these sections over.

Mrs. Erdmann moved that the two attorneys on the Committee prepare a definition of the term "local government" and present it to the Committee at the next meeting. After some discussion, Mrs. Erdmann withdrew the motion.

Mr. Holloron discussed the new Illinois constitution briefly. He was given the assignment of finding out how many other states have constitutions naming local offices and salaries, etc.

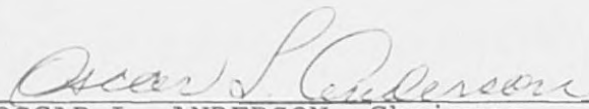
Mr. Jacobsen gave his views of what local government is (attached). A motion was made to include this in the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.


The Chairman asked Mrs. Erdmann to accompany him to a meeting of the Montana Association of Chamber Executives next Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m.

There was more discussion on the submission of written testimony by citizens. It was mentioned that this Committee should concentrate on the final product and not worry about proposals.

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