
NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS NEWSLETTER

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NMCA President says farewell; wishes fellow clerks a Happy Halloween

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This will be my last letter to you as President of the Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association. It has been a great year and I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to serve you. What a wonderful association we have!

Think about how we have all touched each other's hearts in one way or another over the years. I have established lifetime friendships that I would not have been able to do if it weren't for my job and this association – and for that I am forever grateful.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the job you do every day, and for your support of the Clerks' Association. We have a wonderful Board. Jolynn, Harold, Joan, Betty, Joyce, Jerry, Diane, Beth and Vanee are all very dedicated to the Association and our profession, and have given a lot of their time to make the Clerks Institute and Academy the best it can be. It has been an honor to serve with them.

I would once again encourage all of you to consider running for office sometime during your

career. It is a very rewarding experience and one that you will treasure forever.

And now in closing, I'll ask you again as I did at the end of the banquet at the Clerks' Institute in March -

Did you ever know that you're my hero's? You're everything I would like to be. Thank You, Thank You, Thank God for you, the wind beneath my wings!

– Deb

Some Words of Wisdom –

Your talent is God's gift to you, What you do with it is your gift back to God.

"Unknown"

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on yesterdays.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson



You are not here to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement.

You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.

– Woodrow Wilson

And it wouldn't be "right" if I didn't add some Halloween fun since it's my favorite holiday. Enjoy!

You might be a Redneck if the Halloween pumpkin on your front porch has more teeth than your spouse....

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TOP 10 SIGNS YOU ARE TOO OLD TO BE TRICK OR TREATING

10. You get winded from knocking on the door.
9. You have to have another kid chew the candy for you.
8. You ask for high fiber candy only.
7. When someone drops a candy bar in your bag, you lose your balance and fall over.
6. People say, "Great Keith Richards Mask!" and you're not wearing a mask.
5. When the door opens and you yell, "Trick or.." and can't remember the rest.
4. By the end of the night, you have a bag full of restraining orders.

3. You have to carefully choose a costume so that it won't dislodge your hairpiece.

2. You're the only Power Ranger in the neighborhood with a walker.

1. You avoid going to houses where your ex-spouse lives.

A Scary Story

A man was walking home alone late one night when he hears a BUMP... BUMP... BUMP... behind him.

Walking faster he looks back and makes out the image of an upright coffin banging its way down the middle of the street towards him...BUMP...BUMP...BUMP

Terrified, the man begins to run towards his home, the coffin bouncing quickly behind him...faster...faster... BUMP...BUMP...BUMP.



He runs up to his door, fumbles with his keys, opens the door, rushes in, slams and locks the door behind him.

However, the coffin crashes through his door, with the lid of the coffin clappity-BUMP...clappity-BUMP..clappity-BUMP...on the heels of the terrified man.

Rushing upstairs to the bathroom, the man locks himself in. His heart is pounding; his head is reeling; his breath is coming in sobbing gasps.

With a loud CRASH the coffin breaks down the door. Bumping and clapping towards him.

The man screams and reaches for something, anything...but all he can find is a box of cough drops!

Desperate, he throws the cough drops at the coffin...

...and of course.

...the coffin stops.

Clerks Newsletter information sought

Deb Schaefer, Seward City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Assistant and the Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association President, would like to remind you to submit your ideas and materials for the *Municipal Clerks' Newsletter* to Lynn Marienau at the League of Nebraska Municipalities.

As you know, the newsletter's

usefulness to clerks depends on the material provided. Please use the newsletter to tell of relevant events taking place in your community, reports on workshops, seminars or meetings of interest to clerks and as an information exchange, or forum for solving problems facing you and your municipality.



Three Rivers Clerks' Association Minutes

The Three Rivers Clerks' Association met at 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 19, 2004 at the Country Pub in Bancroft, Nebraska. Present were Jan Konicek and Jennifer Carlson-Bancroft, Joan Suhr and Shawn Smith-Valley, Shirley Mallette-Uehling, Theresa Busse-North Bend, Mindi Laaker-Bennington, Lori Kathol-Dodge, Dorothy Gaeth-Arlington, Mary Kempf-West Point, Lynn McIntosh – Fremont, Cynthia Petersen-Oakland, Jeanette Cordes-Scribner, Linda Welsher-Fort Calhoun, Patty Knobbe-Snyder and guest speaker Sheila Schukei-Norfolk.

The meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Petersen. It was moved by Joan Suhr, seconded by Lynn McIntosh to approve the minutes of June 17, 2004 with the following corrections.

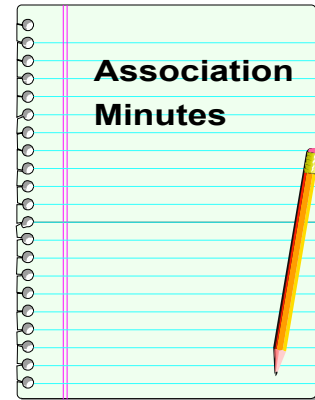
The minutes of the April 15, 2004 meeting were approved, the

balance in the checking account was \$1,182.50, the following were on the ballot for new officers – President – Cynthia Petersen and Mary Kempf – Vice-President – Sheri Skeahan and Lynn McIntosh – Sec/Treas – Patty Knobbe and Jeanette Cordes. Nominated and approved for President – Mary Kempf, West Point, Vice President-Lynn McIntosh, Fremont – Secretary/Treasurer – Jeanette Cordes, Scribner terms to be through July 2006, and motion to adjourn by Theresa Busse. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was waived until next month. There being no unfinished old business there was the transition of officers. Joan Suhr presented the outgoing and incoming officers with roses and carnations.

Theresa Busse volunteered to audit the books before the new sec/treasurer takes over them. Theresa will call Jeanette Cordes when the audit is complete. The Forum was discussed and the tentative date will be Nov. 18 at the Senior Center in Fremont with our forum topic to be health insurance issues. Cynthia Petersen will be contacting speakers for this event.

Past speakers being Lynn Rex, Executive Director from the League of Municipalities, Carol Ebdon, Budget Director from UNO, Yvonne McConnell from LARM and Dave Patak, NE Planning and Zoning Association



Theresa Busse will contact the caterer for this event and report back what the cost will be.

Once again the comments from the Finance Conference were very favorable. Linda Welsher reported on the success of the Lewis & Clark Celebration in Fort Calhoun. The celebration in Tekamah also was very successful. Jennifer Carlson and Joan Suhr volunteered to be on the Program Committee for the next two years. Any ideas anyone has should be directed to them.

Jennifer Carlson was acknowledged for completing her CMC certification. The next meeting will be held in Fremont, Nebraska on Oct. 21 at 12:30 pm. Location of that meeting will follow with the agenda for the month of October.

There being no further business, motion was made by Dorothy Gaeth, seconded by Theresa Busse to adjourn. Motion carried.

– Respectfully submitted by
Jeanette Cordes

Changes announced for 2006 Midwinter Conference dates

The 2006 Midwinter Conference was originally scheduled for Feb. 13-14, but has been rescheduled for Feb. 6-7 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln.



Southern Seven Clerk's Association Minutes

The Southern Seven Clerk's Association met on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004 at Hotel Wilber, 2nd and Wilson, in Wilber for its 12:30 p.m. luncheon and meeting. Lori Rezny was hostess.

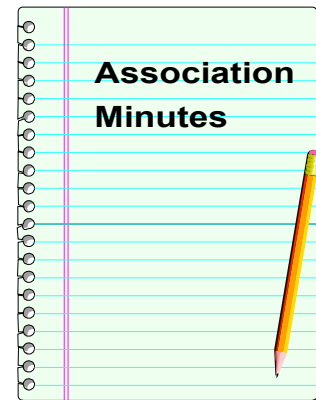
Following the lunch, the Southern Seven held their quarterly business meeting. President Nancy Bryan conducted the meeting. The following clerks were present: Lori Rezny, Wilber; Darla Hopwood, Shelby; Barb Whitley, Geneva; Debbie Gilmer, Friend; Vane Holtmeier, McCool Junction; Linda Carroll, Fairmont; Cheryl Kraft, Waco; Rebecca Sandman, Utica; Nancy Bryan, Osceola; Linda Schuerman, DeWitt; Deb Milius, Plymouth; Carri Vavra, Milligan; Gary Yank, Crete; Joan Kovar, David City; Elaine Fortik, Brainard and Becky Corbin, Fairbury.

Linda Carroll made a motion, seconded by Darla Hopwood that the minutes of April 21, 2004 be approved. All present voted "yes." Motion carried.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$155.18. Receipts since last meeting were \$225 for Joyce Beck Storm fund and a reimbursement for \$225 to Joyce Beck was paid.

A thank-you card from Loren and Joyce Beck for the donation was read. Gary Yank gave a brief report on the progress of Loren and Joyce Beck's new home and relocating.

Moving the time and day of the Association meetings was discussed. Barb Whitley reminded the group that the by-laws state that the meetings are to be held on the fourth Thursday. By-laws would need to be changed if the meeting day was changed. It was decided



to leave the meeting dates as is for now.

A question-and-answer period was held. List of clerk's salaries and sales tax was discussed.

Possibility of chartering a bus to the IIMC conference in Minneapolis on May 22-26, 2005 was discussed. Barb Whitley did some research on bus services and reported on three companies' prices and services. It was estimated to cost approximately \$100 per person for the bus person if the bus was filled. More information will be provided at another meeting.

The next meeting will be Nov. 18, 2004 in Exeter. Ronile Ivie will be hosting the meeting with a gift exchange.

The group enjoyed a very enjoyable tour of the Hotel Wilber, the new Wilber swimming pool, and Carpisek Meat Market.

The meeting was adjourned.

– Respectfully submitted by
Becky Corbin, CMC, City Clerk/
Treasurer

How to contact your state Senator

What address do I use to write my state Senator?

To write your state Senator, you need only to include on the envelope:

Senator's name
District number
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

In addition, most Senators have e-mail available through the Legislature's web site at www.unicam.state.ne.us.

Mark your calendars for the 2004 League Annual Conference

Oct. 6-8
Sandhills Convention
Center, North Platte



How to register for newsletter e-mail list

Here is how you sign up to have your name placed on the newsletter e-mail list. Through this list, you will be notified of when the latest *Nebraska Municipal Clerks Newsletter* is available to view online.

- 1) Go to the League's website at <http://lonm.org>.** Click on the Sections and Committees tab that appears on the right hand side of the main page. On the Sections and Committees page, immediately under the heading "Sections and Committees," there is a paragraph, which begins with the words "Attention Municipal Clerks."
- 2) Click on the underlined phrase "Sign-Up,"** which will link you to a Newsletters Alert Sign-Up Form. Fill out the requested information and create a username and password of your choosing. Click on the box with the words "Sign-Up" in it. Your name and e-mail address is automatically added to the list. When a new newsletter is available, a notice will be sent to you.
- 3) Later, if you want to remove your name and e-mail address** from this list or change your e-mail address, you follow the above directions, but click on the "Sign-In" link. There you can login with your existing information and make the necessary changes.
- 4) To access the list of newsletters,** you can go to the Sections and Committees page and click on the underlined phrase "click here" in the paragraph above the list of NMCA officers. The list of Clerks Newsletters will be at the bottom of the page filed by date and title.

October Birthdays

Linda Koch Beatrice Oct. 2
Roxanne S. Schlegel Shickley Oct. 2
Amy Lockwood Page Oct. 3
Cynthia Couch Inman Oct. 5
Norma G. Price Murray Oct. 5
Lois Reed Inglewood Oct. 6
Arlene Roesler Western Oct. 7
Connie Stull Gothenburg Oct. 9
Janet Bruggeman Hoskins Oct. 9
Joyce Mick Bayard Oct. 10
Beverly Newport Long Pine Oct. 10
Nancy Evans Maywood Oct. 12
Kathy Mensik Morse Bluff Oct. 14
Joan Nelson Maskell Oct. 15
Sharon Miller Mitchell Oct. 16
Vicki Owings Stella Oct. 16
Kay Gerdes Weeping Water Oct. 16
Michael Hoefler Firth Oct. 19
Linda Welsher Fort Calhoun Oct. 19
Ona F. Malleck Indianola Oct. 20
Bonnie Doremus Shelton Oct. 20



Kerri Langemeier Schuyler Oct. 21
Mary Kempf West Point Oct. 22
Judy Smith Chester Oct. 23
Linda Roberts Dorchester Oct. 25
Linda Secord Nebraska City Oct. 25
Brenda Kehler Greeley Oct. 26
Ralph Brown Spalding Oct. 26
Judy Hickman Bennington Oct. 27
Virginia Filsinger Clear Water Oct. 27
Nancy Foxhoven Crofton Oct. 27
Linda Walters Columbus Oct. 30
Donna Pluta Greenwood Oct. 30
Brandi Livingston Broadwater Oct. 31



**Municipal Legal Calendar
(All statute citations to Revised Statutes of Nebraska)**

**NOVEMBER 2004
CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS**

First day Class C liquor license year begins. (53-124)
Within 15 days of Passage Clerk publishes ordinances passed. (16-405)
Within 10 days from meeting
or before next meeting
(whichever is sooner) Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)
Within 30 days from
Council meeting Clerk publishes official proceedings of meetings including claims. (19-1102)
Each month Clerk files monthly report. (16-317)
Within 10 days after end of
month Treasurer files monthly financial report. (16-318)
* * Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Council meeting. (84-1411)
Reminder 1 and 6 year plans are due at the Nebraska Department of Roads no later than
March 1, 2005. (39-2115, 39-2119)

CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS AND VILLAGES

First day Class C liquor license year begins. (53-124)
Within 15 days of Passage Clerk publishes ordinances passed. (17-613)
Within 10 days from meeting
or before next meeting
(whichever is sooner) Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)
Within 30 days from Council
or Board meeting Clerk publishes official proceedings of meetings including claims. (19-1102)
Within 10 days after end of
month Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)
* * Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Council or Board meeting. (84-1411)
Reminder 1 and 6 year plans are due at the Nebraska Department of
Roads no later than March 1, 2005 (39-2115, 39-2119)