

MINUTES OF THE  
MAUI COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

**DATE:** April 30, 1964

**PLACE:** Board Chambers, Wailuku, Maui

**CALL TO ORDER:** 2:00 P.M.

**PRESIDING:** Masaru Yokouchi, Chairman

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Masaru Yokouchi, Chairman  
Emil Balthazar  
Richard Caldito  
Cornwell Friel  
Nadao Honda  
Keith Tester  
Thomas Yagi  
Charles C. Young, Research Assistant

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** C. H. Burnett, Jr.  
William F. Crockett  
Shiro Hokama  
Harry Kobayashi

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kase Higa, County Attorney  
Mrs. Jay Van Zwalenburg  
Shigeto Murayama, County Treasurer  
Robert Johnson, Advertiser Reporter  
Jack Stephens, Maui News Reporter

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**ROLL CALL:**

There were 7 members present and 4 excused at the regular meeting of the Maui County Charter Commission on April 30, 1964.

**LITERATURE:**

The following were distributed to the members of the Maui County Charter Commission:

1. Copy of presentation made by the Kula Sanatorium Managing Committee on April 23, 1964.
2. Information re Kauai and Hawaii County Charter Commissions reprinted from the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and Honolulu Advertiser, from Charles C. Young, Research Assistant.

**DISCUSSION ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF THE CHARTER:**

Some of the proposals raised at the public hearings were discussed and decided upon at this meeting:

1. **County Council**

Mr. Tester: Moved that the election of the County Council remain as proposed in the charter-- composed of nine councilmen, including one each from Molokai and Lanai, all elected at large. Seconded by Mr. Honda and carried unanimously.

Mr. Balthazar: Moved that the term of office of councilmen shall be as proposed in the charter-- 4 years, non-staggered. Seconded by Mr. Caldito and carried unanimously.

2. Department of Civil Service

Mr. Yagi: Moved that the qualification requirements of the Personnel Director be similar to that of the City and County of Honolulu Charter (Section 5-604) to read as follows:

"The personnel director shall have had a minimum of five years of training and experience in personnel administration, either in public service or private business, or both, at least three years of which shall have been in a responsible administrative capacity, and shall be in sympathy with the principles of the merit system."

Seconded by Mr. Friel and carried unanimously.

Mr. Balthazar: Moved that the Personnel Director shall be appointed by the Mayor. Seconded by Mr. Caldito and carried unanimously.

Mr. Balthazar: Moved that the Personnel Director shall not be under civil service and shall be considered as other department heads. Seconded by Mr. Caldito and carried unanimously.

3. Board of Water Supply

Mr. Tester: Moved that the Manager of the Board of Water Supply need not necessarily be an engineer. Seconded by Mr. Honda and carried unanimously.

Mr. Yagi: Moved that the qualification requirements of the Manager of the Board of Water Supply shall be as follows:

"The manager of the board of water supply shall have had a minimum of three years of training and experience in a responsible administrative capacity, either in public service or private business, or both."

Seconded by Mr. Balthazar and carried unanimously.

4. Police Department

Mr. Yagi: Moved that the Police Department remain status quo; that is, as provided by law, except that the Mayor shall appoint the Police Commission without the necessity of approval by the Council and that appeals of the police officers shall be handled by the Civil Service Commission rather than by the Police Commission.

Seconded by Mr. Honda and carried unanimously.

## 5. Hospital Department

Mr. Balthazar: Moved that the Board of Trustees of the Maui Community Hospitals and the Managing Committee of the Kula Sanatorium and General Hospital remain separate as they are now.

Seconded by Mr. Yagi and carried unanimously.

Mr. Higa: There are two things which I think you should consider. It appears to me that pensioners needing medical service should be under the administration of the hospital instead of the Chairman's Office. Another thing is the hiring of the County Physicians. At the present time the hospital has contracts with Dr. Kashiwa, Dr. Wong and Dr. Howell and the County also has contracts with Dr. Stevens of Molokai and Dr. Howell. I think the doctors should be handled by one department.

Mr. Tester: I don't think the pensioners should come under the hospital. They should be either under the Board of Health or the Department of Social Services.

Mr. Higa: The Charter Commission cannot transfer this function to the Department of Social Services. You can recommend that they do that. In the meantime do you want this function performed by the Chairman's Office or by the Hospital Department?

Mr. Tester: What makes you think it should go to the Hospital Department?

Mr. Higa: It appears that all the medical problems should be under the hospital. I suggest you have Mr. Romson, Mr. Yanagi and Mr. Kibe sit in at the next meeting and get their views on this matter. (This matter was deferred)

Mr. Balthazar: Moved that the members of the Board of Trustees of the Maui Community Hospitals serve 4-year staggered terms; that the Board of Trustees be composed of the following members: one each from H. C. & S. Co., Labor, Department of Health, Veterans' Council, Board of Supervisors, Maui Medical Society, Hana, and 4 at large; and that the qualification requirements of the administrators of both hospitals shall be the same as that of the Manager of the Board of Water Supply in that they shall have had a minimum of three years of training and experience in a responsible administrative capacity, either in public service or private business or both.

Seconded by Mr. Tester and carried unanimously.

Mr. Yagi: Moved that the Managing Committee of the Kula Sanatorium and General Hospital shall be composed of five members appointed at large by the Mayor and to serve 4-year staggered terms.

Seconded by Mr. Balthazar and carried unanimously.

6. Liquor Commission

Mr. Tester: Moved that no commissioners shall be paid, except for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Seconded by Mr. Friel and carried unanimously.

7. Planning Commission

Mr. Balthazar: Moved that the Planning Commission remain as proposed in the charter. Seconded by Mr. Tester.

Mr. Higa: You have provided in the charter that the Mayor may appoint an advisory Planning Commission. Right now it is more or less advisory in that they don't have the last say. In the final analysis anybody can appeal to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Balthazar: We noted that the County Council will not have too much to do so it will be their job to determine and establish the policies of this commission. The Planning Director would merely execute what the Council proposes.

(This matter was deferred until the next meeting.)

8. Fire Department

Mr. Yagi: Moved that the Fire Chief shall have had a minimum of three years of training and experience in a responsible administrative capacity, either in public service or private business, or both.

Seconded by Mr. Tester and carried unanimously.

9. Department of Public Works

Mr. Yagi: Are we going to have an Administrative Assistant to the Mayor?

Mr. Yokouchi: That will be handled administratively.

Mr. Yagi: The biggest administration in the county is the Department of Public Works. Under the present setup you cannot have an administrator and an engineer in the same department. However, if there isn't anyone under the Mayor to be Administrative Assistant, there should be an engineer and an administrator in the Department of Public

Works. The most important thing in the Department of Public Works is administration. This department includes a lot of personnel.

Mr. Balthazar: Would there be any objection in setting up a separate engineering section?

Mr. Yagi: No objection.

If we are not going to have a city manager or a strong administrator under the Mayor, we must have a good administrator for the Department of Public Works. I want to see that the Department of Public Works have a strong administrator and that the engineering division be separate.

(The feasibility of separating the administrative and engineering divisions of the Department of Public Works was deferred until the next meeting.)

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Harriette E. Miyamoto*

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Secretary