

A copy of the Historical Resume and Organizational Chart, together with a list of the elected officials of Baltimore County, Maryland, is on file for interested members to read.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The following communications were received since our last meeting:

1. Letter dated August 6, 1963 from Mr. John A. Donaho, President of John A. Donaho and Associates, Management Consultants.
2. Letter dated August 6, 1963 from Mr. Boniface Espinda, Deputy County Clerk, County of Maui, acknowledging receipt of our letter dated August 2, 1963 re request for approval of additional funds.
3. Letter dated August 2, 1963 from Mr. Turk Tokita, Secretary, Kauai County Charter Commission, together with class specifications for the class Executive Secretary, Charter Commission.
4. Copy of letter dated August 2, 1963 from Mr. Tatsuo Asari, Chairman, Kauai County Charter Commission, re meeting with members of the other Charter Commissions.
5. Memo from Mr. Tom Dinell, Director, Legislative Reference Bureau, giving us a list of the members of the Charter Commission of the City and County of Honolulu who may be of assistance to us.
6. Minutes of the Hawaii and Kauai County Charter Commissions.

REPORT ON STATE-COUNTY CONFERENCE IN HONOLULU:

Mr. Higa stated that after meeting with the chairmen of the other Charter Commissions, they have decided to hold a conference in Hilo on September 12 and 13 and that the tentative agenda will be sent to us shortly by Dr. Noda, who will be the Chairman of this conference. Each Charter Commission will be given an opportunity to suggest topics which should be discussed at this conference. Mr. Dinell indicated that about 6 to 8 "experts" (resource people) will be available for this meeting. Presently on the agenda are the different types of government for the counties. It was suggested that this might be an opportune time to discuss the possibility or the desirability of having some sort of uniformity among the charters as they are drawn up. Also, there will be some discussion on the powers of the Charter Commission - to what extent can we go and change the laws of the State. The Chairman was also interested in having someone delineate the duties of the counties or State functions as they exist now.

Mr. Caldito reported: "Mr. Dinell stressed that all the members should read Article VII of the Constitution in order that we will know our bounds. Mr. Dodge pointed out that it took 2½ years to draw up the charter of Honolulu; we should not rush in drawing up the charter of the County of Maui. Mr. Ueki advised us that we should have a consultant who is well versed in charters. The consultant should be the guiding man who will lead us."

Mr. Burnett stated that if uniformity of charters were desired, one commission for all three counties could have been appointed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

On behalf of the members of the Charter Commission, the Chairman thanked the members of the Board of Water Supply for their effort and time spent for this meeting.

The Chair introduced Mr. Joe Y. Kawamura, Chairman of the Board of Water Supply, who in turn introduced Mr. David Nebriga, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Keichi Hamada, Manager and Chief Engineer; Mrs. Florence Ueoka, Administrative Secretary; Mr. Kiyoshi Hotta, Fiscal Officer; Mr. Ernest Rebello, Assistant Field Superintendent; and Mr. Hideo Hayashi, ex-officio member.

First of all, Mrs. Ueoka read the Proposed Charter for the Board of Water Supply, County of Maui, to the members of the Charter Commission. Mr. Hamada then referred the members to the organizational chart and explained the present organizational set up of the Board of Water Supply. He informed the members that the water system on Lanai is handled by the plantation. The Board makes all the policies which the Manager carries out.

Mr. Hotta presented the financial report for the first six months of this year.

Each year 15% of the gross operating revenue should be transferred to the 15% Reserve Fund for capital improvements. Last year a large portion of the money for capital improvements came from the State legislature. Mr. Hayashi stated that the 15% Reserve Fund takes care of only their normal capital improvements, whereas the legislature appropriates money for their major improvements. Mr. Hamada stated that should the legislature decide that the Board of Water Supply be self-sustaining, the only recourse would be to raise the water rates. Fifteen per cent of the gross revenue goes into the 15% Reserve Fund in order that the system will not jeopardize the bonding company and, if the Water Board wants to go over that amount, that money would have to come from the taxpayers. Mr. Higa explained that as far as their operations and minor maintenance are concerned, the Board of Water Supply is self-supporting; however, for major improvements they have had money appropriated from the State. Otherwise, they would have had to float their own bonds. Mr. Crockett was interested in finding out how the 15% figure came about, but no one had a definite answer.

The Chair called for a recess at 9:00 p.m. Meeting was reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Mr. Crockett questioned as to the two ex-officio members on the Board of Water Supply - "why are not people in the community appointed instead of these two ex-officio members?" Mr. Higa explained that these two men are engineers and that the County Engineer works very closely with the Board of Water Supply where subdivisions, standpipes, etc., are concerned. Mr. Hamada stated that much of their work involves the State and County.

In regard to Mr. Caldito's question as to whether there is much difference between the present water system and the proposed charter, Mr. Hamada replied "not very much, except that the powers of the Board and the powers of the Manager are more purely defined." Under the existing law, the Board of Water Supply is vested with all the powers. Mr. Nobriga stated that it has been the past practice that the Chairman of the Board sign all details which are automatically to be signed monthly, as pay vouchers and small contracts. However, under the recommended charter, the Manager shall have this responsibility.

Mr. Burnett stated that the representatives of the Water Department should not enter private property at any time except with written permission. He asked Mr. Hamada whether he would object to being appointed directly by the Chairman or Mayor and be responsible directly to such Chairman or Mayor. Mr. Hamada answered that the present system is working out well and he felt that there should be a Board of Water Supply.

Mr. Balthazar asked Mr. Hamada whether bond issues should be voted upon by the people in order to make the board more responsive to the wishes of the people. Mr. Hamada was non-committal.

Mr. Yokouchi commented that instead of including specific details in the charter, such details could be included in the ordinances and regulations since such ordinances and regulations can be amended more freely.

Mr. Burnett asked Mr. Kawamura if he would be willing to run for election for the Board of Water Supply and Mr. Kawamura said that he did not think he would run for such an office.

ADJOURNMENT:

On behalf of the members of the Charter Commission, Messrs. Crockett and Yokouchi expressed their sincere thanks to the members of the Board of Water Supply for the various data prepared for the members of the Charter Commission and for giving such a good presentation.

NEXT MEETING:

August 22, 1963, commencing at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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