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**MAUI COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION**

**Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii**

**May 26, 1966**

**A G E N D A**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes
3. Literature
  - a. From Charles C. Young, Research Assistant:
    1. Reprints from the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and Honolulu Advertiser on the activities of the Hawaii and Kauai Charter Commissions and on the Code of Ethics of the Honolulu Charter.
    2. Copies of the Administrative Procedures Act of 1961.
  - b. Proposed draft of the Kauai Charter Commission.
4. Communications:
  - a. Minutes of Kauai and Hawaii Charter Commissions.
  - b. Letter from Robert O. Ohata, Chairman of the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers, Maui Section.
  - c. Letter from R. T. Miyashiro, Vice-President of Kahului Rotary Club.
  - d. Letter from Melvyn S. Masuda, President, Lahaina Jaycees.
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Public hearing procedures.

MINUTES OF THE  
MAUI COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

DATE: May 26, 1966

PLACE: Board Chambers, Wailuku, Maui

CALL TO ORDER: 4:07 P.M.

PRESIDING: Douglas Sodetani, Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Douglas Sodetani, Chairman  
Emil Balthazar  
William F. Crockett, Vice-Chairman  
Shiro Hokama  
Nadao Honda  
George Kondo  
Paul Pladera  
Keith Tester  
James Ushijima  
Charles C. Young, Research Assistant

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Harry Kobayashi

OTHERS PRESENT: Kase Higa, County Attorney  
Robert Johnson, Advertiser Reporter

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ROLL CALL:

There were 9 members present and one excused at the regular meeting of the Maui County Charter Commission on May 26, 1966.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on May 12, 1966, were distributed to the members of the Charter Commission. The Chair deferred reading and approval of said minutes until the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The following communications were received since the last meeting:

- a. Minutes of the Hawaii and Kauai Charter Commissions.

- b. Letter dated May 3, 1966, from Robert O. Ohata, Chairman of the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers Maui Section.
- c. Letter dated May 23, 1966, from R. T. Miyashiro, Vice President of Kahului Rotary Club.
- d. Letter dated May 5, 1966, from Melvyn S. Masuda, President of the Lahaina Junior Chamber of Commerce.

LITERATURE:

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  - b. Copies of the Administrative Procedure Act of 1961.
2. Proposed Charter of the County of Kauai.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Chair stated that from time to time members of the Charter Commission will be asked to appear before various organizations to discuss matters pertaining to the Commission.

Mr. Tester asked whether it would be possible to have a comparison of the charters of the Kauai and Hawaii Charter Commissions. The Chair asked Mr. Young to prepare a comparison between the present Hawaii and Kauai final drafts and the 1964 proposed Maui County Charter.

The Chair called for suggestions as to how the public hearing on June 9, 1966, at the Kahului Library should be conducted. Mr. Balthazar stated that last year they had an organizational chart on the present and proposed forms of government. The Chair suggested that the hearing be opened by explaining the purpose of the public hearing.

The Chair reported that he had contacted Mr. Herman Doi of the Legislative Reference Bureau who mentioned that he will be able to speak to the Charter Commission on June 27, 1966, at the Kahului Library. Mr. Doi will contact Dr. Richard Takasaki and Professor Norman Meller to ascertain whether they

will be able to be present on said date. The Chair has also contacted Herman Lemke, Chairman of the City Council, and Hiromu Suzawa, Deputy Corporation Counsel, to appear before the Charter Commission on June 30, 1966, also, at the Kahului Library. The Chair stated that insofar as the two dates are concerned, the meetings have been set.

Mr. Kondo stated that he had heard many fine comments on the round table discussion sponsored by the Maui Planters' Association, at KMVI radio station, of three charter commission members, namely, Douglas Sodetani, William F. Crockett and Emil Balthazar, and felt that the round table discussion should continue.

Mr. Crockett suggested that the Chair and two new members of the Charter Commission appear on a round table discussion immediately after a decision is made. The Chair suggested that a draft could be drawn up as to why the decision was made so that said decision could be publicized. Mr. Crockett felt it was good to have publicity after the decision is made. Mr. Young felt that we should also use the services of Radio Station K-NUI, too.

The Chair suggested that different areas of the charter be categorized so that members of the Commission will have an opportunity to study these areas before coming to the meeting.

Mr. Crockett felt that we should have a plan to discuss certain provisions on particular nights so that members could review the particular provision and have their thinking on that particular point. The Chair felt that with the knowledge of the particular provisions, the Commission could proceed fairly rapidly.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING:

June 9, 1966, at 7:30 P.M., Public Hearing, at the Kahului Library Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ayako Ishikawa*  
Ayako Ishikawa, Secretary