

PROCEEDINGS  
BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS  
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting at The C. & P. Telephone Company, Valley Plaza, on Tuesday, November 8, 1983. President Banzhoff called the meeting to order at 2 P.M. and thanked Walter Bell for hosting our meeting.

The following were recorded present:

Virgil E. Banzhoff, Board President  
R. Lee McCauley, Democratic Member  
Charles L. Downey, Republican Member  
Oscar L. Spigler, Democratic Alternate  
Walter Bell, Jr., Republican Alternate  
Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk  
Daris Phillips, Chief Clerk

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on October 10, 1983, were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dottie advised the Board that the County had requested that we donate to the United Way and C.I.C.H.A.

Daris reported on our Christmas party. This will be held on Monday, December 19, 1983 at 6:30 P.M. at the Sheraton. Reservations must be in by December 12, 1983.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dottie advised the Board of receipt of a memo from the State Board containing the opinion of Jack Schwartz, Assistant Attorney General, regarding the request from the National Council of Senior Citizens. Along with the two problem areas which would have needed to be corrected, the National Council of Senior Citizens was also interested in a list which contained either age or date of birth; therefore, counties whose records are maintained by the State computer are not in a position to fulfill the request.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Association of Election Officials held at the Holiday Inn in Annapolis on October 10, 1983, were distributed and discussed.

Memo from the Secretary, Board of Directors of MAEO was read by President Banzhoff requesting a list of our new Board Members and substitutes. This list has been sent.

President Banzhoff read the letter appointing Oscar Spigler as the local coordinator for the National Association of Secretaries of State 1984 Voter Education Project. Copies of the letter Mr. Spigler received concerning his appointment were distributed to all the Board members.

Copies of the letter President Banzhoff sent to the Legislators were distributed. He requested that the language of Article 33, Section 2-3 (a)(22) be corrected to read: Washington County; \$1,500 for each member of the Board, plus an additional sum of \$300 for the President of the Board. Also we are asking that consideration be given to our proposal that our Chief Judges be paid not less than \$60 per day and that our machine judges be paid not less than \$50 per day.

Dottie read a memo from Frederick County advising that they have 122 Automatic Voting Machines for sell. We are not interested in purchasing any machines.

The memo from MAEO regarding the Annual meeting to be held on January 15-17, 1984 at Hunt Valley was distributed. After discussion it was decided that the Board members, substitutes and office staff will attend and will be taking the meal package.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Banzhoff reported on the various types of electronic voting systems that were on display at the mandatory meeting in Annapolis and said that he felt that CES had the best system.

Lee McCauley and Charles Downey reported on various types of signs that would be suitable to post at the polling places. After much discussion Walter Bell suggested that we contact the State Board to see if a standard sign could be used in all the Counties and therefore be less expensive for large quantities. Motion by Charles Downey and seconded by Walter Bell that we contact the State Board concerning the possibility of a standard sign for use at the polling places. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dottie advised the Board that the Community Rescue Service wants to use a voting machine for their election on December 7, 1983. The Board consented for them to use the machine.

President Banzhoff reported that he had met with Barry Teach, County Administrator and he advised that the County Commissioners were in agreement with the Poll Workers increase in pay. He also advised Mr. Banzhoff that it would be necessary to find new polling places for Woodland Way and Keedysville schools and the Long Meadow Fire Hall. Mr. Downey will check on a new place for the Keedysville district, Mr. Banzhoff will research the Woodland Way area and Mr. McCauley will contact the Long Meadow Fire Hall concerning the request that we find another polling place for their area.

Walter Bell reported on various types of phone recorders that are available to provide 24 hour service for persons to request Voter Registration Application forms. Following discussion the Board decided to check with Frederick County to see how successful their automatic/answer telephone is.

The Board discussed various ways to promote voter outreach in Washington County. Mr. Spigler suggested that when parents bring children to school for school registration, we have VRA forms available at the schools for those eligible persons who are not registered to vote and wish to do so. Mr. Banzhoff will contact the President of the Board of Education concerning this.

The Board also discussed running the ad in the paper for persons to mail in to request voter registration application forms. This will cost \$49.50 per day for both papers. Motion by Lee McCauley and seconded by Charles Downey that we run this ad at the appropriate time. Motion carried.

The Board also decided to go to the High Schools and Junior College in January and February, 1984 for voter registration. Also to have a booth at the Valley Mall on Friday, November 25 from 10 A.M. to 2 P. M. for voter registration. Also public service announcements will be broadcast on the radio stations covering important election dates as they come up. Evening training classes for VRA Distributors will be set up if requested.

Dottie advised the Board that she had a request from Betty E. Willson, Maryland Food Committee, requesting 500 VRA application forms for use when distributing cheese throughout Washington County. The Board decided to follow the guidelines they have set up and to give Mrs. Willson 200 forms and to give the League of Women Voters, who will be helping her, 200 forms also.

The Board discussed the need for a new County map for the office wall. Motion by Lee McCauley and seconded by Charles Downey that we have our map updated. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P. M.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 1983, at 2 P. M. at the Board office.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dorothy M. Waters*

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