

MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION

August 8, 2006

**35 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
240-313-2050**

Present:

Board

Charles Mobley, Jr., President
Clyde Tate, Republican Member
Eileen Wiggins, Democratic Member
John Benchoff, Democratic Alternate
Clair Baker, Attorney

Staff

Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director, I
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director, I

Guest

Charlie Baker aka Roger Dean Webber

Charles Mobley called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM. Clair Baker, Attorney, was absent. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2006

Charles Mobley asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the July 11, 2006 Board Meeting. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Approval of Executive Session July 11, 2006

Charles Mobley asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the July 11, 2006 Executive Session. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

Charles Mobley asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. Dorothy Kaetzel requested the following additions:

Charlie Baker aka Roger Webber be added to the agenda
Correspondence: County Bulletin of August 7
Old Business: Voter Confidentiality Business
New Business: Parallel Testing

Charlie Baker aka Roger Webber reminded the Board that he attended the July Board Meeting and asked if a decision was made regarding his re-instatement as a registered voter. Charles Mobley informed Charlie Baker aka Roger Webber that the court date is October 26, 2006. Mr. Baker aka Roger Webber said that October 26 is too late for him to register for the General Election. He also informed the Board that he would have filed for the office of sheriff had he

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been registered. He asked if his name would be put on the ballot. Charles Mobley informed Mr. Baker aka Roger Webber that his name would not be put on the ballot.

Correspondence:

A. COMAR

Memos from Joe Torre, SBE, regarding proposed changes to COMAR relating to the canvass of absentee and provisional ballots and calculating the number of voting units per polling place.

B. County Bulletins

County Bulletins of July 7, July 21 and August 7, 2006 were distributed. Dorothy Kaetzel informed the Board of the following:

- County Techs will be available through November 24, 2006
- The new pamphlet "A Better Way to Vote" was received
- The required language for the early voting mailer was received
- The Ballots are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway

C. The Registrar

The Registrar of June 30, 2006 was distributed.

D. Polling Place Evaluation Form

Charles Mobley suggested adding the Integrity Report and Opening Certificate to the Evaluation Form

E. Electronic Pollbooks

E-mail from SBE regarding the approval from the Board of Public Works to purchase 5,3000 electronic poll books for use on election day.

F. Electronic Pollbook Update

E-mail from Ross Goldstein, SBE, regarding electronic poll books. There is a possibility that printers may be available for the primary election, otherwise, SBE will print VAC's to use. Washington County will receive 141 electronic poll books. Washington County will also be the location for one of the duplicators.

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2:20 PM. Charlie Baker aka Roger Webber left the meeting and Clair Baker entered the meeting.

G. Board of Education

Letter to Tony Mayhew, Board of Education, requesting the use of 29 schools on Election Day. Charles Mobley told the Board that he received a call from Bob Foltz who is responsible for the phone system at the Board of Education. The Elementary Schools are in process of changing from analog to digital prior to the primary election. Mr. Foltz will give Charles Mobley a list of those phones that will change. We may need to purchase new phones.

H. Election Judge Pin

Dorothy Kaetzel ordered 500 pins for the election judges

Reports:

A. Poll worker Training

Dorothy Kaetzel thanked the Board for assisting with Election Worker Training Classes. Schedule:

August 9

AM: John Benchoff
Noon: John Benchoff

August 11

AM: Eileen Wiggins
PM: Clyde Tate

August 15

AM: Charles Mobley
PM: Charles Mobley

August 21

AM: Charles Mobley
Noon: Clyde Tate
PM: John Benchoff

B. Registration Figures

Total registration is 84,000. Deadline to register to vote is August 22, 2006.

Charles Mobley suggested that the Board go ahead and vote during Early Voting.

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Old Business:

A. Court Case, Charlie Baker aka Roger Webber.

The Court case is re-scheduled for October 26, 2006. Clair Baker informed the Board that he left a message for Art Rozes to call him. Clair Baker explained that Charlie Baker aka Roger Webber filed a request to change his name (at the same time that his name was removed from our voter rolls) but he didn't pay the filing fee. The Board's decision of 2005 still stands.

B. Confidentiality of Voter Records

The Board reviewed the new procedures for Voter Confidentiality. Eileen Wiggins made a motion to approve the new procedures; Clyde Tate seconded the motion and all were in favor.

New Business:

A. Newspaper Ads

The Board reviewed the newspaper ads for the primary election.

B. Mailer for Early Voting

Every registered voter must receive information regarding Early Voting. The specimen mailer will cost approximately \$15,000 with postage.

Early Voting will be held September 5 – 9, 2006.

Electronic Poll Books – 3

Chief Judges – 2

Check-in Judges – 6

Unit Judges – 3

Diebold is to supply one technician per polling place on Election Day per information received at the Director's meeting:

C. Parallel Testing

Parallel Testing will be conducted at the same time as the public demonstration on September 1, 2006 starting at 10:00. Two units are randomly selected, one to be used during the public demonstration and the other to be tested by SBE on Election Day.

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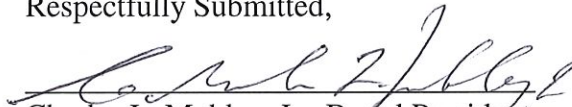
Member Remarks:

There will be no September Board Meeting due to time constraints. Next Board meeting October 10, 2006.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time. Charles Mobley made a motion to adjourn at 3:36; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles L. Mobley, Jr., Board President

10/10/06
Date



Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Dir, I

8-24-06
Date