

PROCEEDINGS

**BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS  
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY  
MARCH 12, 1996**

Present: Richard L. Coss, President  
Daris Phillips, Democrat Member  
Charles L. Mobley, Jr. Republican Member  
Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate  
Mark Brugh, Attorney  
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II  
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

Richard called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Roger Schlossberg, Democrat Alternate, was absent.

Richard expressed his appreciation to the Board and staff for their work during the Primary Election. Dorothy thanked the Board for their help during the election.

**MINUTES:** Jim motioned and Daris seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on February 13, 1996 be approved as submitted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Dorothy informed the Board that there is a pool car available for out of town travel.

Dorothy distributed copies of the 1996 Legislation.

Memo to Julian Manelli, SABEL, regarding our Emergency Procedures during an Election was distributed.

Letter from Injured Workers Insurance Fund and Dorothy's response were distributed. Names of past Board members and office personnel were still being listed which Dorothy corrected in her return letter.

Memo from Mary Lunden to Rudy Manelli regarding Power of Attorney and Absentee Applications was distributed. It may only be accepted from a person holding a general power of attorney for a member of the Armed Services. In addition, the ballot must be sent directly to the voter. Recommendation made to request a workshop at the upcoming MAEO meeting addressing the absentee application and ballot procedures and the acceptance power of attorney.

Memo from Joan Mobley regarding inactive voters on the precinct register was distributed. Currently the inactive voters appear on the precinct register with an asterisk preceding their name. There is a request to have the inactive voters printed on a separate list. We are opposed to the change due to poll workers having been trained with the current procedures and an additional printout would give them 3 printouts to check on election day.

Minutes of the organizational meeting of the Board of Canvassers held March 6, 1996 were distributed. Daris made a motion and Jim seconded to approve the minutes as submitted.

Memo from Mary Lunden concerning the NVRA Regulations was distributed. There is an error in both the state "motor voter" law and the regulations concerning the processing of certain voter registration applications. Article 33 and COMAR state that a VRA received by mail is timely if: (1) it is received prior to the deadline for registration or (2) mailed before the deadline and received by the election board no later than the fourth Wednesday preceding the election. Under NVRA the deadline applies to when the form was mailed not received. It provides that a VRA if postmarked on or before the deadline, should be processed regardless of when received.

Dorothy distributed an article concerning the possible petition against Baltimore County for using the OPTECH. The voter, William Poole, states he is entitled to a private and dignified vote and may pursue legal action.

Dorothy informed the Board that Voter News Service had sent a thank you to the Election Board for their assistance during the primary election.

Copy of the verification letter sent to Gene Raynor was distributed.

Dorothy distributed newspaper articles pertaining to the Kids Voting.

Manuals for the Electronic Transmission of Election Materials were distributed to the Board.

Financial Disclosure Statements were distributed to all Board members to be completed.

Memo from Joe Torre, SABEL, requesting documentation of election day problems and solutions was distributed. Response will be sent to Joe stating the problems and solutions at Districts 15 and 25-1.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board Members discussed all problems encountered all election day and how to prevent future occurrences.

Thank you notes will be sent to Terry Brewer, Bob Farmer and Staff, Lee McDuffie and Jeff Harr.

Mark requested a check list for election night to mark off as the transfer cases are returned.

Jim suggested that the number of binders in each precinct equal the number of transfer cases. More transfer cases will be ordered from BRC.

Richard informed the Board that a poll worker had requested that the training fee be paid after the primary election. The Board had previously moved that the fee not be paid until after the general election. Dorothy informed the Board that 24 poll workers had been trained who did not work in the primary

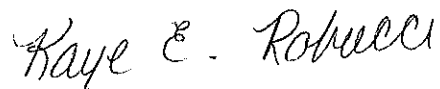
election. The Board agreed that the decision remain as made. Richard will inform the poll worker that the fee will not be paid until after the general election.

We will contact BRC and ask about the problem that Frederick County had election night. We want to know what procedures BRC has in case a hardware problem does occur election night.

The Board reviewed the polling places for available space for the Kids Voting program. Representatives from Kids Voting will be surveying each polling place.

Motion made by Jim and seconded by Daris to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 PM.

Sincerely,



Kaye E. Robucci  
Deputy Election Director I