

MINUTES

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION
March 13, 2007**

**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 Kaetzel, Director
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director, I

Charles Mobley called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2007

Charles Mobley asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the February 20, 2007 Board Meeting. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Approval of the Executive Board Meeting of February 20, 2007

Charles Mobley asked if the Board had any correction or modifications to the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of February 20, 2007. Minutes approved as submitted.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

Charles Mobley asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. Dorothy Kaetzel requested the NASED Report and Testimony be discussed under Correspondence and the MAEO Conference be discussed under New Business.

Correspondence:

A. MAEO Correspondence

MAEO Correspondence e-mailed to the Board.

B. NASED

The minutes of the 2007 Winter NASED Conference were distributed.

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C. Libertarian Party

Letter from Linda Lamone, SBE, to David Sten, Chairman of the Libertarian Party. The Libertarian Party filed New Party Petitions on December 29, 2006. The number of valid signatures was sufficient to meet the petition requirement.

D. Kent County

E-mail from Florence Sutton, Director, Kent County, announcing her retirement effective 2/28/07.

2:20 PM Clair Baker entered the meeting

Reports:

A. Voter Registration Statistics

Active registration has decreased because many active voters are now inactive due to the return of their specimen ballot mailer.

Old Business:

A. Polling Place Status

- Districts 13-1 and 22-2: Dorothy Kaetzel spoke with Tony Mayhugh, Administrative Assistant-Operations at the Board of Education. Mr. Mayhugh indicated that both Maugansville and Pangborn Elementary Schools will be available for use as polling places during the 2008 elections. The construction of the new schools will not hinder the voting process. The Board decided to not move these polling places for the 2008 elections.
- District 26-1: St. Joseph's Church is available for use. Dorothy Kaetzel will contact Angela Viar to schedule a survey on March 22, 2007 at 10:00 AM.
- District 15-0: The Church Board will meet in April and discuss the request to use the Park Head Methodist Church Activity Center as a polling place.
- District 19-0: There are four churches in the Town of Keedysville and hopefully one will meet polling place qualifications and would also be permitted to be used as a polling place for Election District 19-0. Dorothy Kaetzel will contact Amy Simmons, Clerk, Town of Keedysville, for additional information. We will also call our election judges from Keedysville.

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New Business:

A. MAEO- June 10 -13, 2007

The Annual MAEO Meeting will be held June 10-13, 2007 at Hunt Valley. Let Kaye know by March 31, 2007 if you will be attending and your jacket size.

Executive Session:

The Board went into executive session at 2:42 PM to a discuss personnel issues. All were in favor. The Board returned to regular session at 2:51 PM.

Member Remarks:

Charles Mobley congratulated Eileen Wiggins, John Benchoff and Clyde Tate for being re-appointed to the Board. Charles Mobley will send a note to Carroll Earp and Sharon Washington inviting them to the next two Board meetings. We will also send them information regarding the upcoming MAEO Meetings.

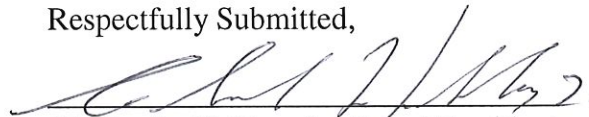
John Benchoff sent Tim Rowland, Herald Mail, the article from the Baltimore Sun entitled, "Don't replace voting system".

The next meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held April 10, 2007 at 2:00 PM at the Board office.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time. Charles Mobley made a motion to adjourn at 2:54 PM; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,


Charles L. Mobley, Jr., Board President 4/10/07
Date


Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Dir, I 3-19-07
Date