

June 2, 1975

Mr. Raymond Patterson, Mr. Albert Bartles, and Mr. Charles Downey received their commissions for a two year term as members of the Board of Election Supervisors and were sworn in by Mr. Baker, Clerk of Court on June 2, 1975 at 11:30 A.M. Mr. Donald Diehl and Mr. J. Dennis Koogle were also sworn in for two year terms as substitute Board members.

The Board met and organized. Mr. Downey made a motion to appoint Mr. Patterson chairman of the board. Mr. Bartles seconded the motion. Mr. Bartles will be vice chairman and Mr. Downey will be secretary.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Appointing an attorney to the board was discussed. Mr. Downey made a motion the appointment of the attorney be tabled until a special meeting is called by the chairman. Mr. Bartles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board decided to hold their monthly meeting the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 P.M.

The mandatory pre-election year meeting will be held in Ocean City, Md. on October 27 and 28, 1975. Clerks, board members and the attorney will be attending this meeting.

Mr. Patterson talked about the need for more space to store our voting machines. Mr. Nigh, Co. Comm. had asked him to look at the loading platform at the Montgomery Ward building. He reported we may be able to use this for storing 40 machines we use for the city election. A letter will be sent to Mr. Snook, chairman of Co. Comm. and a copy to the other commissioners stating the possibility of using this loading platform. ( Hold in abeyance ).

Mr. Bartles made a motion Mr. Patterson meet with Mayor Paddock to discuss the possibility to use the City Market house for storing the city voting machines. Mr. Downey seconded the motion.

Voter Registration by mail will be effective as of July 1, 1975. All materials to be used for this method of registration was shown to the new board members. Hagerstown Bookbinding & Printing Co. received the order for the materials for \$ 660.00.

Dottie read a letter from the Legislative Committee asking for proposals for legislation concerning election administration. The following recommendations were made:

1. Count absentee ballots by the whole instead of by district.
2. Advance preparation for counting absentee ballots.
3. Clerks to be paid by state.

Mr. Bartles made a motion we order two publications of "Registering Voters by Mail". The cost is \$ 3.00 per copy. Mr. Downey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Bartles made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Downey seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted.

Daris Phillips