

PROCEEDINGS

**BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY**

September 8, 1998

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

Richard called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

MINUTES: Daris made a motion and Jim seconded that the minutes of the meeting held August 11, 1998 be approved as submitted. All were in favor.

Dorothy informed the Board that Maxine Pratt's, Director of Frederick County, husband passed away.

CORRESPONDENCE: Minutes of the July 22, 1998 SABEL meeting were distributed. Dorothy informed the Board that a site survey had been conducted at our office on September 2, 1998. Karen Millison and Stanley Dade took inventory of our computers and discussed the state wide voter registration system. They concluded that we are in pretty good shape.

Memo from Richard Douglas, County Attorney, regarding any requests for the 1999 legislative package. Mark will request a 30 day extension due to the upcoming election.

Two questions have been certified and will appear on the ballot in the general election.

Linda Lamone, SABEL Administrator, sent a letter to Greg Snook informing him of the completed audit and the areas of concern.

Letter to Jeff Harr from Mark Brugh regarding the posting of election signs on school property was discussed. Kathleen Hoke Dacheille, Assistant Attorney General, concluded that article 27, 452 of the Annotated Code of Maryland is unconstitutional. Therefore, election signs will be allowed to be placed on school property on election day. A letter stating such was sent to each candidate, treasurer and chairman.

Letter from Mark Brugh to Bob Graff regarding the re-keying of the Master's Hearing Room was distributed. The Master's Hearing Room will be used for the counting of absentee ballots on September 16 - 18 and November 4 - 6, 1998. We will have exclusive use of and access to this area.

A Deputy will be present during the moving of the absentee ballots and equipment to the counting area and during the counting procedures. Dorothy will transport the absentee ballots and equipment in her van on Wednesday, September 16, 1998 at 1:00 PM.

At 2:20 Roger entered the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Richard thanked the Board and staff for their assistance during poll workers school. He also thanked Jim for driving the van to Annapolis to pick up the election material and for helping to set up the OPTECH's.

Jim informed the Board that due to the death of Keith Patterson, the new contact for the boy scouts is Fred Nugent. Jim will talk to Mr. Nugent regarding their assistance on election night. Terry Brewer will be assisting on Saturday and election night.

NEW BUSINESS: Dorothy informed the Board that information has been received that on election day candidates enter the polling places and greet the poll workers. Was this not electioneering? Mark agreed that it is electioneering and he will write a letter informing the candidates that they should not be doing this. The letter will also be given to the chief judges and sent to the central committees to inform them.

The election day menu was discussed.

The election day schedule was discussed. The absentee ballots and equipment and will be transported to the Master's Hearing Room on Wednesday, September 16, 1998 at 1:00 PM.

The Christmas Party will be held on Thursday December 10, 1998 at the Fireside Restaurant.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Absentee Ballot Procedures.

Next meeting October 13, 1998.

Daris made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 PM; Dot seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye E. Robucci
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Election Deputy Director I