

Feb. 27, 1968

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting at the office on Feb. 27, 1968 at 3:30 P.M.

The following members were present:

Mr. Howard S. Kaylor
Mr. M. Kenneth Long
Mr. Ralph A. McCauley
Mr. Arthur Haines
Mr. Woodrow Rippeon

The minutes were read and approved.

The Board was advised that the conference tables and chairs have been ordered.

Motion by Mr. McCauley and seconded by Mr. Long to buy 5 Binders from Long's Business Equipment, although the price quoted was higher than Lucas Brothers. Mr. Kaylor will talk to Mr. Long and see if he will come down any in the price he had quoted.

We are still waiting for a decision from Mr. Hauver on the Loyalty Oath.

Our opposition to Section 15-4 was discussed, but Legislators will not ask that Washington County be exempt from this State-wide bill.

The Board approved the Special Election dates as set up by Mr. Hauver.

A letter was received from the Attorney General on the qualifications for the Special Election. This letter was in agreement with the ruling made by our attorney.

Motion by Mr. McCauley and seconded by Mr. Long that we order 5,000 each of the master file and book file cards from Hagerstown Bookbinding.

After discussion on the number of voting machines that we will use for the Special Election, Mr. McCauley moved that we use 90 machines plus 2 extra. Seconded by Mr. Long. Motion carried. Board will invite the Machine Custodians to the next meeting to decide the amount they will be paid.

A copy of the letter that Mr. Kaylor sent to the Board of County Commissioners was read to the Board. This letter stated that under the election law, article 2-6, that the Election Board has the jurisdiction over the employees in their office.

Two letters containing several new election bills were received from Jim Messersmith, President of the Md. Association of Election Officials and read to the Board.

The Board was advised that a letter had been sent to Mr. Kepler of the Board of Education advising him that the school custodians will no longer be paid by the Election Board, because of the new election law.

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All polling places have been checked for voting on May 14. Mr. McCauley advised us that we would use the Immediate Washer Service Bldg. at 1935 W. Washington St. for voting in District 24 and we will pay them \$25 for the use of the room. We will be using the South Hagerstown Fire Co. for voting in District 3-3. We will pay them \$15 for the use of the Fire hall.

Board advised Clerk to order Soldier absentee voting cards, Statement of Votes Cast envelopes and other supplies that are needed without getting quotes.

According to the new election law, section 24-26, slips will have to be made available for the poll workers to give to employees to show their employer they have voted. After discussion on this, it was decided to have them printed up in pads of 50 to a pad. We will need 50 pads of these to put in the supply boxes.

According to the new law, section 15-4, the Board decided that a place for the voter's signature will now have to be put on the voters authority card. Board also decided to use our present change of address slip at the Polls for the changing of addresses.

Board authorized the installation of 2 additional telephones for the Special Election. These will be left in for the Primary and General Elections.

The Board decided not to get the extra 10% voters authority cards.

The Board was advised that St. Maria Goretti and South Hagerstown High Schools desire to use voting machines for their Student Council elections. Board approved them using the machines, with the schools assuming all expenses that are involved.

Motion by Mr. Long and seconded by Mr. McCauley that the office remain open from 9 A.M. to Noon on April 13th. Motion carried.

A discussion on a course of instructions for poll workers and on the budget was tabled for the next Board meeting.

We discussed the need for additional voting machines as the law has been changed to read that we can only have 400 voters per machine now. Motion by Mr. McCauley and seconded by Mr. Long that we put in the new budget for five voting machines. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Mr. McCauley to appoint Lee McCauley as the Democrat Ass't. Machine Custodian. Seconded by Mr. Kaylor and passed. Mr. Richard Smith will be notified of his dismissal.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Waters
Dorothy M. Waters, Clerk