

November 8, 1979

The Board of Election Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 1979, at 2 P.M. at the Board office. Chairman Bast called the meeting to order.

The following were recorded present:

Douglas G. Bast
Virgil E. Banzhoff
Charles L. Downey
Dorothy M. Waters
Daris A. Phillips
Fred R. Sword

Motion by Mr. Banzhoff and seconded by Mr. Downey that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting held on October 9, 1979, and that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

Under communications Chairman Bast read a letter from Bob Antonetti, president of the Maryland Association of Election Officials, regarding the annual meeting of the Association to be held on January 20-22, 1980. Bob asked that each Board write a letter of support to their representatives in Congress concerning H.R. 5529 which was submitted by Congresswoman Gladys Spellman. After discussion of H.R. 5529 the Board unanimously agreed that it is in favor of a non-profit status or a bulk rate mailing for election boards but is definitely opposed to free mailing of election ballots as this would put an additional obligation on the taxpayer.

Communications from Senator Thomas on the issue of residency with respect to community college students were read by Chairman Bast. After discussion on this the Board agreed that since our office is following proper procedures in registering college students that if any changes are to be made the community colleges will have to make changes in their residency requirements.

Under committee reports Daris reported on the new method of selection of delegates to the Democratic National Convention. She said that there will be two places selected in the 6th District to hold the caucuses. More information on this will be coming later.

Under old business the Board will send a letter to Richard Smith and Scott Hoffman asking them to meet with the Democrat Board members on Wednesday, November 14, at 4 P.M. in the Board office to discuss the position of Democrat substitute voting machine custodians.

Chairman Bast advised the Board that the County Commissioners had asked that any legislative suggestions we have be sent to them by November 1. The Board decided to suggest that section 2-7(f) of Article 33 read that Chief Judges be paid not less than \$45 per day and that Judges be paid not less than \$35 per day. We will also include that they refer to our former request for payment to Judges for attending Poll Workers' school. Also change section 2-3, line 22 to read: Washington County, \$1,080.

We discussed the mandatory meeting. The Board decided that after hearing the discussion at the meeting concerning minutes of our local board meetings, that our minutes basically follow the guidelines very well.

Also it was brought out that according to the Sunshine law we must give reasonable advance notice of our open meetings. To make sure we comply with this, Chairman Bast suggested we call the newspaper about a week in advance of each meeting and have the information put in the paper.

Under new business the Board decided to purchase a map for \$3.00 showing the election districts. This map will be sent to the State Board of Elections as their records show that they have not received a precinct map from Washington County since 1969.

The Board discussed the annual Association meeting to be held at Hunt Valley. Attending from our Board will be the three board members and two clerks. Due to the high cost of rooms we will arrange for double accommodations whenever feasible.

Motion by Mr. Banzhoff and seconded by Mr. Downey that the meeting be adjourned at 3:15 P.M. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on December 11, 1979, at 2 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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