

December 14, 1979

The Board of Election Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 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
Gerald L. Lapole
William F. Dunham, Jr.

Motion by Mr. Banzhoff and seconded by Mr. Downey that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting held on Nov. 6, 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 meal package for the annual Association meeting to be held at Hunt Valley on Jan. 20-22, 1980. Mr. Antonetti also announced that he is running for reelection as president of the Association. Attending the annual meeting will be the three Board members and the two Clerks.

Chairman Bast read a letter received from Mr. Morris regarding the review of our regulations for "Registration by Mail". The Board then reviewed our present regulations. Motion by Mr. Banzhoff and seconded by Mr. Downey that these regulations be approved as corrected and modified at the Board meeting. Motion carried. A copy of these regulations will be filed with the State administrative Board of Election Laws within 30 days.

Mr. Bast also read a letter from the State Board listing the prefilled bills to be considered by the 1980 Session of the Maryland General Assembly. After discussion the Board agreed to follow up on Bill #106 and #159.

A copy of the suggested legislation that the County Commissioners presented to the Delegation was discussed. The Board agreed that they did not feel that the County Commissioners presented the legislation in the best way. The Board members will talk to Mr. Morris at Hunt Valley concerning this.

Under committee reports Dottie and Daris reported on the Federal Election Commission Seminar that was held in Philadelphia. They were not able to complete their extensive report at this meeting and will report further at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Bast reported that the North Hagerstown High School has been acquired to hold the Democratic Post-Primary Caucus on June 7, 1980.

Under old business Chairman Bast advised the Board that Richard Smith has been selected as the Democrat substitute voting machine custodian.

Dottie advised the Board that Mr. Morris called concerning our request to change the law, section 2-3, line 22, showing that Washington County Board members be paid not less than \$1,080. He advised that it is unconstitutional to request this in the middle of the Board's term.

The Board decided to have the notice of the Board meetings placed under the Calendar of Events in the paper.

Under new business Mr. Bast advised that Mr. Coble, Dept. of Permits and Inspection, would like to have six of our old binder bags to carry their supplies in. The Board decided to give these to the Dept. of Permits and Inspection for their use.

Mr. Downey advised that Gerald L. Lapole has now been appointed Republican substitute Board member and therefore a vacancy for Republican substitute machine custodian exists.

Dottie advised that the deadline to change party affiliation is Jan. 14, 1980. An article will be put in the paper concerning this.

Dottie also advised the Board that about 2,000 persons will be coming off of the books as of Jan. 1, 1980. The State Data Processing will be sending us a listing of these persons and labels for the mailing of cards to each person.

The Board discussed the Christmas Party. They decided to wait until after New Years to have the party.

Motion by Mr. Banzhoff and seconded by Mr. Downey that the meeting be adjourned at 3:45 P.M. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Jan. 8, 1980.

Respectfully submitted,

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