

## MINUTES

### WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS June 13, 2006

35 W. Washington Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
240-313-2050

**Present:**

**Board**

Charles Mobley, Jr., President  
Eileen Wiggins, Democratic Member  
Clyde Tate, Republican Member  
G. Clair Baker, Attorney

**Staff**

Dorothy Kaetzel, Election Director, I  
Sharon C. Mackereth, Election Supervisor II

Charles Mobley called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. Kaye Robucci, Election Director, I, and John Benchoff, Democratic Alternate Member, were absent. There was a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2006**

Charles Mobley asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the May 16, 2006 Board Meeting. The following correction was made (correction in bold).

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C. When Charlie Baker was asked if he wanted a jury trial, he didn't answer the question, so a jury **trial** was ordered.

**Additions/Changes to the Agenda:**

Dorothy Kaetzel requested the following items be discussed under Correspondence: MAEO meeting information, memo from Linda Lamone (SBE) Ballot Options and letters from Mr. Mobley to Board of Education (Pat Abernethy and David Munday). Under Reports: Roger Weber (aka Charley Baker) case and Director's Meeting

**Correspondence:**

- A. Two County Bulletins -  
Issue 8 - Public Information Act – three counties were selected – Cecil, Wicomico and Worcester to provide information as requested.  
Issue 9 – Early Voting Training Survey – requesting information on separate training for Early Voting Judges – Washington County will not be having separate training for Early Voting Judges.
- B. A copy of a letter from Mary Wagner (SBE) to the Public Justice Center regarding incarcerated eligible voters was discussed; more information is forth coming.

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- C. MD Fair Election – e-mail from Nikki Trellia (County Support).
- D. Memo from Joe Torre on Proposed Changes to COMAR, Title 33 - currently the staff is processing petitions HB1368 Election Law - Voters Bill of Rights and SB468 Election Law - Early Voting, these are to be done by Monday, June 19, 2006.
- E. Letter from Linda Lamone (SBE) regarding voting procedures on touch screen units, the feature to “Confirm Ballot” will be turned off. The voter will only need to press the “Cast Ballot” button once, same as in previous elections. A revised, demo ballot software will be done on TS units to reflect this change in policy.
- F. Board Minutes report, Washington County is up to date.
- G. Press Release on E-Poll Books - funding approved for early voting only, not for Election Day, as yet.
- H. Letter from Karl Aro, Executive Director, Department of Legislative Services – regarding census in 2010. A meeting was held in Annapolis, June 7, 2006.
- I. Notice from the Election Center – update on photo ID requirements before voting at the polls. Expect that this may come up several times this year.
- J. Copies of the letters to David Munday, Instructional Technology, Board of Education, and Pat Abernethy, Deputy Superintendent for Instruction, Board of Education, from Mr. Mobley informing them of our changes to polling places.
- K. 2006 Legislative changes - some affect us immediately. Regulations for Voter Registration and Absentee Voting for Nursing Homes will be established by the State, and are subject to approval by the State Board. New Law Books will be coming this year. The section on Early Voting, regarding setting up a polling place at the local college was discussed. The local University of MD has less than 500 students. Washington County does use the Hagerstown Community College as a polling place during Election Day.

### Reports

- A. Dorothy Kaetzel reported on the Roger Weber (Charley Baker) case – Circuit Court date July 24, 2006, at 9:30 am. Sharon Mackereth reported on our visit from Mr. Weber, on Thursday, June 8, 2006. Mr. Weber wanted to file to run for Sheriff and County Commissioner. He was informed of the requirements for Sheriff. That he had to be a registered voter, 25 years of age, be a citizen of the state for at least five years, and a resident of the county. I gave him a blank registration application and told him we needed a driver’s license number for identity requirement.

Mr. Weber requested copies of all the forms and paperwork we have regarding his court case. He was informed that he had to return when our Director was here. He does plan on returning.

Board Attorney, Clare Baker, stated that he could get all he needed from the State's Attorney's office.

- B. Registration figures – City 20,682 had a 4.8% increase, County 84,082 had a 3.4% increase.
- C. Dorothy Kaetzel reported on the Frostburg Municipal Election, in Allegany County. They used 3 electronic poll books, which worked great. The election workers and voters were very pleased with how the e-poll books worked. Using the e-poll books moved all the voters through quickly – printed off the VAC and coded the access card. Turnout was about 30%.  
Washington County will be getting three e-poll books with a modem for early voting.
- D. Dorothy Kaetzel reported on the Director's Meeting, Kaye Robucci and Dorothy attended.
  - \* The Petition against Early Voting will not stop it for the 2006 Gubernatorial Elections. Early Voting mandates that we have a statewide database for the e-poll books. It was reported that there will be a lawsuit if this is not on the general ballot. Washington County has about 1300 signatures from both petitions.
  - \* In the future, all campaign filings will be done at the State Level.
  - \* The last Load Test was not successful; there will be another one before the next upgrade, in July 2006.
  - \* Dual entry is still being done across the state. We do not know when we will stop dual entry.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Changing polling places – Two precincts –  
22-2 will be Pangborn Elementary School, changed from 18-2.  
18-2 will be Maranatha Brethren Church. Mr. Mobley received approval from the Pastor and the survey has been done.  
Charles Mobley asked for someone to make a motion to approve the relocations – Eileen Wiggins made a motion and Clyde Tate seconded. We should be done with changes for this year. The deadline for polling places changes is today, June 13th. Future changes to polling places would have to be done in early 2007. In accordance with the Election Law there is a time restraint of 2 years preceding the decennial census that we cannot make changes. Changes can be made in this time period but, only by the State Administrator.

- B. Dorothy Kaetzel reported on the process of appointing poll workers – all letters have been sent for assigning training times and placements. We have received very few cancellations, so far (over 500 poll workers including subs).  
This training schedule should work better with allowed time between each session. The Training Manual is in process – the office has been revising and returning chapters to SBE for their approval.
  
- C. “A Better Way to Vote – Guide for ACCUVote TS Voting System” brochures will be ordered by the State at less than \$1.00 each.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Office Picnic – Tuesday, September 26, 2006 or Wednesday, September 27, 2006.  
The office will make survey for which possible date.

**MEMBERS REMARKS**


**SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

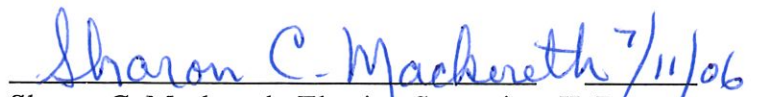
The next meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held July 11, 2006 at 2:00 PM at the Board Office.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time. Charles Mobley made a motion to adjourn at 3:05 PM; Clyde Tate seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Charles L. Mobley, Jr., Board President      Date 7/11/06

  
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Sharon C. Mackereth, Election Supervisor II      Date 7/11/06