

MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION July 13, 2010

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

Present:

Board

Eileen Wiggins, President
John Benchoff, Democratic Member
Clyde Tate, Republican Member
Sharon Washington, Democratic Alternate
Carroll Earp, Republican Alternate
Roger Schlossberg, Board Attorney

Staff

Kaye Robucci, Acting Director, I
Sharon Mackereth, Election Supervisor, II

Eileen Wiggins called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2010:

Eileen Wiggins asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the June 8, 2010 Board Meeting. Approved as submitted.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

Kaye Robucci requested the following be added under Correspondence: E-mail from Democratic National Committee.

Correspondence:

A. State Board Policy: "No Electioneering Zone" –

E-mailed to the Board.

B. Memo regarding Certification of Local Ballot Questions –

Kaye Robucci reported that she e-mailed John Martirano, County Attorney, and he informed her that there would be no local ballot questions for this year's election. Kaye faxed this information to SBE.

C. Tom Feehan, ES&S –

E-mailed to the Board.

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D. Audit of SBE and how it affects the Local Boards.

E-mailed to the Board.

E. Citizen Meetings at SBE –

E-mailed to the Board.

F. 2010 Legislative Changes –

Distributed to the Board and Staff.

G. E-mail from Signature Space regarding –

2010 Election Transportation Provider for our equipment and logistics coordination. The transportation company will be Klavuhn Moving and Storage Company from Cumberland, Maryland.

H. Voting Location Evaluation Form 2010, discussed.

The Board discussed the use of this form, the time needed to complete the forms and does anyone use the information. Kaye Robucci stated that she reviews forms for comments and copies go to SBE.

I. E-mail from Stuart Harvey, Election Director, for Frederick County regarding –

Democratic National Committee on the date of the 2012 Presidential Primary. If the recommendations are approved, Maryland's 2012 Primary would be held between, March 6, 2012 through June 12, 2012.

Reports:

A. Mock Election –

Kaye Robucci reported on the Mock Election – that overall everything went well. We did experience multiple server and connectivity issues. The problem was actually on the State's end and if we had known that – it would have been less an issue. Is the State doing something about this problem to resolve it for the future?

B. Filing Deadline was July 6, 2010 for candidates appearing on the ballot.

Kaye Robucci reported on the final rush of candidates at the last period.

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C. Election Worker Training Classes have started.

We are trying a new process of training the election workers ourselves and overall it is going well. We are having problems with some judges not showing up. Because of this, a make-up class will be scheduled for July 28th, 8:30 AM till 12:30 PM for Chief Judges.

Old Business –

A. Early Voting agreement –

Roger Schlossberg, Board Attorney reported that he will have the agreement by the August Board Meeting.

B. Posting of Campaign signs -

Roger Schlossberg, Board Attorney, reported that we cannot tell a person when to put up or take down signs on private property. The contents is neutral, it can be anything. Depending on where citizens live they must recognize county and community restrictions and the Board of Education restrictions. Roger will check on the size of signs.

C. Alternate site for Early Voting -

No official approval by State.

D. Demonstration at ARC of Washington County –

Carroll Earp and Clyde Tate will be doing the demo on July 16, 2010.

E. Early Voting –

Kaye Robucci, Acting Director, reported that she ordered 3,000 pamphlets and 10 posters for Early Voting Outreach. John Benchhoff knows of a business that banners may be purchased at a reasonable price. Kaye asked the Board for any ideas for promoting Early Voting. A suggestion was made to send information to Lou Scally's WHAG radio program.

New Business –

A. Parking for Early voting –

Kaye Robucci reported that she is trying to get parking permits from the City of Hagerstown for election workers. It could cost as much as \$700.

The County has cautioned us on using the same Election Judges on too many days of early voting. Those workers would reach the \$600 threshold and require W-2's at the end of the year.

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B. Early Voting Security Plan -

Roger Schlossberg, Board Attorney, stated that the security plan should be a detailed description of the Early Voting polling place. Motion was made by Carroll Earp to approve the Early Voting Security Plan and seconded by John Benchoff. All approved.

C. Information from Wicomico County Election Board re – 5 regular board members.

The Board discussed the need to have a full five member board. What we have is not broken so why change. The two alternate board members are going fine and we have always gotten along with 3 regular members. Motion was made by John Benchoff to keep the Board as is and seconded by Clyde Tate. All approved and the issue was settled for Washington County.

Member Remarks:

Eileen Wiggins thanked everyone for helping with Election Worker training.

The Office Picnic will be held at Doub Park on September 29, 2010 at 6:00 PM, located at the pavilion off of Maryland Ave.

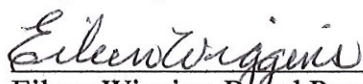
Adjournment:

The next Board Meeting will be on August 10, 2010 at 2:00 PM.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Sharon Washington made a motion to adjourn at 3:37 PM; Clyde Tate seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Compiled by Sharon C. Mackereth
Election Supervisor, II

Respectfully Submitted,



Eileen Wiggins, Board President

8/10/10

Date



Carroll Earp, Board Secretary

8/10/10

Date