



MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

March 7, 2018

35 W. Washington Street

Hagerstown, MD 21740

240-313-2050

Present:

Board:

Bruce Field, President

Tammy Downin, Vice President

Jim Schultheis, Secretary

William Blazes, Member

Martin Lumm, Member

Staff:

Kaye Robucci, Election Director II

Barry Jackson, Election Deputy Director II

Guests:

Peter Perini, Chairman, Democratic Central Committee

President Bruce Field called the meeting to order at 2:00PM at the Washington County Board of Elections Office, 35 W. Washington Street, Suite 101, Hagerstown MD 21740. Board attorney Roger Schlossberg was absent. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2018 and February 13, 2018:

Tammy Downin requested the following changes for the February 13, 2018 minutes:

Additions/changes to the agenda (C should be III, D should be IV, add distributed information)

Tammy questioned the adjournment language.

Tammy Downin moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018 and February 13, 2018 as amended. Marty Lumm seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda:

No changes to the agenda.

New Business:

I. Motion to consolidate precincts 22001 and 25001 to Trinity Lutheran Church for Primary Election only, due to construction at Bethel Gardens Community Center.

A. Bruce Field announced that Kaye Robucci, Barry Jackson and he surveyed Bethel Gardens. Because of construction, only half of the room normally used for

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elections would be available. The room would be small, but with use of the lobby for checking in voters, it should be doable.

B. Meanwhile, Bruce, Kaye and Barry toured the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center as an alternative to Bethel Gardens within precinct 25001. It was deemed insufficient, because there was no air conditioning and inadequate handicapped accessibility.

C. The Johnson Center was not an option

D. Vote totals between the two precincts in past Gubernatorial Primary Elections was low enough that Trinity Lutheran Church will handle the turnout in 2018.

E. Peter Perini thanked the election board for the great work they do to ensure accessibility for all voters. Peter had a few points of interest:

1. Two different neighborhoods, two different groups of voters. Bethel Gardens is part of that precinct's neighborhood and fabric. Could Zion Baptist Church (Pastor Ricky Smith), across from Bethel Gardens, be a possibility?
2. It may cause confusion at the General Election, because of moving back and forth from Primary to General.
3. Peter suggests that we have a Town Hall meeting in Bethel Gardens to make sure people are aware of the change.
4. Peter is concerned about lack of signage area at Trinity Lutheran Church. Bruce Field said there is a grass strip along Randolph Street that allows for signs.

F. Marty Lumm made a motion to consolidate precincts 22001 and 25001 to Trinity Lutheran Church for Primary Election only, due to construction at Bethel Gardens Community Center. Jim Schultheis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 2:00PM. The location is Washington County Board of Elections 35 W. Washington St., Suite 101, Hagerstown, MD; as pursuant to the Bylaws of the Washington County Board of Elections, Article 3, Section 3.3(A) 8.

Distributed Information:

- I. Polling Room Layout of Precinct 22001, Trinity Lutheran Church
- II. Polling Room Layout of Precinct 25001, Bethel Gardens Community Center
- III. Statement of Votes Cast, 2014 Gubernatorial Primary Election
- IV. Statement of Votes Cast, 2010 Gubernatorial Primary Election

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Adjournment:

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Tammy Downin made the motion to adjourn at 2:31PM, Bill Blazes seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

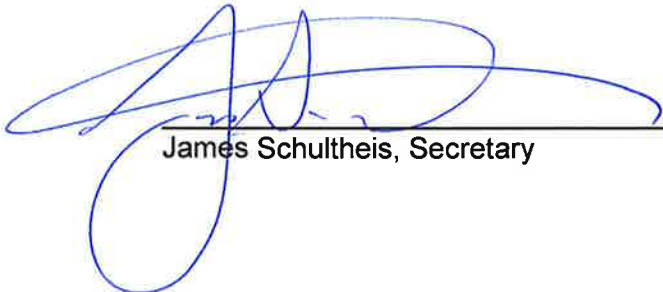
The Bylaws with advice of counsel shall follow the requirements of the Open Meetings Act as specified under Title 10, Subtitle 5 of the State Government Article.

Compiled by Barry Jackson
Election Deputy Director II

Respectfully Submitted,

 4/3/18

Bruce Field, President Date

 4/3/18

James Schultheis, Secretary Date

