

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 1988, at the Board office. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph A. McCauley at 2 P. M.

The following were recorded present:

Ralph A. McCauley, President
Oscar W. Spigler, Democrat Member
Walter F. Bell, Jr., Republican Member
Geraldine M. Harmon, Republican Alternate
William F. Dunham, Attorney
Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk II
Daris A. Phillips, Chief Clerk I

MINUTES:

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on June 21, 1988 were approved as submitted. The regular meeting for July had been cancelled as the office was too busy checking petitions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Plans were made for the office picnic to be held on August 22, 1988 at Doub's Woods park at 6 P. M.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A memo from Donna Duncan was read concerning the deadline to certify local questions and questions arising under Article 11-A of the Constitution to the local boards by the County Commissioners. The deadline was August 15, 1988; however, Dottie had informed Barry Teach that the question from the County Commissioners concerning the charter question had to be in to the Election Board by August 8, 1988. Our Attorney, Mr. Dunham, researched this section of the law and advised the Board that the Charter Board had to have the question to the County Commissioners by August 8, but the County Commissioners have until August 15, 1988 to get the Question to the election board as it will appear on the ballot. Dottie will advise Barry Teach of this change.

Thank you notes were read from Gene Raynor, Bob Antonetti, Staff of Queen Anne's and Worcester Counties thanking us for the fine MAEO conference held at the Ramada Inn.

Memo from Barry Teach concerning the change in the law book to show the present salary of the Board Members.

Memo from Gene Raynor commending us on the excellent job of verifying the referenda petitions. Dottie has written to Mr. Raynor suggesting that the date of birth of the petition signer be included on the petitions, so proper signer can be identified easier.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Continued)

Copies of the letters sent to Congresswoman Byron and Senators Sarbanes and Mikulski opposing S2061 and H.R.3950 as stated in Resolution #1 passed by the Maryland Association of Election Officials were distributed. Also a copy of the letter sent to Hilda Ford, Secretary of Personnel, in favor of Resolution IV, the reevaluation of the personnel classification of election officials under the State Merit System, as it passed unanimously by the Maryland Association of Election Officials.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the voting machine custodians and will be meeting with Bill Dorsey when a suitable time can be arranged.

President McCauley advised the Board that he had talked with Mrs. Robinson in Dargan regarding the building of the ramp at the Old Dargan School to make it an accessible polling place. The Board decided to give the Dargan Ruritan Club until September 9 to get the ramp built, in order for us to move the polling place for Dist. 11-2 from the Potomac Valley Firehall to the Old Dargan School for the General election.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dottie advised the Board that the budget has been approved with various items being cut by \$3,032 and the Optech III electronic system to count absentee ballots was cut out entirely.

Dottie advised the Board that the League of Women Voters wants to use a voting machine at the Valley Mall on September 9 which has been declared "Registration Day". The Roads Dept. will move this machine without charging.

The letter to the poll workers that worked in the Primary Election will be sent on September 19, 1988 to verify that they can work at the November 8 General Election, as they were appointed for both elections. The letter will include primary election day problems with solutions, so similar problems do not happen in the General Election. The Board suggested that the poll worker make a note on the temporary certificate of registration of the person in the election office that supplied them the information to fill out the certificate.

Dottie advised the Board that the pre-bid printers conference will be held on September 8 at 1:30 P.M. in the conference room. The bids for the printing must be in to the County Commissioners at 11 A.M. on September 20.

Motion by Oscar Spigler and seconded by Walter Bell that the meeting be adjourned at 3 P.M. The next regular meeting will be held on September 13, 1988 at 2 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Waters

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