



MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
March 08, 2016
35 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
240-313-2050

Present:

Board

Bruce Field, President
Tammy Downin, Vice President
Jim Schultheis, Secretary
Martin Lumm, Member
Bill Blazes, Member
Roger Schlossberg, Board Attorney

Staff

Kaye Robucci, Election Director, I
Teresa Morningstar, Election Supervisor II

Guests:

Peter Perini, Chairman, Democratic Central Committee

Bruce Field, President called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM; at the Washington County Early Voting Center located at 101 Tandy Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2016:

Bruce Field asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of February 9, 2016 Board of Elections meeting. Tammy Downin requested the following changes, (corrections shown in **Bold**). Page 4, Executive Session, Bruce Field called for a motion to close the board meeting under State Government Article, Bill Blazes made a motion to close the meeting at 2:45 PM. Bruce Field called for a motion to **recess** the board meeting under State Government Article, and Bill Blazes made a motion to **recess** the meeting at 2:45 PM. Martin Lumm made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections; Tammy Downin, seconded.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda:

Bruce Field asked if there were any additions/changes to the Agenda. Kaye Robucci, the Director added under Correspondence a letter B. David Trone Sue SBE.

Correspondence

A. Email from Colonel Wilkinson, regarding the Sherriff Sale – Email dated February 17, 2016, Colonel Wilkinson will work around our schedule for the Presidential Primary and General Elections regarding the Phoenix Color Warehouse.

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Reports

A. Meeting with County Commissioners, March 8, 2016

B. Director's Report – David Trone sues Maryland over ballot issue. Democratic congressional candidate in Maryland sued the state on Friday March 4, 2016, in an effort to halt the printing of early voting ballots, citing concerns that the design could harm candidates running throughout the state. David Trone filed a temporary restraining order in Anne Arundel County Circuit Court against the Maryland State Board of Elections, seeking that it hold off on weekend plans to print ballots.

a. Personnel Report – Sharon Mackereth's official retirement date was February 29, 2016, as Election Deputy Director.

b. Warehouse – Update on renovations

c. Equipment – N/A

d. Polling Places – N/A

e. Early Voting – N/A

f. Transportation (see Old Business)

g. Training – N/A

h. Election Workers – Recruiting additional workers – Kaye Robucci was interviewed twice by local television WHAG, in order to make the public aware of our urgent need for additional election workers. Our local office has been flooded with calls and applications for persons wanting to serve as election judges for the upcoming 2016 elections.

i. Election Worker Training Schedule – update – Everyone received an updated copy of the training schedule.

j. Election Worker Manual – Does everyone have a copy? – Everyone does have their own copy.

k. Use of warehouse for packing supplies, supply pickup, election night returns, all Canvasses

l. Voter Outreach Events – N/A

m. Registration Deadline – April 5, 2016 – Registration deadline for address changes and party affiliation changes will be April 5, 2016 at 9:00 PM.

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Old Business:

A. FY17 Budget – Update

B. Transportation to Early Voting – Turner Transportation has been hired to provide public transportation to the Early Voting Center at 101 Tandy Drive in Hagerstown; to provide free transportation from any Washington County Commuter Bus Stop to the Washington County Early Voter Center. Service provided only from point of pick up to the Washington County Early Voting Center and back to original point of pickup. The voter will call 301-573-0531 to make arrangements.

C. MAEO Conference, June 19-22, 2016 in Cambridge, MD – The office will be making reservations for this conference. If you are bringing a guest with you, please let Kaye know in advance.

D Election Schedule

New Business:

A. Contingency Plan- The Board reviewed the Contingency Plan provided by SBE.

B. Specimen Mailer – wording for the Early Voting Transportation Policy - The mailer will include special wording pertaining to the Early Voting Transportation Policy so that all voters can access public transportation to the early voting center.

C. Restoration to Voting Rights in Maryland – Effective, March 10, 2016, if you have been convicted of a felony and have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, you are eligible to register to vote.

D. Early Voting and Election Day schedule for visiting polling places – Bruce Field will compile a schedule for the board members to visit on Election Day. The board members are also responsible for completing a Polling Place Evaluation Form 2016 for designated precincts.

Members Remarks: None

Executive Session:

Bruce Field called for a motion to recess the board meeting under State Government Article, § 10-508(a)(2) to protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business. Tammy Downin made a motion to recess the meeting at 2:45 PM, and Bill Blazes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held on April 12, 2016 at 2:00 PM. The location is Washington County Board of Election Warehouse, 101 Tandy Drive Hagerstown, MD.

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Reminder:

Board will be sworn – in by Denny Weaver on April 12, 2016. Location: Washington County Early Voting Center, 101 Tandy Drive, Hagerstown.

Adjournment:

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Bruce Field asked for a motion to adjourn the open meeting; Tammy Downin made the motion to adjourn at 3:00 PM; and seconded by Bill Blazes.

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 Teresa Morningstar
Election Supervisor II

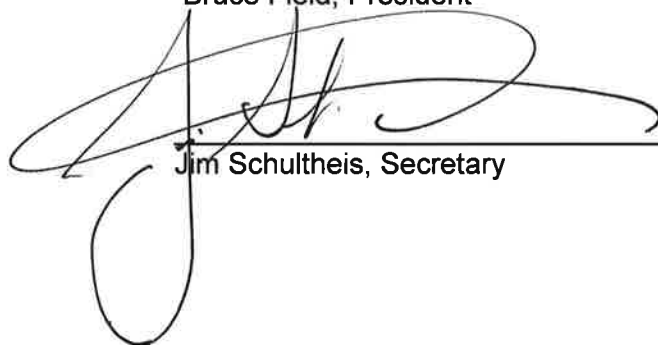
Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Field, President

4/12/16

Date



Jim Schultheis, Secretary

4.12.16

Date