

**PROCEEDINGS**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
May 9, 2000**

Present: Richard L. Coss, President  
Charles Mobley, Republican Member  
Marianne Schneider, Democratic Member  
Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate  
Roger Schlossberg, Attorney  
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II  
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

Richard Coss called the meeting to order at 2:02. James Sprecher, Democratic Alternate, was absent.

**MINUTES:** Jim Mobley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2000 board meeting, Marianne Schneider seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Kenneth Bacon, Assistant Secretary of Defense, regarding the prohibition of using reserve facilities as polling places.

Memo from Joe Torre regarding the release of the voting machines.

Memo from Kimberly Phillips, SBE, regarding the infamous crime listing from the Judicial Information System. We are to continue with the same procedure of sending the appropriate letter and removing the voter immediately. Roger Schlossberg, Attorney, will discuss this topic at the attorney roundtable during the MAEO meeting in June. He suggested that Dorothy Kaetzel also discuss this topic during the director's meeting.

Letter from Kathryn Rowe, Assistant Attorney General, to Senator Donald Munson was discussed. This letter was regarding HB1148 and whether the bill violated the one subject requirement of the Maryland Constitution.

Roger Schlossberg entered the meeting at 2:20 PM.

The home county of candidates running for office in multi-county election districts will no longer be placed on the ballot.

Memo from Donna Duncan, SBE, regarding the April 5, 2000 directors meeting. Several topics were discussed during the meeting including:

- Using the date of issuance on a driver's license as evidence that the voter appeared at the MVA. This issue will be discussed at the state board meeting.
- Voting status of Clifton Perkins State Hospital inmates.
- Policy for persons who are guardian or agents for group of handicapped individuals.
- Procedures to follow when changing a polling place between elections.

Memo from Kurt Hornig, SBE, regarding the tactile ballot overlay. This procedure will not be used in the general election.

Roger Schlossberg reported on the process for a referendum. Only Acts of the General Assembly can be petitioned to referendum. If the County Commissioners pass an ordinance this cannot be petitioned to referendum due to the County Commissioner form of government. If it is a statewide referendum; signatures of 3% of the registered voters must be gathered. If it is a public local law; signatures of 10% of those who voted for governor in the last election must be collected. The petitions are to be filed with the Secretary of State. He recommended that Dorothy Kaetzel call the Office of the Secretary of State and inquire if that is indeed the office to direct all calls regarding the referendum process.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The traffic congestion problem experienced on election night was tabled until the June board meeting. James Sprecher will make a report at that meeting.

High School registration has been completed. A total of 1,016 students registered to vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board discussed the current policy of reimbursement of mileage for the poll workers. The Board decided that the current policy is outdated. After much discussion, Marianne Schneider made a motion to pay the Chief Judges full mileage for picking up and returning supplies and to pay full mileage to judges working outside of their district. Jim seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Plans for MAEO were discussed. All of the office staff will be leaving on Sunday, June 4, 2000 at 1:00 PM. We have reserved the county car. Richard Coss and Dorothy Waters will be leaving at 2:00 PM. Everyone else is on their own.

Next meeting - June 13, 2000

Dorothy Waters made a motion to adjourn at 3:21 PM; Jim Mobley seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kaye Robucci*

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Election Deputy Director I