

## PROCEEDINGS

### **BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY October 15, 1998**

Present:               Richard L. Coss, President  
                          Daris Phillips, Democrat Member  
                          Charles Mobley, Jr., Republican Member  
                          Mark P. Brugh, Attorney  
                          Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II  
                          Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Election was called to order at 1:00 pm. The meeting was called to discuss the problem that occurred at District 3-2 on Election Day. The judges were asked to attend the meeting at 1:00 pm. These judges included: Agnus Hessong, Urilla Schmidt and Tamera Reese. Samuel Tubaugh was unable to attend. The judges were asked to explain what took place on election day in regards to Mr. Robert Whisenant not being allowed to vote. The judges left at 1:30 pm.

At 2:00 pm, Mary Jane Weller, Democratic Chief Judge, entered the meeting. Mary Jane also relayed the events that took place on election day. Mary Jane left at 2:20 pm.

At 2:30 pm, Stephen Riedesel, Republican Chief Judge, entered the meeting. He also explained what took place on election day and what events occurred that caused Mr. Whisenant not being allowed to vote. Mr. Riedesel left the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Discussion ensued. Board decided that letters should be sent to all involved. Need to indicate in the letter the importance of confidentiality.

A mild letter of reprimand will be sent to all 4 judges explaining the mistake that was made and the importance of speaking up if they feel something is not being handled correctly.

A letter of reprimand will be sent to Chief Judge Mary Jane Weller indicating that as a Chief Judge she and Mr. Riedesel together should make all decisions. She should without hesitation confer with Mr. Riedesel and if they can't agree she needs to contact our office immediately. They are equally responsible for everything that goes on at the polling place.

Letter to Chief Judge Stephen Riedesel indicating that we know the voter was denied the right to vote on election day. Mr. Riedesel will be allowed to work in the general election with the understanding that he must work together with Mary Jane and that they are equally responsible for all that goes on at the polling place. Another such incident will not be tolerated. He is essentially on probation during the general election and his future as a poll worker will be decided after the general election.

Letter will be sent to Robert Whisenant explaining that the incident was investigated and what was decided.

Jim made a motion that letters of reprimand as described above be issued to the judges and chief judges. Daris seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kaye Robucci*

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Election Deputy Director I