

PROCEEDINGS
BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, March 9, 1982, at the Board office. President Bast called the meeting to order at 2:02 P.M. He advised the Board that due to the absence of Virgil Banzhoff, G. Elaine Rose, the substitute Board member, would be serving in his behalf.

The following were recorded present:

Douglas G. Bast, President
Charles L. Downey, Minority Member
G. Elaine Rose, Substitute Member
Dottie Waters, Chief Clerk
Daris Phillips, Chief Clerk

MINUTES:

Charles Downey moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on February 9, 1982, seconded by G. Elaine Rose. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dottie reported that Virgil Banzhoff has been in the hospital. He is now recuperating at home.

President Bast advised the Board that Tom Parks, Register of Wills, is still very ill.

Dottie reported on the training session on interviewing techniques conducted by the County Commissioners. She and Daris thought this session was very interesting and beneficial.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Bast read a memo from Mr. Morris requesting our latest maps delineating election districts and precincts be sent to the Attorney General's office. The maps have been sent. The Board discussed the possibility of getting better maps printed after the redistricting has been completed.

President Bast read a memo from Bob Coble regarding building and grounds maintenance and repairs. We have advised them of several repairs needed, some of which have been completed.

Mr. Bast read a memo from Willard Morris regarding Election Board members and employees refraining from engaging in partisan political activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Under old business, Dottie advised that the registration in the high schools has been completed. We will go to Hagerstown Junior College next week. Total registration in the high schools was 355 Democrats, 389 Republicans and 65 Declines for a total of 809.

Dottie advised the Board that the schedule for the schooling for Distributors of Voter Registration Application Forms had been mailed to interested groups and given to the press.

Dottie advised that we had sent the old racks and binders to the Roads Department for their auction. We have been advised that the items brought \$200.50.

The Board discussed the list of those persons that have been taken off for not voting in five years. There were 3,851 persons taken off. Since we can no longer supply these names to the Central Committees in district alphabetical order, Mr. Downey made a motion that if we receive any requests for a listing of the names, that they be photocopied in accordance with Article 33, Section 3-20, and persons be charged 1/2¢ per each name and address. Seconded by G. Elaine Rose and motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Under new business Dottie advised the Board that an organization called "Turning Point" had requested that we send someone to talk to their group about voter registration and voting. This is an organization of Washington County residents who are receiving psycho-social rehabilitation. Mr. Bast suggested that we endeavor to find out more about this group and requested that Dottie, Daris and Mr. Downey speak to them if we feel that we can be of assistance to them.

Dottie advised the Board that she had submitted changes in Article V of the charter of Hagerstown regarding registration, nomination and elections to the Charter Review Committee for the city of Hagerstown for their consideration. These changes will make the city charter more compatible with the Election Laws of Maryland.

The Board discussed SB 865 and SB 866. These were referred to the County Commissioners for their input. They are in favor of the state assumption of election costs, but only with the stipulation that the state cannot increase the amount of money they withhold from the county-state property tax grant once it has been established. The SB 866 shows the amount to be withheld for Washington County is \$64,031. Since this figure is very low compared to our budget, we cannot support it at this time.

The Board discussed the machine custodian's repairing the voting machines. The Board agreed that Bill Dorsey should contact Daryl Long and they should begin the maintenance work on the voting machines immediately.

The Board discussed the budget as presented by Dottie. They decided to put in for voting machine covers and for maintenance on the voting machines. Motion by G. Elaine Rose and seconded by Charles Downey that the budget be accepted as presented. Motion carried. Our budget hearing is scheduled for April 6, 1982, at 2:30 P.M.

Motion by Elaine and seconded by Charles Downey that the meeting be adjourned at 3:30 P.M. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 1982, at 2 P.M. Notice of this meeting will be properly posted.

Respectfully submitted,

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