

PROCEEDINGS

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS January 9, 2001

Present: Marianne Schneider, Democratic Member
Charles Mobley, Republican Member
Eileen Wiggins, Democratic Alternate
Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

In Richard Coss's absence, Marianne Schneider assumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Roger Schlossberg, Attorney, was also absent.

MINUTES: Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2000 Board meeting; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Memo from Joe Torre releasing the voting machines.

OLD BUSINESS: Jim Mobley reported on the public hearing held January 4, 2001 regarding the Special Committee appointed to review the voting systems and election procedures in Maryland. Four workgroups with a MAEO Representative on each one will be set up to review the following:

- Voting Systems
- Voting and Recount Procedures
- Funding Formula and Mechanisms
- Appropriate Administrative and Judicial Remedies

Next meeting will be held Thursday, January 18, 2001 at 1:00 PM. Dorothy Waters, Dorothy Kaetzel and Kaye Robucci are planning to attend. Final report is due to the Governor by the 2nd week in February.

The Board reviewed the letter to Delegate Robert McKee requesting the Washington County Delegation to introduce legislation to increase the regular board member salaries to \$5,300 for the president and \$5,000 for the other board members to become effective in June 2003. The letter will also be sent to Greg Snook, President, County Commissioners.

The Board discussed the communication problem experienced on election day. Jim Mobley will contact Pete Loewenheim, Director Communications, to discuss the problems and possible solutions for future elections. Also, we need to be in contact with the county in regards to the renovations for our new office space.

Our lease for the voting equipment expires June 30, 2001. Jim Mobley suggested contacting John Reynolds to discuss current equipment and the latest technology. Dorothy Kaetzel budgeted for renewing the contract for not more than \$80,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board discussed the 2001-2002 budget. Dorothy Kaetzel will be attending a class on Wednesday, January 10, 2001 at 1:00 PM. Dorothy Kaetzel informed the Board that we may be able to get legislative maps from the Department of Planning rather than having them printed.

The Board discussed the proposed consolidation or closing of several elementary schools which are used as polling places. Cascade Elementary School might close and Conococheague and Maugansville Elementary Schools might consolidate.

Jim Mobley suggested that the Board consider a better method for displaying all the required paperwork that is posted at each polling place.

Dorothy Waters made a motion to adjourn at 3:20 PM; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Next meeting - February 13, 2001.

Respectfully submitted;



Kaye E. Robucci
Election Deputy Director I