

MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION July 11, 2006

35 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
240-313-2050

Present:

Board

Charles Mobley, Jr., President
Clyde Tate, Republican Member
Eileen Wiggins, Democratic Member
John Benchoff, Democratic Alternate
Clair Baker, Attorney

Staff

Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director, I
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director, I

Guest

Charlie Baker aka Roger Dean Webber

Charles Mobley called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. There was a quorum present.

Charlie Baker aka Roger Webber, appealed to the Board to be reinstated as a registered voter in Washington County. He brought to their attention a Maryland Case Law that allows a person to change their name by common law. He has used the name, Charlie Baker, since 1976 with one exception, when he opened a bank account and used the name Roger Webber. The Board listened to his request but made no response due to the pending lawsuit.

Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2006

Charles Mobley asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the June 13, 2006 Board Meeting. Minutes approved as submitted.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

Charles Mobley asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. Dorothy Kaetzel requested Charlie Baker aka Roger Webber be added to the agenda and the COMAR changes be discussed under Correspondence. Charles Mobley requested the Equipment Projections under Reports.

Correspondence:

A. COMAR

Proposed changes to COMAR to include early voting when determining the number of voting units required for each polling place.

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B. Judicial Listing

Final Judicial listing was received. M. Kenneth Long will be on our ballot for the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

C. Early Voting Site

Memo from Linda Lamone, Administrator SBE, granting approval of our early voting site.

D. Petition Status

E-mail regarding the status of the statewide referendum petitions. House Bill 1368 met the initial 1/3 signature requirement. We received the second filing of petitions and have over 6,000 to verify. Senate Bill 478 did not meet the initial 1/3 signature requirement.

E. Provisional Voting Guidelines

Guidelines are very similar to the ones used in 2004.

F. County Bulletin – Issue 10 & Early Voting Guidelines

G. Early Voting

The Early Voting Strategic Outreach and Communication Plan was discussed. Dorothy Kaetzel informed the Board that every voter has to be contacted about Early Voting. This can be done with either a postcard or specimen mailer.

H. Maryland's for Fair Elections

E-mail from Donna Duncan, SBE, stating that the Anne Arundel County Court found that the case was not timely filed and dismissed the case. She understands the plaintiffs intend to appeal the case and expect the Court of Appeals to take the case in late July.

I. Charter Home Rule

Minutes from the County Commissioner meeting in June outlining the steps involved in the process.

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J. Charter Home Rule

E-mail from John Martirano, County Attorney, regarding Charter Home Rule.

K. Constitution

E-mail from Chris Shank, Delegate, with information from the Constitution of Maryland regarding local legislation.

Charlie Baker aka Roger Webber, is requesting that we provide information from his 2005 candidate folder to the Hagerstown Housing Office so that he can apply for Section 8 Housing. He will provide us with a release note requesting that the information be provided to them.

Reports:

A. Registration Figures

Registration has increased 3% in the county and 4.9% in city since 2004. The total increase is 3.4% .

B. Equipment Projections

Charles Mobley distributed copies of the Voting Equipment Projections for the primary 2006.

Old Business:

A. Election Worker Training Classes

The First Class is August 2, 2006. We do not have a complete manual to date. We expect the last 3 chapters soon.

B. Voting Unit Demonstrations

- July 24, 2006: Hancock Lions & Lioness Club. John Benchoff & Eileen Wiggins will do the demonstration. John will pick-up two units on July 21
- July 27, 2006: Williamsport Lions Club. John Benchoff & Eileen Wiggins will do the demonstration.
- August 1, 2006: Chewsville Lions Club
Charles Mobley
- Clyde Tate volunteered to contact the Hagerstown Lions Club to setup a demonstration.

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C. Office Picnic

The office picnic will be Wednesday, September 27 at the home of John Barr.

New Business:

No new business to discuss

Charles Mobley informed Charlie Baker aka Roger Webber that the Board would now enter into Executive Session. Charlie Baker aka Roger Webber left the meeting at 2:45 PM.

Executive Session:

Charles Mobley made a motion to go into executive session at 2:45 PM; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion and all were in favor. Regular session resumed at 3:25 PM.

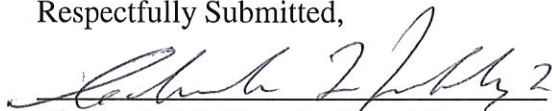
Member Remarks:

The next meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held August 8, 2006 at 2:00 PM at the Board Office.


Adjournment:

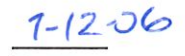
There being no further business to come before the Board at this time. Charles Mobley made a motion to adjourn at 3:28; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,


Charles L. Mobley, Jr., Board President


Date


Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Dir, I


Date