

MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION

April 11, 2006

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

Present:

Board

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

Staff

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

Charles Mobley called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2006

Charles Mobley asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the March 14, 2006 Board Meeting. There being no changes, the minutes approved as submitted.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

Dorothy Kaetzel requested the MAEO By-Laws, letter from Howard County, and the Resignation of John Barr be discussed under Correspondence and the closing of the office under New Business. Charles Mobley asked to add Name Badges under Reports.

Correspondence:

- A. County Bulletin Vol. 2 Issue 4
- Upgrades are completed on all servers and voting units
 - All memory cards will be inspected to verify that the serial numbers are readable
 - A new Voting System brochure for voter outreach is available
- B. Voter Outreach Demonstration Ballot
- Memo from Mary Dewar, SBE, regarding the enhancements to the voting units
- C. COMAR
- Memo from Joe Torre, SBE, regarding the proposed changes to COMAR

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D. E-mail Correspondence from MAEO

E. MAEO By-Laws

Proposed changes will be voted on at the conference in May

F. Howard County Board of Elections

Howard County is requesting SBE to revise COMAR to extend the time period for receipt of domestic absentee ballots

G. Resignation Letter

John Barr, Republican Member, is resigning from the Board. He expressed his appreciation and thankfulness to the Board for the knowledge and friendships he developed. Charles Mobley accepted his resignation with deep regret.

Reports:

A. Registration Figures

Registration continues to increase by about 3%.

B. Court Case – State of Maryland vs. Roger Dean Weber

Charles Mobley reported on the court case held March 22, 2006. The trial was postponed and rescheduled for April 25. April 25 was a conflict for Dorothy Kaetzel & Sherrie Bonebrake. The case has not been rescheduled as of this date.

C. Name Badges

Charles Mobley reported that the order has been given to Aladdin for the new name badges.

Old Business:

A. Polling Place Changes

Charles Mobley updated the Board on the following:

- Big Pool (15-0) - no progress

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- Hickory Elementary (26-1)
 - Virginia Avenue Church of God – we aren't allowed to use it
 - St. Joseph's Catholic Church - would need assistance from the police with traffic
- Funkstown (10-1)
 - Funkstown Fire Hall – Can't reach Mr. Iseminger

B. Christ Lutheran Church (22-2)

We are not permitted to use Christ Lutheran Church. The Board discussed the use of the Fairgrounds. Dorothy Kaetzel will contact Jr. Mason with the City of Hagerstown

John Barr reported that the ABC Building may be sold. The Board discussed using Emmanuel United Methodist Church or Bethel Assembly of God. Dorothy Kaetzel will call Emmanuel Baptist Church.

C. District 12 – Fairplay Fire Hall

Eileen Wiggins reported that we are permitted to use the Fairplay Fire Hall for District 12-0. A survey has been completed. The telephone may be a problem.

Charles Mobley made a motion to move District 12 from the District 12 Ruritan Building to the Fairplay Fire Hall; John Barr seconded the motion and all were in favor.

D. Election Workers

Dorothy Kaetzel reported that we have received a good response from the mailer. We are unsure how many election workers will be needed to staff the polling places. Electronic poll books will be used.

E. Final Plans – MAEO

MAEO will be held May 7-9, 2006 at the Wisp Resort. Registration is May 7 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. We will meet at the Pilot at 2:00 PM. Charles Mobley and Eileen Wiggins will be driving. We need to take the flag pole and door prizes.

Dorothy Kaetzel asked permission to close the office if she is unable to find someone to staff the office. She is waiting to hear from Cindy Russell.

F. Ethic Forms

Ethic Forms need to be submitted by May 1, 2006

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New Business:

A. Voting System Brochures

Dorothy Kaetzel asked how many brochures we would like to order. They cost \$1.00 each. Dorothy will ask SBE if we are permitted to have a company copy them. If so, we would like 1,000.

B. Good Friday, April 14, 2006

The office will be closed due to being located in a county building that will be closed on that day.

Member Remarks:

The next meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held May 16, 2006 at 2:00 PM at the Board Office.

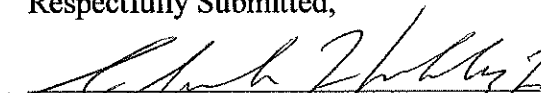
3:20 PM Clair Baker & John Barr left the meeting

The Board discussed demonstration events. They would like to demonstrate the enhancements of the voting units at club meetings and summer festivals.

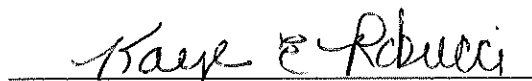
Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time; John Benchoff made a motion to adjourn at 3:26 PM and Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,


Charles L. Mobley, Jr., Board President

5/16/06
Date


Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Dir, I

4-17-06
Date