

PROCEEDINGS

**BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY
October 12, 1999**

Present: Richard L. Coss, President
Charles Mobley, Jr., Republican Member
Marianne Schneider, Democratic Member
Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate
Jim Sprecher, Democratic Alternate
Roger Schlossberg, Attorney
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

Richard called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

MINUTES: Marianne motioned and Jim seconded that the minutes of the September 14, 1999 meeting be approved as submitted. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Minutes of the State Board Meetings held July 23 and August 23, 1999 were distributed. The "How to Vote" brochure has been updated and will be distributed to the local boards.

Letter to Mark Brugh thanking him for his assistance as Board Attorney since 1993. Letter to Roger Schlossberg appointing him the new Board Attorney.

Memo from Tim Augustine regarding Challengers & Watchers was discussed. Opinion from Kathleen Hoke Dachille is that a candidate can be a challenger & watcher. An opinion from William Dunham, Board Attorney in 1982, stated that a candidate could not be a challenger or watcher. Roger will bring this topic up at the Attorney's meeting in Ocean City.

Letter from Toby Croyle, Department of Defense, regarding the prohibition against using the Army Reserve Center for a polling place was discussed. Dorothy sent letters to Senator Sarbanes, Senator Mikulski and Congressman Bartlett requesting their assistance in this matter. The deadline to change polling places is December 7, 1999.

The Biennial meeting is October 17 - 20, 1999 in Ocean City. Updated agenda was distributed.

Dorothy sent a letter to Judge Wright requesting the use of the Master's Hearing room for counting of the absentee ballots in the 2000 elections. Eunice Plank responded to the letter and reported that the room has since been divided and the area used for counting absentees is now smaller. The Board will survey the room on Thursday, October 14, 1999. Roger suggested using the conference room in the Frostburg Center. By law the absentee ballots must be counted in the "designated counting center". Also suggested was the second floor conference room that we have used in the past.

Proposed legislation from the county includes the increase for chief judges from \$100 to \$125 per day and judges from \$80 to \$100 per day. This must be approved by the general assembly in order to be changed in Article 33.

OLD BUSINESS: Challengers & Watchers will be tabled until the November meeting.

There has been no response to the letter Roger sent regarding the liability insurance at the polling places. Dorothy will call Annajean Bitner.

NEW BUSINESS: We will be leaving for Ocean City on Sunday at 1:00 PM. Dinner will be at Harpoon Hanna's at 6:30 PM. Monday night, October 18, we are to dress in red, white and blue.

The Board discussed the prohibition against using the Army Reserve as a polling place. Dorothy will contact Linda Lamone and ask that it be included on the agenda. Roger suggested that Bruce Zimmerman or Austin Abraham be contacted to see if it could be discussed at the city meeting held October 12, 1999. Jim Sprecher will contact Senator Mikulski regarding this matter. Several alternate sites suggested were: Christ Lutheran Church, Ice Rink and Frostburg Center.

Next meeting November 9, 1999.

Dot made a motion to adjourn at 3:32 PM; Jim seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye E. Robucci

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Election Deputy Director I