

**PROCEEDINGS**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**February 13, 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 2:04 PM. Roger Schlossberg, Attorney, was also absent.

**MINUTES:** Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2001, Board meeting; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Memo from Linda Lamone, Administrator, recommending that the counties renew their voting system contracts on a year to year basis.

Memos from the Special Committee on Voting Systems requesting various information on our voting system.

Minutes from the Legislative Committee Meetings held January 12 and February 8, 2001. The Board discussed HB 55 and the proposed provisional ballot.

Letter from Baltimore City Board of Elections to Linda Lamone requesting a delay in the installation of the LEMS System.

Draft report from MAEO regarding the Governor's Special Committee on Voting Systems and Election Procedures in Maryland.

Various articles pertaining to voting and election reform were distributed.

Memo from the Office of the Attorney General regarding increasing compensation of Board Members. No Board Member may receive a pay raise while currently serving on the Board. A current board member would be entitled to receive any increase in the county's reimbursement rate for actual out-of-pocket expenses.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jim Mobley and Dorothy Kaetzel attended a meeting regarding the new phone system for the county. 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.

The Washington County Delegation voted to increase the board members' salaries that would take effect in 2003. Board members will receive \$4,500 a year and the president will receive \$5,000. The Board thanked Jim Mobley for his diligence in pursuing this matter.

The cost of the 2000 General Election was \$1.57 per voter.

Dorothy Kaetzel distributed copies of the FY2001-02 Budget. It includes \$81,400 for leasing the voting equipment for 1 year. John Reynolds, Sales Representative for ES&S, delivered a new lease agreement but it is for a 2 year lease. The State recommends that the counties renew their lease on a year to year basis. Dorothy Kaetzel will talk to Linda Lamone regarding this matter. Jim Mobley will call Linda Lamone.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board discussed a VRA received from a convicted felon. Roger Schlossberg researched the conviction and discovered that she is on 3 year unsupervised probation. Dorothy Kaetzel rejected the application and sent her a notice. Jim Mobley made a motion to refer this to Steve Montanarelli, State Prosecutor, for investigation and prosecution; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion and all were in favor. Dorothy Kaetzel will inform the City Election Board of the decision.

Dorothy Kaetzel informed the Board of a verbal complaint received at our office regarding several bill boards in the City of Hagerstown. Roger Schlossberg said that neither the Hagerstown City Election Board nor the Washington County Election Board is responsible for settling this dispute. The matter would go to the Ethic Commission. However, there has not been a formal complaint received.

MAEO meeting will be held June 10 - 13, 2001 in Timonium, MD.

Jim Mobley made a motion to adjourn at 3:16 PM; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Next meeting will be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month due to the City Election on March 13, 2001. Board meeting will be held March 20, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kaye Robucci*

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Election Deputy Director I