

## PROCEEDINGS

### WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

June 12, 2001

Present: Richard L. Coss, Board President  
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

Richard Coss called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM at the Holiday Inn Select in Timonium, MD. Roger Schlossberg, Attorney, was absent.

**MINUTES:** Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2001 Board meeting; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Dorothy Kaetzel read a letter received from a voter complaining that in the November 2000 election she had been unable to vote due to receiving inaccurate information about her registration status. Dorothy Kaetzel told the Board that this has to be considered when discussing the use of temporary staff on election day.

Memo from the Election Center indicating that there may be some election reform coming from the Federal Level. There are 2 bills HR50 and S50 regarding Uniform Poll Closing.

Montgomery County will be hosting an additional voting demonstration using Shoup Voting Solutions, Inc. It will be held June 19, 2001.

Minutes of the May 9, 2001 Election Directors meeting were distributed. Any 2002 legislation must be submitted to SBE by July 1, 2001. Legislation passed in the 2001 session does not bind a future Governor to continual funding of the statewide voting system. Will have to work with legislature to make sure funding is available.

Referendum Petition on SB486 did not contain sufficient signatures and was rejected.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jim Mobley reported on his meeting with Pete Loewenheim, Director of Communications. Mr. Loewenheim will contact the Water and Sewer Department and find out if their radio contact system would be available and beneficial for us to use. Pete suggested that Jim contact Ron Whitt, Director IT, for additional help. The county is to be getting a new phone system.

The City of Hagerstown will sign the Extension Agreement & Amendment #1. Dorothy Kaetzel will talk to Karen Luther, Director Purchasing, regarding our lease agreement. Dorothy will send a copy to Joe Torre.

Letter to Roger Schlossberg from Thomas McDonough, Assistant State Prosecutor, stating that "they do not believe that conspiracy to distribute cocaine constitutes an infamous crime." Robin Harmon will be reinstated and a letter will be sent to her informing her of the decision.

John Draa, Special Agent Office of the state Prosecutor, came to the office and requested all the information we had regarding Jeffrey I. Sheffler. The original VRA and VAC were given to him.

Dorothy Kaetzel and Kaye Robucci will be attending the continuing education classes July 21 - 28, 2001 at Anne Arundel Community College. Dorothy Kaetzel will find out if she can get a purchase order so that the tuition can be taken from FY02. State will be providing funds for room and board.

June 22, 2001 is the closing date for the Election Clerk II position.

The discussion of the City of Hagerstown Elections was tabled until the July meeting.

Rod Shoop informed us that we will be moving to our new office in 4 - 6 months.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We have received 3,053 petition signatures from Senate Bill 205, AntiDiscrimination Bill. They need to be verified by June 20, 2001.

Tentative date for office picnic - Monday, August 27, 2001. Jim Mobley will see if the Elks Picnic Ground is available.

Dorothy Kaetzel informed the board that several items were removed from her FY02 budget:

- \$1,600 from Computers - 600600
- \$3,300 from Workers Compensation - 500140

Dorothy informed Budget & Finance that she needs the 3,300 in Workers Compensation. She was instructed to code, sign and send the bill up to them.

The office staff attended a training session on June 8, 2001 on Domestic Violence and the Work Place.

Marianne Schneider made a motion to adjourn at 4:58 PM; Charles Mobley seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kaye E. Robucci*  
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