

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 1986, at the Board office. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph A. McCauley at 1:00 P. M.

The following persons were introduced and recorded present:

Ralph A. McCauley, President
Oscar W. Spigler, Democrat Member
Walter F. Bell, Jr., Republican Member
Lenore J. Brugh, Democrat Alternate
Geraldine M. Harmon, Republican Alternate
Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk
Daris A. Phillips, Chief Clerk
William Dunham, Attorney
Marie M. Garber, State Administrator
Carol Evans, Deputy Administrator
Paul Pittman, Chairman Democrat Central Committee
Kenneth Wade, Member Democrat Central Committee
David K. Poole, Member of D. Bruce Poole Committee
William Proctor, Member of D. Bruce Poole Committee
Eugene E. Morris, Filed write-in candidate

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous special meeting held on September 5, 1986 were approved as submitted.

Marie Garber, State Administrator, was present at the meeting to explain the guidelines for write-in voting that had been prepared by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. She presented these guidelines and answered questions.

She suggested that copies of the guidelines be available to interested parties. She advised that the only write-in votes that needed to be tallied and reported are those for filed write-in candidates.

She suggested that new paper rolls be used in the machines in Sub-district 3A. Dottie advised that these have been ordered and will be used in the 48 machines used in 3A.

After much discussion the Board decided to add to the ballot which will run in both newspapers on October 24, the following information pertaining to the filed write-in candidates:

In addition, the following have filed as write-in candidates as of October 15, 1986:

UNITED STATES SENATE - HENRY LAQUE, ALL PRECINCTS

HOUSE OF DELEGATES - PAUL MULDOWNEY, ALL PRECINCTS OF
SUB-DISTRICT 3A

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - EUGENE E. MORRIS, ALL PRECINCTS

Mrs. Garber also discussed the training of the Election Judges concerning the write-in vote. Dottie advised that all judges had been instructed to look for the line drawn on the paper roll and initialed and dated by the machine custodians. The Board decided to send additional instructions on the write-in voting to each Chief Judge and ask them to contact their machine judges and instruct them. If the Chief Judges have any questions concerning these instructions we will answer them on Saturday morning, November 1, 1986 when they pick up their election day supplies.

Mrs. Garber suggested that the machine custodians put the machine number on each paper roll as they are installed. She also told us that she would have Mr. Ed Billhimer from the State Board come to work with our machine custodians to test all paper rolls to see that they are working properly.

The Board decided that the Chief Judges in Sub-district 3A should call in the public counter number of each machine when they call in their returns, so the write-in vote can be ascertained on Election night.

The Board will also add any other guidelines that they feel are necessary to those established by the State Board. These will be available before election day.

Mr. McCauley thanked Mrs. Garber and Mrs. Evans for coming to our meeting and called a 10 minute recess before continuing the meeting.

President McCauley called the meeting to order, with Mr. Pittman being the only guest that remained for the remainder of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from News Election Service regarding persons being at the polling places to get results was read. Mr. McCauley signed a letter of permission to identify their reporters to the chief judges.

Also a letter from NBC News regarding an election day survey of voters. Also a letter from CBS News regarding election night coverage. Credentials are being forwarded to them for their workers from Mr. McCauley.

Dottie read a copy of a letter that Marie Garber had sent to Commart where we had purchased our modem advising them of the difficulties we had encountered because of a defective IC chip. The new chip has been installed and the dial-up has been trouble free since the installation of the new chip.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dottie read a thank-you note received from Lee McCauley thanking us for the fruit basket.

Dottie advised that the Christmas party will be held at the Venice Inn on December 8, 1986. More details later.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board discussed Primary election day problems.

1. complaint from James Glenn at District 11-2 about the new polling place at Potomac Valley Firehall. They would like for us to go back to the old Dargan School. We will advise him that we will not be changing for the November 4, 1986 election, but will consider changing back if it is made accessible for the handicapped and elderly. Copy of this letter to be sent to the County Commissioners.
2. complaint from District 26-2, Lincolnshire School, concerning the placing of the sign for the handicap entrance. The Board feels another sign might help or a logo of the handicap be placed on the door they are to use.
3. Letter from Peg Stoner, Chief Judge in District 7, concerning problems they had with Challengers and Watchers on Primary night. We will answer the questions she had sent us and endeavor to clarify the challenger rules.
4. The Election day activities report by Barbara Fetterhoff was read. Problems with handicapp parking and no electioneering signs will be corrected. Also the problem of some of the schools not being opened on time will be corrected.
5. report from Walt Bell concerning his conversation with Lowell Younker, Chief Judge in Hancock. Mr. Younker was upset regarding a contact with the Election Board on 9/9/86. The Board decided that although Mr. Younker was given the correct answer to his problem that possibly one of our slides used at poll workers school was misleading and should be explained better or removed. The Board will advise Mr. Younker of our decision.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dottie advised the Board that the estimated cost of the Primary election has not been completed as we have not received the bill from the State for the VAC cards and printouts.

The Board discussed adding another voting machine in District 18-1 and District 27-2, as there are a few over 1600 voters in each district. These two districts will be using five machines and additional workers will be needed.

Dottie advised the Board that she had attended the forum sponsored by the Western Md. Coalition For the Disabled at Hagerstown Jr. College. She demonstrated the sample voting machine to some of the handicapped persons.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Dottie asked if anyone wanted to donate to the United Way as requested by the County Commissioners.

Mr. Pittman asked to be informed of all of our meetings as he would like to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 P. M. The next meeting will be a special meeting to be held at 1:30 P. M. on Monday October 27 to make final plans for the General Election.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Waters

Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk