

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 1990 at the Board office. The meeting was called to order by the President, Oscar W. Spigler at 1:30 P. M. Mr. Spigler led the group in a silent prayer in the memory of Mrs. Reecher, Mother-in-law of Richard Coss who passed away on Saturday, April 7, 1990.

The following were recorded present:

Oscar W. Spigler, President
Richard L. Coss, Democrat Member
Walter F. Bell, Jr., Republican Member
Geraldine M. Harmon, Republican Alternate
William F. Dunham, Attorney
Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk II
Daris A. Phillips, Chief Clerk I

MINUTES:

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on March 14, 1990 were approved as submitted.

At this time in the meeting Mr. Vincent Groh appeared with his lease proposal for the property at 36 W. Antietam Street that we have been looking at for a new office and voting machine storage. After questions to Mr. Groh and much discussion a motion was made by Richard Coss that as soon as we get the proposal from Mr. Groh on the Frederick Street property that we meet with Bob Graff and discuss the two proposals and other things needed to move, such as blinds, drapes, new furniture etc. before going to the County Commissioners. Seconded by Walter Bell. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board accepted with regrets the resignation of Francis R. Ford, Democrat Alternate Member of the Board. A copy of the letter Mr. Ford sent to the Democrat Central Committee was received by our Board.

A letter was received from the Bethel Gardens Corporation asking if we would consider building the ramp needed at Bethel Gardens Community Hall to make it accessible for the handicap. Dottie advised the Board that she had talked to Bill Mason at City Hall and he feels that the City of Hagerstown will pay to have the ramp built and to do a curb cut.

Dottie read a copy of a letter she had received from Mrs. William Giffin requesting the return of the \$25 filing fee as Mr. Giffin died on March 17, 1990. The letter has been sent to Mr. James W. Johnson, Jr., Chairman of the State Administrative Board of Election Laws for their consideration.

Dottie distributed a copy of the memo received from the Attorney General's office advising restrictions on Board members and substitute Board Members.

NEW BUSINESS - (Continued)

The Board discussed the County Commissioners turning down both of our proposals for additional office space and warehousing for the voting machines. They decided to ask the County Commissioners for guidelines to go by. Mr. Bob Graff is still looking for warehouse space only. The County Commissioners have reconfirmed their position as stated in their letter of December 21, 1989 authorizing the Board to search for warehousing space for the storage of the 167 voting machines.

The Board decided to continue to look for warehouse space, although the Commissioners have provided no guidelines. We will also look for downtown office space and will advise the State Administrator, Mr. Gene Raynor, that the County Commissioners seem to be uninterested in securing us additional office space.

We will also write to Barry Teach in reference to his letter of September 8, 1989 stating that if we stay in our present office space they will try to expand into additional space at this location for us. We will also ask for written assurance that if we stay in our present office that we will have access to the conference room on the same floor and keep the storage space in the basement.

Motion by Walter Bell and seconded by Richard Coss that the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 P. M. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held at Hunt Valley while attending the meeting of the Maryland Association of Election Officials to be held June 10-12, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Waters

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