

PROCEEDINGS
BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 15, 1983, at the Board office. President Banzhoff called the meeting to order at 2 P.M. He announced that this meeting was to be held in conjunction with the August picnic, but since the picnic had been postponed, the regular monthly meeting has been scheduled at this time.

The following were recorded present:

Virgil E. Banzhoff, President
Charles L. Downey, Minority Member
Oscar L. Spigler, Substitute Member
Dottie Waters, Chief Clerk
Daris Phillips, Chief Clerk
William Dorsey, Machine Custodian

MINUTES:

Charles Downey moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on July 5, 1983, seconded by Oscar Spigler. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Downey reported that our picnic will be held at his home on August 29, 1983, at 6 P.M.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Banzhoff read a letter from Automatic Voting Machine Company regarding their status and advising that they can supply parts and services.

President Banzhoff distributed copies of the County Commissioner's Sexual Harrassment Policy to each Board member.

President Banzhoff read a letter received from the League of Women Voters requesting estimated cost of a special election in order for them to determine whether or not to propose changes in present law for filling vacancies to a state legislature seat. After discussion on this the Board members were unanimously opposed to this method of filling vacancies due to cost and time involved. The estimated cost of a special election will be compiled and sent to the League.

President Banzhoff read the opinion of Richard E. Israel, Assistant Attorney General, stating that the substitute Board members have the right to make and second motions. The Board members felt that this was a good idea, although the substitute members do not have the right to vote unless they are acting for a regular member.

OLD BUSINESS

Dottie discussed the budget. She advised that \$500.00 had been cut from our original request making the final total budget \$107,005.00 for fiscal 1983-84.

Mr. Dunham called to advise us to ask our Legislators for the increase in salary for our poll workers as recommended in the motion at the July 5, 1983, meeting; and to ask the Legislators to have section 2-7f(5i) of Article 33 repealed, thus giving the County Commissioners the right to set the poll workers' salaries.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed keeping the office open on September 12, 1983, Old Defender's Day, as the Courthouse is going to be open. Motion by Mr. Spigler and seconded by Mr. Downey that the office remain open with limited staff. Motion carried.

Bill Dorsey, machine custodian, attended the meeting to discuss the condition of our voting machines. He advised the Board that the machines were in good condition and few parts would be needed at this time.

Mr. Banzhoff reported on our trip to Annapolis on August 2, 1983, to see the demonstrations of electronic voting equipment.

Dottie advised the Board that Keith Long of Computer Election Systems had been here and is interested in giving us a cost estimate of CES scanner method and giving a demonstration of his equipment for Board members, County Commissioners and other interested persons. After discussion, the Board decided they would look at this system at the October mandatory meeting and discuss this with the representatives of Computer Election Systems.

The Board discussed the mandatory meeting to be held in Annapolis on October 9-11, 1983. The girls will be going on Sunday and the men will come down early Monday morning. Final plans and reservations will be made. They decided to close the office and advertise same in the newspaper.

Motion by Mr. Spigler that we adjourn at 3:15 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Downey and motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2 P.M. on September 13, 1983.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Waters

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Election Chief Clerk