

PROCEEDINGS  
SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS  
FOR  
WASHINGTON COUNTY  
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
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President Bartles called to order a meeting at 9:15 A.M. of the Board of Election Supervisors for Washington County and the Board of Election Supervisors for the City of Hagerstown on March 23, 1979.

The following were present:

A. H. Bartles, Sr.  
Joseph F. Elgin  
J. McCauley Cooley  
Dottie Waters  
Daris Phillips  
Lois Whisner  
Anita Olden

Properly identified names of legal city voters will be counted as valid signatures. Mrs. Olden and Mrs. Whisner will be assigned to this work. They are part-time County employees of the Board of Election Supervisors for Washington County and will be paid by the County.

President Bartles presented the guidelines for verification of the petitions, which are as follows:

1. Follow guidelines used previously to validate voters on other petitions.
2. No "printed" name necessary with signature.
3. Can use another city address if identified as legal city voter.
4. Rubber stamped imprint will be put on each sheet with blanks to be filled in by Mrs. Olden and Mrs. Whisner as to total number of signatures, total number of valid signatures and total number of invalid signatures as well as initials of worker.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



A. H. Bartles, Sr., President

June 4, 1979

The Board of Election Supervisors met on June 4, 1979, at 11:00 A.M. The following were sworn in at the Clerk of Court's office for a two-year term:

Douglas G. Bast - Democrat Member  
Virgil E. Banzhoff - Democrat Member  
Charles L. Downey - Republican Member  
M. Kenneth Long, Jr. - Republican Substitute Member  
Fred R. Sword - Democrat Substitute Member

The Board then met to organize. M. Kenneth Long, Jr. acted as temporary Chairman. Mr. Banzhoff nominated Douglas G. Bast as Chairman of the Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Downey. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Banzhoff and seconded by Douglas Bast that Charles Downey be nominated as Secretary. Motion carried. Mr. Banzhoff will serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

The meeting was then called to order by the new Chairman, Douglas G. Bast.

The following were recorded present:

Douglas G. Bast  
Virgil E. Banzhoff  
Charles L. Downey  
M. Kenneth Long, Jr.  
Dorothy M. Waters  
Daris A. Phillips

The minutes of the previous meeting held on February 15, 1979, were read. Motion by Mr. Banzhoff and seconded by Mr. Downey that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

Mrs. Waters read the following communications received since the last meeting:

1. Letter from State Board concerning opinion of Attorney General regarding the policy that local boards and their attorneys relay correspondence through the State Board office instead of directly to the Attorney General's office.
2. Letter from County about paper conservation.
3. Letter from Barry Teach regarding request for notification of legal actions.
4. Letter from Montgomery County about sale of 975 voting machines. Board decided that we do not need any machines at this time.
5. Letter from Computer Election Systems regarding new types of voting equipment.

6. Opinion from Attorney General concerning serving as a Substitute Board Member and employee of the Board at the same time. Chairman Bast asked that copies of this letter be distributed to each Board member.
7. Letter from State Board concerning M. Kenneth Long, Jr. serving as Substitute Board Member and being an Assistant State's Attorney. After discussion, Mr. Long advised that he was resigning as Substitute Board Member, and he would be advising the Republican Central Committee of this.

Under committee reports, Mrs. Waters reported on the Board of Directors meeting of the Maryland Association of Election Officials held on May 3. She told of the mail cost reduction bill being worked on by Congresswoman Gladys N. Spellman. After discussion, Mr. Downey made a motion that Washington County Election Board go on record as to being opposed to this mail cost reduction as proposed. Seconded by Mr. Banzhoff. Motion carried. We will notify Congresswoman Byron as to our opinion on this. Dottie also reported that the Board of Directors had gone on record favoring State Senators and House of Delegate candidates filing in their local Board office instead of filing at the State Board of Elections. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Banzhoff and seconded by Mr. Downey that we advise Mr. Antonetti, President of the Maryland Association of Election Officials, that we are in favor of this change in the filing procedure. Motion carried.

The next annual meeting of the Association will be held at Hunt Valley Inn on January 14, 1980.

The State mandatory meeting will be held in Ocean City on October 14-16, 1979. Board members and Clerks will be attending this meeting.

Information pertaining to voting places and Presidential Electors was distributed to each Board member.

There being no unfinished business, the Chairman proceeded with new business.

Under new business, Mr. Banzhoff moved that William F. Dunham, Jr. be appointed the Attorney to the Board. Seconded by Mr. Downey. Motion passed. Letter to be written to Mr. Dunham to advise him of his appointment.

The Board discussed the vacancy of the Democrat Assistant Machine Custodian. This will be held in abeyance until the next meeting.

The Board discussed the time for their monthly meetings. Motion by Mr. Banzhoff and seconded by Mr. Downey that the monthly Board meetings be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 P.M. Motion passed.

A discussion followed concerning the election records being on both State and County Data Processing. The Board tabled this until the next meeting. They will discuss this with the County Commissioners before making a final decision.

The Board decided to meet with the County Commissioners to discuss the cuts made to our 1979-80 budget.

There being no further business, a motion by Mr. Downey and seconded by Mr. Banzhoff that meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dorothy M. Waters*

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