

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors for Washington County held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 1991, at the Board office. The meeting was called to order by the President, Oscar W. Spigler, at 1:30 P.M.

The following were recorded present:

Oscar W. Spigler, President
Walter F. Bell, Jr., Republican Member
Geraldine M. Harmon, Republican Alternate
Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk II
Daris A. Phillips, Chief Clerk I

MINUTES:

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on January 4, 1991 were approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dottie read a memo from Barry Teach regarding the need to get prior approval for capital outlay or travel expenditures.

Also a memo from Barry Teach regarding no employment vacancies will be advertised or filled without the prior approval by the County Commissioners.

A Thank you note was sent to the Parks Department for the splendid painting job their men did in our office.

The minutes from MAEO's Board of Directors meeting was distributed. The 1991 annual MAEO meeting will be held June 9-21 in Garrett County.

We also received a memo from MAEO's Board of Directors requesting any ideas/suggestions for the June Seminars.

We received an invitation to the retirement party to honor Doug Jernigan on his retirement from the Montgomery County Board of Election Supervisors. No one will be going from our office.

The Town of Williamsport has requested the use of two voting machines for their municipal election to be held on Monday, March 4, 1991. Motion by Walter Bell and seconded by Oscar Spigler that we give them permission to use the machines. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

We have been advised by Delegate Callas that the legislation we opposed that would keep the schools open on Election days has been tabled.

Dottie handed out copies of the estimated cost of the General Election on November 6, 1991, which was \$46,035.66 or \$1.59 per voter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dottie talked to Sam McAfee regarding climate and humidity control for the voting machine warehouse. Sam sent us a letter regarding this. The Board decided to send a copy of his letter to Gary Rohrer so the County Commissioners will be informed as to the conditions that should exist at the warehouse in order to keep the machines working properly.

The Board discussed other voting machines problems. Bill Dorsey had advised them that he had found water on top of one the voting machines when he had checked the warehouse. Also Mr. Dorsey has requested \$10.00 a trip to check the warehouse. After discussion the Board decided to table his request until Mr. Coss returns from vacation. They decided to invite Mr. Dorsey to the March Board meeting, so they can discuss these problems with him.

Dottie discussed the voter registration in the high schools. The scheduling has not been finalized as of this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed HB 76 concerning absentee ballot applications. The staff is opposed to this bill and MAEO is in favor of it with some amendments.

We have been advised that a new electronic voting system by American Information Systems, Inc. will be demonstrated in Frederick. The staff is interested in attending this demonstration.

The forty hour work week as proposed by the Governor was discussed. Since this has been cancelled at this time we will wait to see what the Legislature will do on this.

Dottie advised the Board that she is working on the budget for FY 91-92 which must be in by March 15, 1991.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P. M. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 1991 at 1:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Waters

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