

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors for Washington County held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 1992 at the Board Office. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by Vice President Coss at President Spigler's request.

The following were recorded present:

Oscar W. Spigler, President
Richard A. Coss, Democrat Member
Walter F. Bell, Jr., Republican Member
Donald A. Smith, Democrat Alternate
Charles L. Mobley, Jr., Republican Alternate
William F. Dunham, Jr., Attorney
Jean D. Calhoun, Administrator I
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Registrar

MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting held on November 24, 1992 were approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jean distributed copies of Bill Dunham's letter to Oscar Spigler regarding Sam McAfee's bill for repairing voting machines; also, copies of letter written to McAfee Election Services from Oscar indicating that the Board concurs with the findings. The Board, at this time, is expecting a response from Sam McAfee regarding same.

Memo from SABEL inviting Board members and staff to SABEL's Christmas Party on Thursday, December 17th discussed. At this time, the Board members had other commitments or were not feeling well enough to go. Staff members will not be going either.

Jean distributed copies of the memo from Marvin Meyn on the subject of the 1993 Biennial Meeting Agenda. After discussion, it was decided the subject of Personnel should be checked. The Board members suggested that the office staff should decide on other subjects since most have to do with office work. Tabled until next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jean reported to the members the conversation by phone Daris had with Mary Brady. M's Brady refused the invitation to come into the office to discuss the complaints she had written to the Board members about. The Board decided there would be no more follow up on this.

Election Day problems were discussed. Oscar was of the opinion that the 29 complaints were very minor. Richard stated it appeared that the poll workers who had problems in the General Election had also had problems in the Primary Election. It should be noted that all light bulbs on voting machines should be checked before machines are delivered to the polls since some machines had no illumination on election day. In future poll worker training classes, emphasis

should be given on not discussing politics while working at the polls. Walter would suggest that more detailed information be gotten when taking complaints. It was felt that most complaints received were about not being able to get through on the telephones. Walter will check about getting two more phone lines just to be used by poll workers on election day. Complaint from Salem Avenue School District that machines should be moved further apart. This will be checked on the next time. Jim Mobley received a complaint against a poll worker. Decision was made that complaints against poll workers will be checked out.

Mr. Dunham read the letter he had written to State's Attorney regarding the Jeffrey Cooper who was not registered but signed another Jeffrey Cooper's Voting Authority Card and voted.

Jean updated Board members on actual election expenses compared with budget request. About \$1300 over budget at this point. Jean advised the Board that the Mayor for the City of Hagerstown was not in favor of paying for extra help to do the City changes from the General Election. There will be no extra help after this Friday.

A member of the City Board of Elections requested that Jean ask the County Board if they would grant permission for the voting machines to be moved by City employees for the upcoming City of Hagerstown Elections. Bill Dunham did not think that this job should be given to any workers other than the employees at the County Roads Department who are familiar with that task. Walter motioned, seconded by Richard, that voting machines only be moved by the County Roads men.

Walter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 P.M., seconded by Richard. Next Board meeting January 12, 1992 at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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