

PROCEEDINGS
BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 16, 1984, at the Hunt Valley Inn following the Maryland Association of Election Officials' meeting. President Banzhoff called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M.

The following were recorded present:

Virgil E. Banzhoff, Board President
R. Lee McCauley, Democratic Member
Charles L. Downey, Republican Member
Oscar L. Spigler, Democratic Alternate
Walter F. Bell, Jr., Republican Alternate
William F. Dunham, Jr., Board Attorney
Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk
Daris A. Phillips, Chief Clerk
Jean D. Calhoun, Election Registrar
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Registrar

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on December 13, 1983, were corrected to read that the Board had unanimously approved using the Red Byrd Restaurant Meeting Room for the polling place for District 19, Keedysville. The minutes were then approved as read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The memo received from the State Appointments Officer was discussed. It stated that the Board members must attend 50 percent of the meetings during any period of twelve consecutive months. This did not involve any of our members.

Copies of the synopsis of the legislative bills that have been pre-filed will be distributed at our next regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Oscar Spigler, chairman of our voter outreach program, reported on the events that are planned for voter registration. We will be starting our registration in the high schools on Thursday, January 19. Schedule of dates are attached to these minutes. He advised that we had 31 new registrants at the Mall, we are using PBS announcements, and the phone recorder is still under consideration.

Lee McCauley moved that Mr. Bell draw up specs and report on the cost to buy and install a phone recorder. Motion died for lack of second. The phone recorder will not be purchased at this time.

The Board discussed the need for a new polling place for District 27-2 and District 21-3. Lee McCauley reported that he could find no available place within the district lines of 27-2 and Mr. Banzhoff reported that there was nothing available in the Woodland Way District 21-3. Dottie read from Article 33 that the Board will sign a statement saying that no suitable place could be found within the district lines. Motion by Mr. Downey and seconded by Lee McCauley that Paramount School be

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used for voting in District 27-2 and Northern Middle School be used for voting in 21-3. Motion carried. The statements for the Board members to sign will be drawn up and sent to the State Board of Elections.

The signs that we will be using at the polls were discussed. Dottie reported that the metal sign CH-85 will cost \$7.60 each in lots of 150. Several other counties had expressed an interest in purchasing these signs. After discussion Lee McCauley moved we order 100 signs for Washington County and additional signs for the other counties to take advantage of the bulk rate, providing the signs can be shipped and billed directly to each county. Seconded by Charles Downey and motion carried. Dottie will call the sign company concerning this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dottie advised the Board that we had received a call from Jeannine Humphries, President of the League of Women Voters, inquiring about registering persons under guardianship for mental disability. Dottie discussed this with Mr. Willard Morris and he advised that only those persons under guardianship by court order for mental disability are ineligible to register to vote.

The Board discussed putting an ad in newspaper for persons to request a VRA form. Motion by Lee McCauley and seconded by Walter Bell that this appear in the newspaper on Monday, March 5. Motion carried.

Dottie reported that the poll workers are to be appointed by February 7, 1984. Mr. Banzhoff asked the Board to suggest capable persons to work at the polls where needed. Following a lengthy discussion the Board decided that an effort should be made now to clear out poll workers who are no longer effective.

Mr. Banzhoff commented that this MAEO meeting was the most informative meeting he had ever attended. Everyone concurred.

Motion by Lee McCauley and seconded by Charles Downey that the substitute Board members be members of MAEO. Their dues will be paid at the appropriate time. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 1984, at 2 P.M. at the Board office.

Respectfully submitted,

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