

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 1986, at the Board Office. The meeting was called to order at 2 P. M. Walter Bell introduced Alan Davis, Administrator of County Personnel Department. Mr. Davis had been invited to our meeting to talk to the Board concerning liability insurance the County has on the Board members, staff and polling places. Mr. Davis advised the Board that the County has one million dollars worth of coverage on all employees, including Board members. He also advised the Board that the County has one million dollars worth of liability on polling places, poll workers and on persons voting there. Mr. Davis will supply us with a letter containing this information to be given to the polling places that want this information in writing.

The following were recorded present:

Ralph A. McCauley, President
Oscar W. Spigler, Democrat Member
Walter F. Bell, Jr., Republican Member
Geraldine M. Harmon, Republican Alternate
Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk
Daris A. Phillips, Chief Clerk
Alan Davis, Administrator of County Personnel

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on April 22, 1986 were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no committee reports.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Bell read correspondence he had received on July 12, 1985 concerning political activity by board members and substitutes. The Assistant Attorney General, Jack Schwartz, noted that:

1. a board member or substitute may not serve as an officer of a political club;
2. board members and substitutes ought not be engaged in active campaigning; and
3. a member or substitute should not engage in political activity that creates either the reality or appearance of a conflict with election board duties.

Mr. Schwartz also advised that it is not improper for a board member to attend a political meeting or purchase a ticket to a fundraising event.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board had received a request from Bethel Gardens to advise them in writing concerning the liability insurance the County has on the polling places. This will be sent as soon as Mr. Davis sends this to us. Mr. McCauley told the Board that he had completed the survey on Bethel Gardens. He said there is a curb cut, but no ramp at this time. Mr. McCauley might ask the City of Hagerstown to help with the building of the ramp.

Daris reported that the month of May has been proclaimed as voter registration month and that we have had 93 new registrations from May 1 through May 20. This is a definite increase as we had only 73 new registrations for the month of April. She reported that we haven't received any calls at night on our record-a-call machine. The Board asked that we try to get more publicity on this.

Mr. McCauley advised that the Democrat alternate Board member has not been appointed.

Dottie discussed the progress of the computer and brought up the Board members voter registration on the terminal to show them what information we had on the voters. The Board was concerned about the printer. Dottie will check with Barry Troxell as to when we can order the printer and put it to use.

Dottie advised the Board that June 10 is the deadline to change polling places and appoint poll workers. The Board advised that all the new polling places have been established. Dottie will check with Ted Wolford concerning moving the machines from the old Dargan School.

NEW BUSINESS:

We discussed the signs to be used at the polling places where an alternate entrance will be used for the handicapped. The Board asked Dottie to check with the Roads Department to see if they have a sign department that could make the signs.

Dottie discussed with the Board the possibility of having to set up different voting machines for the Democrats and Republicans in order to accommodate voting for the Board of Education by the Declines. We will wait to see if more than 10 file for the Board of Education before knowing if this has to be done.

Daris advised the Board that she had a request for a Board member to come to the Hancock Community Center to speak to the senior citizens regarding voter registration and the importance of voting. They will decide at the June board meeting the date and person that will be going.

The Board discussed the poll workers. The Board decided that they should work both elections. Other poll worker policy was discussed and approved as on the attached list.

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

The Board discussed poll workers school. They decided to send the workers a questionnaire asking for past problems, or any suggestions or ideas they have concerning their particular polling place. These suggestions will be used as input for the instruction class.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 1986 at 2 P. M.

Motion by Geraldine Harmon and seconded by Oscar Spigler that the meeting be adjourned at 3:45 P. M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Waters
Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk