

July 12, 1979

The Board of Election Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the Board office on July 10, 1979, at 2 P.M. Chairman Bast called the meeting to order.

The following were recorded present:

Douglas G. Bast
Virgil E. Banzhoff
Charles L. Downey
William F. Dunham, Jr.
Dorothy M. Waters

The minutes of the previous meeting held on June 4, 1979, were read. Motion by Mr. Downey and seconded by Mr. Banzhoff that minutes be accepted as read. Motion carried.

The following communications were read:

1. Letter received from Congresswoman Byron in response to our letter to her concerning our opposition on a bill for free mailing of absentee ballots.
2. Letter from Governor Hughes concerning members and employees of Election Boards refraining from engaging in partisan political activity during election campaigns.
3. Letter from M. Kenneth Long, Jr., concerning his resignation from the Board as Republican Substitute Board Member.
4. Opinion from Attorney General regarding voter registration from a nonresidence address.

Under committee reports, Dottie reported on the staff meeting that Barry Teach had for the department heads. She reported that the hourly wage for extra help was increased from \$2.90 to \$3.10 on July 1, 1979, and mileage was increased from 15 cents to 17 cents per mile on July 1, 1979.

Mr. Banzhoff reported on the trip to Annapolis to attend the demonstration of a new computer system of voting. He told of the equipment and prices that had been quoted to use the system. Mr. Banzhoff and the Clerks also attended the meeting of the Task Force that is in the process of rewriting the election laws.

Mr. Bast reported on the meeting of the Board with the County Commissioners, at which time they had discussed the budget cuts, the change to State Data Processing only and the poll workers' pay.

Under old business, Dottie reported that the auditors had been here to audit the candidates' Campaign Fund Reports. They discovered the following:

1. Pearl Snively, candidate for School Board, owed \$10 late filing fee. Mrs. Snively has paid this.
2. Carl Rosenberry, candidate for County Commissioner, owed \$20 late filing fee. Mr. Rosenberry has refused to pay. The State Board has been advised of this.
3. Harry Palmer, candidate for County Commissioner, was due a refund of \$30 for overpayment of a late filing fee. This has been sent to him.

The Board tabled until the next meeting the appointing of a substitute Democrat Machine Custodian. Mr. Banzhoff will check further on this.

Under new business, Dottie distributed copies of the new changes in the election laws and the election dates for 1980. The Board discussed some of the new changes and will be discussing these more at the next meeting.

The Board discussed the outline that will be sent to the County Commissioners showing why our budget cannot be cut. There were no changes; this will be typed and sent to the County Commissioners for their consideration.

The report on the activity of the Election Board in the past year, as requested by the County Commissioners, was discussed. This will be sent to them, along with pictures of Board and staff activities to be included in the annual report booklet.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 15, at 2 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Downey and seconded by Mr. Banzhoff that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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