

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY November 10, 1998

Present: Richard L. Coss, President
Daris Phillips, Democrat Member
Charles Mobley, Jr., Republican Member
Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate
Mark P. Brugh, Attorney
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

Richard called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roger Schlossberg, Democrat Alternate, was absent.

MINUTES: Jim made a motion and Daris seconded that the minutes of the meeting held October 13, 1998 be approved as submitted. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Memo from Linda Lamone, SABEL, stating that the restraining order was vacated by the federal judge. Each county is to develop procedures for issuing absentee ballots to nursing homes and assisted living facilities. At the December board meeting Mark will review the procedures from SABEL and the board will discuss at that time.

Memo from Timothy Augustine regarding Standardized Recount Procedures. Dorothy informed the Board that a recount can be requested only up to 10 days after the election or 2 days after the certification of results.

Letter from Gerald Hammond thanking the custodial staff at Northern Middle School for their assistance during the general election.

Letter from Cynthia J. Shank criticizing the amount of time it takes to vote. Mark will send a letter to her explaining to her that there are required procedures the poll workers must follow and that we are doing all we can do to reduce the amount of time it takes to vote.

OLD BUSINESS: Mark sent a letter to Richard Douglas requesting an extension for the legislative package requests. Mark also sent a letter to the parent who allowed his young son to vote for him in the primary election. Mark will send us copies of these letters.

A letter will be sent to Richard Douglas requesting the pay raise for the Board Members. The raise for the Board Members was approved at the October 28, 1998 board meeting. The raise must be approved by the County Commissioners and the legislature.

The Board discussed pay increases. Jim made a motion to increase the Chief Judges pay from \$100.00 to \$125.00 and the regular judges from \$80.00 to \$100.00. Richard seconded the motion and all were in favor. The training fee will remain at \$20.00.

Daris made a motion to pay the substitute board members \$10.00 an hour for their additional work during election time. Jim seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Daris made a motion to pay the part-time help \$8.00 an hour effective July 1, 1999. Jim seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jim made a motion to pay Jason Malott and Terry Brewer \$7.00 an hour for their work during the general election and for Terry to be paid for his work during the primary. Richard seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Dorothy will send a thank you letter to Fred Nugent for the assistance of the Boy Scouts, Troop 4 on election night.

The Board discussed several election day problems. A complete list will be compiled for the December meeting.

1. Sample Ballot was too small. Dorothy will inform ES&S of this problem.
2. During the counting of absentee ballots, 3 ballots in their ballot envelopes were mixed in with the return envelopes and not counted. The ballots will be counted on November 13 with those timely overseas ballots. The team members will be informed of their error.
3. Write-in lists were not posted at several polling places. It was suggested to give this information to the chief judges in a separate package of important information.
4. The Board questioned the importance of posting the Attorney General report.
5. The Army Reserve Center had their signs for no electioneering at 250'.
6. An "I Voted Sticker" was placed on a ballot and jammed the OPTECH. We will inform the judges to distribute the "I Voted Stickers" after the voter has inserted their ballot into the OPTECH.
7. Three OPTECH's were swapped during the election.

Election Day Praise: None of the OPTECH's had a problem with printing correctly. New tape rolls were placed on the OPTECH's prior to the L&A Testing.

Dorothy informed the Board that sympathy cards were sent to Donna Royce and Larry Vaughn due to the deaths of their mothers.

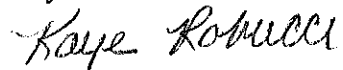
Richard thanked everyone for their good work during the election and for working while they were sick. He felt there were no major problems.

Next meeting December 8, 1998.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 3:13 PM; Daris seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye E. Robucci



Election Deputy Director I