

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 1989 at the Board office. The meeting was opened with silent prayer to the memory of R. Lee McCauley, Board President, who passed away on July 23, 1989.

Dottie advised the Board that Richard L. Coss, Democrat substitute Board member would move up to the position of regular Board member immediately, according to Article 33, Section 2-1 (c) and he will be receiving a new commission from the Governor.

Motion by Richard Coss and seconded by Geraldine Harmon that Oscar W. Spigler be appointed President of the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was then called to order by the new President, Oscar W. Spigler. He acknowledged the presence of Mr. Gene Raynor, State Administrator, who is attending our Board meeting. Other guests in attendance were Paul Oliver from the State Board Office and Larry Davis, a student from Hagerstown Junior College. Mr. Walter F. Bell, Jr. could not attend the meeting, so Geraldine M. Harmon, substitute Republican member, will be voting in his place. Others attending the meeting included Oscar W. Spigler, Richard L. Coss, Geraldine M. Harmon, William F. Dunham, Board Attorney and Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk II.

Mr. Raynor extended his sympathy to the Board on the passing of Mr. McCauley.

MINUTES:

Motion by Geraldine Harmon and seconded by Richard Coss that the minutes of the last meeting held on July 11, 1989 be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President read memo from Gene Raynor concerning 1990 Legislative suggestions. The Board had no suggestions at this time.

The Board discussed the letter received from the Maryland Libertarian Party. We were advised by the State Board that it is not necessary to respond to their letter as they are responding on a statewide basis.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the need for the second cage in the basement. Motion by Dick Coss and seconded by Geraldine Harmon that we have the cage that is there now removed and a smaller cage built for our supplies. Motion carried. Dottie will advise the Building Superintendent.

OLD BUSINESS:

The meeting held in Annapolis on July 12 was discussed. Dottie asked Mr. Raynor to tell the Board about the restructuring of the election offices that he discussed with those attending the July 12 meeting. Mr. Raynor spoke on the need for the proper classification for employees and reevaluation of the offices. He advised the Board that there are 80,000 eligible persons to be registered in Washington County and only 52,631 registered voters. He also predicted our work load would increase 20 to 25% due to the Universal Registration. Dottie advised the Board that the staff has about completed the town of Funkstown and about the problems they have encountered.

Mr. Raynor attended the meeting to give his support and make suggestions for our need for additional office space. After discussion a motion was made by Dick Coss and seconded by Gerry Harmon that we send a letter to the County Commissioners concerning the space. Motion carried. See letter attached. Mr. Raynor will also be drafting a letter to the Commissioners expressing the State Board's concern regarding our insufficient office space.

Mr. Raynor also commented on our need to work with the High School Principals on voter outreach.

Mr. Raynor and Mr. Oliver left the meeting at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dottie advised the Board that the County asked us to update our insurance coverage on our voting machines. After discussion a motion was made by Gerry Harmon and seconded by Dick Coss that the insurance coverage remain the same. Motion carried.

Dottie advised the Board that Sam McAfee and Glenn Boord were here on Monday and replaced wheels on two voting machines.

We have been advised by the State Board that our attorney, Mr. Dunham, has to attend the mandatory meeting in Ocean City on October 10-12, so Mr. Dunham will be using Mr. McCauley's reservation.

Dottie advised the Board that the staff will be attending a Fair Election Practices Seminar in Allegany County on September 14, 1989. The Board will decide later to close the office or not.

The Board finalized plans for the office picnic to be held at Doub's Woods Park on August 28, 1989 at 6:30 P. M.

Motion by Dick Coss and seconded by Gerry Harmon that the meeting be adjourned at 3 P. M. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 1989 at 2 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Waters
Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk II