

MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION January 11, 2011

35 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
240-313-2050

Present:

Board

Eileen Wiggins, Board President
John Benchoff, Democratic Member
Clyde Tate, Republican Member
Sharon Washington, Democratic Alternate
Carroll Earp, Republican Alternate

Staff

Kaye Robucci, Election Director, I
Sharon Mackereth, Acting Deputy Director, I

Eileen Wiggins called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM. Roger Schlossberg, Board Attorney, was absent. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2010:

Eileen Wiggins asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the December 14, 2010 Board Meeting. Approved as submitted.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

No additions.

Correspondence:

A. MAEO Agenda – January 5, 2011 – E-Mailed to Board Members.

B. 2010 Charter of the City of Hagerstown -

A copy of the City Charter was given to each Board Member. Kaye Robucci informed the Board that there is a meeting with the City representatives on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

C. E-mail from Stuart Harvey, Election Director for Frederick County, requesting a change in state law that would allow the alternate members to become full voting members. Kaye Robucci e-mailed this letter to each of the Board members.

This issue was discussed by Washington County's Election Board at the July 13, 2010, Board Meeting. The Board voted unanimously to leave our Board as is.

Reports:

No reports.

Old Business –

- A. Change of Polling Places for District 8, Rohrerstown Ruritan and District 10-2, South Hagerstown High School.

This matter will be tabled until the next meeting in February, 2011 when Roger Schlossberg, Board Attorney, is present.

Clyde Tate and Carroll Earp informed the Board of their interviews by the Republican Central Committee. Both Central Committees have new chairpersons and they wanted to be part of the actual interviewing of possible Election Board Members. Democratic members agreed that they went through the same process. Deadline for applying for Democrats was December 3, 2010.

- B. FY-12 Budget -

Kaye Robucci, Election Director, mailed or e-mailed to each of the Board Members a copy of the proposed budget for 2012. The budget had to be sent to the County by Friday, January 7, 2011. The County requested an explanation for why extra money is required for Alternate Board Members and Part Time workers. The explanation was given.

- C. Election Worker Training Dates

The Presidential Primary Election is scheduled for the month of February, 2012, but it might get change by the new State Legislature. The election might possibly be moved to March, 2012. The Ag Center is the best possible location for a training facility. It has plenty of space, parking and it is heated. Kaye Robucci would like to get the Election Board on the calendar for the Ag Center. John Benchoff and Clyde Tate suggested that maybe some space in the old hospital. But, that building might be demolished. It is not clear what the County Commissioners and owners will decide to do with the building. The Board agreed with getting our name on the Ag Center calendar.

New Business –

- A. Early Voting Site for 2012 -

Kaye Robucci contacted other counties, to see how they went about getting their Early Voting site. Kaye heard from a few of the counties. One county was Garrett, who was charged \$1000 for Early Voting site rental. This was the highest amount – of those she heard from. John Benchoff questioned the Early Voting location with the City of Hagerstown contest on our ballot. Does that mean that the Early Voting site has to be in the City of Hagerstown? Kaye will investigate this issue.

- B. Meeting with the City of Hagerstown – Thursday, January 13, 2011, 9:00am.
- C. MAEO Meeting – June 12 - 14, 2011 at Clarion Resort in Ocean City, MD.

The Board discussed issues about this year's MAEO meeting - will it include the State Biennial Meeting? If so, this meeting will be mandatory to attend.

Members Remarks

- A. Eileen Wiggins passed around a "Thank You Card" from the family of John Benchoff. The thank you was in regards to the contribution made by this Board and Staff, in the passing of John's sister.
- B. The Board made "Happy Birthday Wishes" to Sharon Washington.

Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next Election Board Meeting will be on February 8, 2011 at 2:00 PM.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Clyde Tate made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 PM; Sharon Washington seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Compiled by Sharon C. Mackereth
Acting Deputy Director, I

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Wiggins
Eileen Wiggins, Board President

2/8/11
Date

Carroll H. Earp
Carroll Earp, Board Secretary

2/8/11
Date