

MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION

August 9, 2005

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

Present:

Board

Charles Mobley, Jr., President
Eileen Wiggins, Democratic Member
Gregory Bannon, Attorney

Staff

Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director, I
Sharon C. Mackereth, Election Supervisor II

Charles Mobley called the meeting to order at 2:13 PM. John Barr, Republican Member, Clyde Tate, Republican Alternate Member, and Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director, I, were absent. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of July 12, 2005:

Charles Mobley asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the July 12, 2005 Board Meeting. The minutes should reflect that minutes of June 14, 2005 Closed Door minutes were approved as submitted. Also, in the first paragraph, top of page 3 the word "rescind" should be corrected. Approved as submitted.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

Kaye Robucci requested an addition under Correspondence regarding a new Judicial Listing for the 2006 elections. Charles Mobley requested that under New Business a discussion on subdividing Districts 23-0 Conococheague and 27-2 Paramount.

Correspondence:

- A. The Registrar, Volumes 4 & 5, was distributed.
- B. Memo from Calvert County, regarding their new county attorney.
- C. Memo from County Support regarding revised regulations on challenging a voter's eligibility to register and vote. The revised information will be placed in the procedures manual.
- D. Memo from County Support regarding US Department of Justice (DOJ) position on HAVA and voting accessibility. The Board and staff are currently seeking a new polling place for District 15, Big Pool.

- E. Interim Judicial listing for the 2006 elections was distributed.

Reports:

Old Business:

- A. Preventative Maintenance on the voting equipment is still scheduled for September 2005.

Kaye Robucci reported that the caster brake repairs were completed on 20 carts, Monday August 8, 2005.

- B. A revised chart on Voter Registration Projections for the County for 2006 – 2010 was distributed. These projections show substantial growth for every two years. Growth that would impact elections as soon as 2006 and the need for additional voting units and equipment.

Funkstown Elementary School is in need of splitting now.

- C. Charles Mobley reported on the splitting of District 22. A decision was made on where to divide the district that the total of registered voters would be somewhat even. The Otterbein United Methodist Church on Franklin St would be a new polling place for district 22-1 with roughly 1900 voters. Christ Lutheran Church would be the polling place for 22-2, with currently 1300 voters. Notification will be mailed out to each registered voter. Mr. Mobley and Eileen Wiggins will do a survey at Otterbein United Methodist Church, the proposed date is Wednesday, August 17, 2005. The next Work Session to review Boonsboro, District 6, and Smithsburg, District 7, will be Tuesday, August 23, 2005.

- D. Final plans for picnic - will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2005 at 6:00 PM. It will be held at the Elks Picnic Grounds on the Greencastle Pike.

New Business:

- A. The Town of Funkstown is expressing an interest in using the DRE's for their town election next year. Greg Brannon asked who gets the money for the rental of the equipment? Mr. Mobley stated that there is a formula for the distribution of the funds. Mr. Mobley and Greg Bannon will be meeting to work out a rate schedule for the municipalities.

- C. Mr. Mobley requested to defer the splitting of Districts 23-0 and 27-2 until after the 2006 elections. Voter turnout is generally low for a gubernatorial election and with the current registration these polling places can handle it. Fletcher Grove, in the Boonsboro area is being developed.

Gregory Bannon left the meeting at 2:45 PM.

- D. A decision was made to approach the County Commissioners about registration projections, the need for more voting equipment, and poll workers. The Board would also request the County to allow county employees to work as poll workers without using their own leave time, a program similar to the State of Maryland. Mr. Mobley will contact the Commissioners Office to be put on the schedule.
- E. Biennial Meeting will be held Oct. 16 – 19, 2005 at the Princess Royale in Ocean City, MD. The Reservation Request Form needs to be returned to Kaye Robucci by August 22, 2005.

Members Remarks:

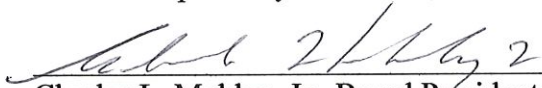
Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held September 13, 2005, at 2:00 PM at the Board Office.

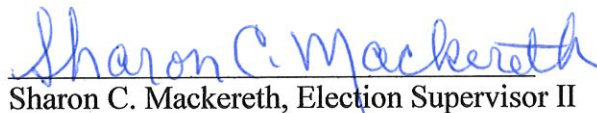
Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time. Charles Mobley made a motion to adjourn at 3:30 PM; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,


Charles L. Mobley, Jr., Board President

9/13/05
Date


Sharon C. Mackereth, Election Supervisor II

8/18/05
Date