



MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS February 11, 2014

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

Present:

Board

John Benchoff, President
Carroll Earp, Vice President
Tammy Downin, Secretary
Bruce Field, Assistant Secretary
William Blazes, Member

Staff

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

John Benchoff, President, called the meeting to order at 2:00PM; as pursuant to the Bylaws of Washington County Board of Elections, Article 3, Section 3.2(A)1. Roger Schlossberg, Attorney, was absent. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2014:

John Benchoff asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of January 14, 2014, Board of Elections meeting.

Approved as submitted by Carroll Earp; seconded by Tammy Downin. Unanimously approved. As pursuant to the Bylaws of Washington County Board of Elections, Article 3, Section 3.3(A)2.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

As pursuant to the Bylaws of Washington County Board of Elections, Article 3, Section 3.3(A)3. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

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A. MAEO Election Information - E-mailed to the Board.

February 24, 2014 is the deadline for filing to run for a position on MAEO Board of Directors.

B. Memo from Keith Ross, SBE, regarding the NVSR Project – E-mailed to the Board.

There will be a presentation of the New Voting System Replacement Project (NVSR) during MAEO. Keith Ross is requesting input from all the local Board members regarding any questions about the process. The Board members are to let Kaye know by February 19, 2014 any questions so she can respond to Keith Ross by February 21, 2014.

Reports

None at this time.

Old Business:

A. 2014 Early Voting Site – update -

The Director will be following up with Jim Sterling, Director of Facilities, regarding issues discussed with him during the January 9, 2014 meeting –

- Cleaning of the Early Voting/Training Center (trash cans and bathrooms).
- Repairing of the holes in the floor, plugs have been ordered.
- Temporary lighting was suggested for the sidewalk – leading to the main entrance.
- The Election Board will inquire about pricing for tables and chairs needed for training classes and early voting.

B. Early Voting Agreement –

Director requested this issue to be tabled. Board agreed.

C. 2014 Polling Places – update -

The Director informed the Board that the voters in District/Precinct 10-1 have been notified about the polling place change to South Hagerstown High School. A list of the schools that we use as polling places was sent to the Board of Education. The Board of Elections needs to survey the new Bester Elementary School and South Hagerstown HS for the purpose of having two polling places at the same location. John Benchoff, President, believes there will still be a problem with parking at SHHS. The parking area will need to be inspected - we do have plenty of "Vote Here" signs to direct the voters.

New Business:

A. Resolutions (to create new precincts 3-5 and 25-3) -

We have completed the cleanup of several small areas around the City of Hagerstown that were annexed. After perusing through several maps, we were able to identify these voters and put them in the correct district/precinct and legislative district. This requires setting up new precincts, as follows –

- Changed the boundary of District/Precinct 3-3, 2B, to carve out the new precinct 3-5, 2A, these voters are in Legislative 2A but will be voting in City contests. A motion to change District/Precinct 3-3 and create 3-5 was made by Bruce Field; seconded by Carroll Earp. Unanimously approved.
- Changed the boundary of District/Precinct 25-2, 2B, to carve out the new precinct 25-3, 2A, these voters are in Legislative 2A but will be voting in City contests. A motion to change District/Precinct 25-2 and create 25-3 was made by Bruce Field; seconded by Bill Blazes. Unanimously approved.
- Changed the boundary of District/Precinct 25-4, 2B, and these voters were moved into 25-3, 2A, they will be voting in City contests. A motion to change District/Precinct 25-4, 2B, and move these voters into District/Precinct 25-3, 2A, was made by Bruce Field; seconded by Carroll Earp. Unanimously approved.

Members Remarks

Carroll Earp, Vice President, asked if the Governor's FY15 Budget included funding for new voting system. At this time, we did not believe it was in the FY15 Budget.

Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held on March 11, 2014. The location is Washington County Board of Elections, 35 W. Washington St. Room 101, Hagerstown, MD; as pursuant to the Bylaws of the Washington County Board of Elections, Article 3, Section 3.3(A)8.

Distributed Information

FY15 Proposed Budget (Revision 1)
2014 Election Schedule
Candidate Listing
Please bring COMAR copies – for next meeting.

