

PROCEEDINGS  
BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS  
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 1986, at the Board office. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph A. McCauley at 2:00 P. M.

The following were recorded present:

Ralph A. McCauley, President  
Oscar W. Spigler, Democrat Member  
Walter F. Bell, Jr. Republican Member  
Geraldine M. Harmon, Republican Alternate  
Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk  
Daris A. Phillips, Chief Clerk

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on May 20, 1986 were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The summer picnic was discussed. No date was set as Mr. McCauley isn't sure when the sweet corn will be ready.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dottie distributed copies of the opinion of the Attorney General concerning voter registration volunteers to each Board Member.

Mrs. Fetterhoff arrived at the meeting at this time. She advised the Board that she had asked the State Office if absentee ballot envelopes and other absentee supplies could be ordered by the State in bulk quantity to get a better price. The State office said this would not be feasible as they would not get enough requests for this.

Mrs. Fetterhoff also advised the Board that she had asked the State office to include in their monthly newsletter an explanation of political activity that staff and Board members can engage in.

Mrs. Fetterhoff left the meeting and the Board continued to discuss their correspondence.

Mr. McCauley read the opinion of The Attorney General concerning persons running as an independent candidate and obtaining signatures to run for one office and then changing and running for another office. The Attorney General ruled that they could not do this.

The Board discussed **the recent news** release received from the State Board concerning elderly and handicapped voters finding it easier to cast their ballots in 1986.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the memo from Al Davis concerning the insurance coverage. Dottie advised the Board she had sent Bethel Gardens a letter stating the insurance coverage that the County had on the polling places.

Daris discussed the request from the senior citizens group from Hancock wanting someone to come to speak to the group on voter registration, voting by absentee ballot and the importance of voting. Daris, Walt and Geraldine will be going on July 15 at 11:45. Dottie said she had a request from the senior citizen group in the Alexander House to do the same. Dottie, Oscar and Lee will be going there in July. A definite time and date will be set up later.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the emergency change of the polling places for District 3-2 from the Museum to the Teamsters Union Hall, 319 W. Howard St. for the September 9, 1986 primary only. We will be going back to the museum for the General election. We will send resolution to the State office concerning this change. Each voter in the district will have to be notified of this change. The polling place will be surveyed for accessibility for the handicapped.

The Board discussed the type signs they would use at the polling places where a different entrance will be used by the handicapped. After much discussion President McCauley volunteered to contact painters to get cost for signs.

Dottie advised the Board that the absentee ballot material had been put out on bid. Motion by Walter Bell and seconded by Oscar Spigler that the lowest bidder, Printers Ink, be awarded the bid for \$305.00. Motion carried.

The Maryland Association of Election Officials meeting will be held at the Greenbelt Hilton in Greenbelt, Md. on January 11-13, 1987. Dottie distributed copies of the tentative agenda to the Board members. This was discussed and final plans and reservations will be made at a later date.

The Board discussed using Hagerstown Junior College to hold poll workers' school. The change is necessary because the Board of Education would be charging us for the custodians to open up South Hagerstown High School. We will be using Junior College if we can move a voting machine in for demonstration. Dottie will check on this.

The Board discussed poll worker vacancies. Mr. Bell suggested that we contact the Central Committees to fill vacancies that exist in some of the polling places. If they have no suggestions by June 25 we will use substitutes from other districts. The other members concurred with this suggestion.

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 1986 at 2:30 P. M.

Motion by Oscar Spigler and seconded by Walter Bell that the meeting be adjourned at 3:55 P. M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dorothy M. Waters*

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