

PRECEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS  
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors for Washington County held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 1993, at the Board Office. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by President Coss.

The following were recorded present:

Richard L. Coss, President  
Daris A. Phillips, Democrat Member  
Jason A. Malott, Democrat Alternate  
Charles L. Mobley, Jr., Republican Alternate  
Mark P. Brugh, Attorney  
Jean D. Calhoun, Administrator  
Kaye E. Robucci, Registrar

In Walter Bell's absence, Charles Mobley, Jr. was sitting in.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting held on July 15, 1993, were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Jean read the responses we received from Carroll, Charles, Wicomico, St. Mary's, & Cecil Counties, regarding their attorney's salary. Daris motioned that our attorney's room, meal package, and mileage be paid for when attending MAEO and SABEL meetings. Jim seconded the motion. Consideration of attorney's salary will be tabled until next meeting.

Copies of letter to Mr. Clyde Gaylor, contact person for the Old Downsville School were distributed. Mr. Gaylor called and agreed to meet with the board members to survey the polling place for accessibility.

Copies of letter from the Town Manager of Hancock, Mr. Stephen Gyurisin, were distributed. Mr. Gyurisin assured the board the Hancock Community Center would be available for any future elections.

OLD BUSINESS:

OPTECH III-P: Dick Coss reported on the meeting with the County Commissioners, August 3, 1993, regarding the OPTECH III-P Eagle Voting System. The Commissioners requested additional time to consider the system. Jean reported on the meeting of the County Commissioners, August 10, 1993. The County Commissioners authorized the Election Board to work with Karen Luther, Purchasing Agent, to prepare the specification for bid. An additional demonstration was requested by the Commissioners and will be conducted at 1:30 P.M. on September 7, 1993. Richard proposed that an official with the City of Hagerstown be notified about the demonstration. Jean will invite the City Clerk, GeorgiAnn Lucas, to the demonstration.

POLLING PLACES: Update on replacements for the following polling places:

Hause's Storeroom  
Potomac Valley Fire Hall  
Ringgold Community Center  
Downsville School

Williamsport Town Hall  
Paramount School

Board members will meet and visit district 22-2, in search of a new polling place to replace Hause's Storeroom.

Jean reported that Mr. Lyons, a resident of the Dargan area, went to the Potomac Valley Fire Hall to check on accessibility. He found that an asphalt curb had been installed. The board will meet to decide if it meets specifications for accessibility.

Dick reported on status of Ringgold Community Center. He spoke with Reverend, Paul Boweles, on the possibility of using Ringgold Church of Christ as a polling place. We are welcome to use the church. However, Arthur Bayer, contact for the Ringgold Community Center, would like to make the center accessible.

As stated earlier, the board will meet with Clyde Gaylor and review the Old Downsville School for accessibility.

The board is currently looking for replacement polling places for Williamsport Town Hall and Paramount School.

Jean reported that North Hagerstown High School will be available for the 1994 elections.

Jean reported that Eastern Elementary School would be available as a polling place for district 10-3. She also reported that Homewood would not be available for district 26-3 due to a lack of parking spaces. Board members will continue to search for a polling place in 26-3.

SUB-DIVISION OF DISTRICT 10-1: Copies of letter to voters who will now be in district 10-3 were distributed. Jim recommended that the letter be revised to read, "Presently and until the 1994 elections this area is represented by Delegate Peter Callas," instead of, "Presently this area is represented by Delegate Peter Callas." Jim motioned for acceptance of the letter with the revisions. Daris seconded the motion.

Mark advised that we send the letters to the voters in district 10-3 as soon as possible because we do have an obligation to inform voters within 30 days after such a change. He felt the board was under no obligation to notify voters of any change in Senatorial or Delegate districts due to legislative acts.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark recommended that a committee be formed to formulate an Open Meeting Policy and report at the next board meeting. Dick and Jim will work with Mark to formulate the policy.

Jean informed the board that we are still waiting to receive a quote on the maps.

Jean informed the board that the reservations were completed for the SABEL meeting. Motion made by Jim that on Thursday, October 14, any meal other than breakfast, will be the responsibility of each person. Dick seconded the motion. Daris opposed the motion. Motion carried.

Jean advised the Board members that she had called to inform local townspeople who have elections of the possibility of purchasing AVM machines.

Action on Open Meeting Policy tabled until next meeting.

Polling place updates:

- District 20 - Mr. Gaylor did not show up at the scheduled meeting at the Old Downsville School. Will be rescheduled to meet with Mr. Gaylor and Delancy Catlett. Copy of Disabled Citizens Guide mailed to Delancy.
- District 26-3 - Jean distributed copies of the letter written to Rev. Mark A. Sandell at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church regarding using the church as a polling place for 26-3.
- District 22-2 - No progress
- District 14-1 - Richard gave to Mr Bayer, contact person for the Ringgold Community Center, the name of the Disabled Citizens Coordinator, Frank Davis, since Mr. Bayer expressed the desire to make the Ringgold Community Center accessible and wanted to have correct guidelines for so doing. A deadline will be given for this to be completed and, if not done, will be moving from that polling place.
- District 27-2 - No progress
- District 11-2 - No progress
- District 2 - Walter motioned that the polling place be moved from Williamsport Town Hall to Williamsport High School. Daris seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The two resolutions and maps pertaining to election districts 26-3 and 10-3 reviewed by Board members. Approved by Board members but Richard suggested that the attorney review for correctness. Walter so motioned. Seconded by Daris. Motion carried.

Richard informed the Board members of Bob Graff's request to store some old furniture in the warehouse where the voting machines are. As of Friday, September 10, nothing had been moved in.

Plans made to leave sometime after 11:30 A.M. on October 11 for Ocean City.

Walter motioned meeting be adjourned at 3:05 P.M. Daris seconded.

Next meeting at Ocean City.

Respectfully submitted,

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