

**PROCEEDINGS**

**BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS  
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY  
December 8, 1998**

Present:               Richard L. Coss, President  
                          Daris Phillips, Democrat Member  
                          Charles Mobley, Jr., Republican Member  
                          Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate  
                          Mark P. Brugh, Attorney  
                          Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II  
                          Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

Richard called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Roger Schlossberg, Democrat Alternate, was absent.

Thank you note from Doris James was shown to the Board. Doris's mother passed away in November.

Dorothy informed of the Board of the invitation we received to attend the "Maryland Holiday Market" on December 9, 1998.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the Board Meeting held November 10, 1998, were revised. Number 7 on page 2 was revised to read "Three OPTECH's were replaced during the election". Dot made a motion to accept the minutes with the revision; Daris seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jim will pick up the forms from the MVA on December 14 and also during January, February and March while Richard is away.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Memo from Linda Lamone, SABEL Administrator, regarding the tally and reporting of the write-in votes. Based on the advice from Kathleen Hoke Dachille, SABEL requested that the local board count the write-in votes for all state filed candidates and submit to SABEL for inclusion in the official canvass. It is unconstitutional to count the write-in votes for filed candidates only. The Board met on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 and counted all the write-in votes for all state offices.

The 1998 Legislative Package was send to Richard Douglas, County Attorney. The County Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 8, to discuss the request to increase the salary for regular Board members to \$4800 and \$4900 for the president. Dorothy attended the meeting. The County Commissioners are requesting additional information such as a job description for the board members and the numbers of hours they work each week.

Richard suggested that a letter be compiled and sent to the County Commissioners explaining the reasons for the pay increase and asking if they would like to meet with the Board. Jim will compose the letter.

Letter from Karl Sanford, Assistant Scout Master, to Mark Brugh was discussed. Mark had requested the names of the scouts who had helped election night. Certificates of Appreciation will be sent to each Scout. Mark will find out if the scouts can receive credit towards their community hours.

Copy of letter from Mark Brugh to Cynthia Shank was distributed. Miss Shank had complained about the time it took her to vote in the general election.

Memo from Tom Surock regarding the Reform Party. The Reform Party will continue to be considered a recognized political party for administrative purposes. We are to continue to use the VRA's with the Reform party listed.

Dorothy distributed copies of the estimated cost of the primary election. The cost per voter was \$2.69.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The absentee procedures for the nursing homes and assisted living homes will be discussed at the January Board Meeting. Mark has the procedures from Prince George's County and will give them to Dorothy for distribution to the Board.

The following problems from the General Election were discussed:

1. District 19

Problems: Room is too small, no telephone access  
Resolution: Survey will be conducted of the polling place

2. District 25-4

Problem: Eugene Martin, campaign worker, and Larry Vaughn, poll worker, disagreed as to whether Mr. Martin was inside the 100' "No Electioneering" limit. Larry called the police.

Resolution: No action taken

3. Districts 4 & 20

Problem: Need additional voting booths  
Resolution: Number of booths will be re-calculated for next election

4. District 25-1

Problem: Phone was locked in office over lunch  
Resolution: Kaye will talk to Cathy Faniel at Bethel Gardens'

5. District 14-1 needs an additional "Vote Here" sign. An additional sign will be sent for the 2000 elections.
6. District 4-0 suggested placing a label on the transfer case indicating what is packed inside. Labels will be placed on the transfer cases for the 2000 elections.
7. District 18-1
  - Problem: Delivery and pick up of equipment is a problem, the men in charge of the building are difficult to work with at times
  - Resolution: Survey Old Forge School for potential polling place
8. District 20-0
  - Problem: Too small
  - Resolution: Survey Fountain Rock School for potential polling place
9. District 7-0
  - Problem: A poll workers daughter brought a friend into the polling place. The daughter and friend hung around for awhile then left and returned later.
  - Resolution: Chief Judge told them to leave and they did.
10. District 7-0
  - Problem: Two poll workers are friends and spend a lot of time talking and smoking
  - Resolution: Poll workers will be placed on the substitute list and if used, sent to two different locations
11. District 22-0
  - Problem: "No Electioneering" signs were placed 250' rather than the correct 100' from the polling place.
  - Resolution: Poll workers will be reminded about the correct distance.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dorothy reported on the director's meeting she attended. All the counties discussed their election day problems. None of the counties or SABEL are pleased with the change of address form used at the MVA.

Next meeting January 12, 1999.

Daris made a motion to adjourn at 3:55 pm, Dot seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kaye E. Robucci

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Election Deputy Director I