

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS  
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 1988, at the Board office. Prior to calling the meeting to order the Board met in the basement with Mr. Bob Coble to discuss moving surplus materials so our machine custodians will have more space to set up the voting machines. The materials have been moved and the custodians will begin setting the machines on Saturday, February 13 at 9 A. M. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph A. McCauley.

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  
Lenore J. Brugh, Democrat Alternate  
Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk II  
Daris A. Phillips, Chief Clerk I

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 1988 were approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McCauley read the memo received from Gene Raynor, State Administrator, concerning the procedures to be followed by local boards in the event that severely inclement weather interferes with the operations of polling places on election day. Each board member and the attorney will receive a copy of this opinion.

President McCauley read a letter from Gene Raynor regarding the next report due on voting accessibility for the Elderly & Handicapped Act of 1984. We will prepare a short questionnaire to give to the Chief Judges to report on their polling places and any problems that occur on election day with accessibility.

Dottie distributed copies of the letter that Mr. Raynor had received from Governor Schaefer requesting election board members and staff refrain from engaging in partisan political activities.

President McCauley read the memo received from Gene Raynor concerning exit polling.

Dottie advised the Board of the death of Lenore Brugh's Mother. The Board and staff extended their sympathy to Lenore. Dottie also advised the Board of the death of Marguerite Lashley, President of the Allegany County Election Board. A belated card will be sent to the office staff.

OLD BUSINESS:

We discussed the problem we are having with our voting machines as 95 of our old machines cannot be set up with the three parties, necessary because of the Declines voting for the Board of Education. Mr. Raynor had advised us that we needed a backup machine at each polling place. Mr. McCauley called a special meeting of the Board and Attorney on January 21, 1988 at 2 P. M. to discuss this. Mr. Raynor and Sam McAfee met with our custodians and Board members on January 25, 1988 to help us with this problem. We will be setting up separate Democrat and Republican machines in our larger districts, with the Declines being able to vote for the Board of Education on the Republican machines. The machines used in the smaller districts will be set up with all 3 parties on each machine. Extra machines will be set up as backups.

The Board discussed the classes to be held for the new poll workers. A class will be held on February 24 at 10 A. M. and on March 3 at 7 P. M. We will ask Bob Dean to demonstrate the voting machine for the classes.

Dottie advised the Board that District 15 Big Pool has now built a ramp at the Community Building and is accessible to the elderly and handicapped. Also Bethel Gardens Community Room feels that they are now accessible, but Mr. McCauley advised the Board that he checked and there is one step into the building. Mr. McCauley advised the Board that we will be using the Potomac Valley Firehall in District 11-2 for the Primary.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dottie advised the Board that Print-O-Stat, Inc. of York, Pa. got the bid on the printing order for \$4,772.00. We have \$3,500 in the budget for the printing.

The Board discussed putting the ballot in the paper in the three colors. Motion by Walter Bell and seconded by Oscar Spigler that we spend the approximate \$300 extra to have the ballot run in the three colors. Motion carried.

The Board decided it will not be necessary to run any back page ads on changes in polling places as there have been no changes since the last election.

A letter has been sent to the Chairman of the Democrat and Republican Central Committees advising them that our machine custodians will be setting up the voting machines on February 13, 14, and 15 starting each day at 9 A. M.

Letter will be sent to the Hagerstown Police Department requesting signs be posted for parking for the voters at the polling places in the City limits for the March 8 Primary.

Substitute Board members will be working on March 8, 9, and 10th. Dottie will set up the schedule for the extra help for the Primary.

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NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

Motion by Oscar Spigler and seconded by Walter Bell that the meeting be adjourned at 3:50 P. M. Motion carried.

The next regular board meeting will have to be rescheduled as it falls on election day.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dorothy M. Waters*  
Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk