

PROCEEDINGS
BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 1987, at the Board office. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph A. McCauley at 2:00 P.M.

The following persons were recorded present:

Ralph A. McCauley, President
Walter F. Bell, Jr., Republican Member
Geraldine M. Harmon, Republican Alternate
Daris A. Phillips, Chief Clerk I

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on January 12, 1987 were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Daris reported that reservations have been made for our annual Christmas dinner at South Mountain Inn for Wednesday, December 2, 1987.

She also advised the Board that Ed Billhimer's wife died suddenly. The office sent a sympathy card.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McCauley read a letter we received from the town of Williamsport requesting the use of two voting machines for their Municipal election to be held March 2, 1987. Dottie has made arrangements with the Roads Department to move the machines and discussed the preparation of the machines with Bill Dorsey.

Daris distributed copies of the letter received by Paul Pittman, chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, from Mary Ann Saar, Appointments Officer for the State of Maryland, concerning the appointments to the Washington County Board of Election Supervisors. She also distributed a letter from Marie Garber, SABEL Administrator, clarifying the information about the appointments of members and substitute members of local Boards.

Kathy Wantz, President of the Democrat Club, called and wants us to ask how many are in favor of four year appointments for Election Board members. Mr. Bell called Marie Garber asking the purpose and reasoning for this bill (HB #156). After talking with her he made a motion to support HB #156, changing the appointments from two years to four years. Motion died due to lack of second. Daris will call Delegate Callas and tell him our thoughts on this bill.

OLD BUSINESS:

A letter supporting the reappointment of Marie Garber as the State Administrator to be sent to Governor Schaefer was presented for approval and to be signed by Board members.

The schedule for voter registration in high schools has been set up. Daris gave copies to the Board members and the dates they will assist was confirmed. Registration has been completed in Hancock and Clear Spring schools. We registered 54 persons in Hancock and 87 persons in Clear Spring.

The following schedule has been approved:

Wednesday	February 4	Hancock High
Wednesday	February 4	Clear Spring High
Friday	February 20	St. Maria Goretti High
Monday	February 23	South Hagerstown High
Wednesday	February 25	Smithsburg High
Wednesday	March 4	Williamsport High
Monday	March 9	North Hagerstown High
Friday	March 13	Boonsboro High

Bill Dorsey advised us that the town of Hancock had contacted him about using two voting machines for their town election which was held on January 27, 1987. He and Daryl Long prepared the machines for them.

NEW BUSINESS:

We are working on the 1987-88 budget. This must be in to the Director of Finance by March 6, 1987.

Electronic voting system for absentee ballots was discussed. The cost of this would have to be put in the new budget. The Board asked Daris to call Frederick and Carroll County Election Board offices to discuss the cost of this system with them. She is to ask how many absentee ballots they used in the last election and the cost to have them printed.

Daris is also to get an appointment with the CES representative to come to our office and talk to us about this system.

Daris informed the Board that the Planning and Zoning Department is beginning the assigning of house numbers and road names to all rural route addresses. They are beginning in District 14-2. Dottie has discussed this with Jack Hawbaker, Director of the Planning Commission, and we will receive a list from them so we can do changes of addresses as they proceed with the project.

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 1987 at 2:00 P.M.

Motion by Walter Bell and seconded by Ralph McCauley that the meeting be adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Daris A. Phillips

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