

MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION
November 8, 2005

35 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
240-313-2050

Present:

Board

Charles Mobley, Jr., President
John Barr, Republican Member
Eileen Wiggins, Democratic Member
Clyde Tate, Republican Alternate
John Benchoff, Democratic Alternate
Gregory Bannon, Attorney

Staff

Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director, I
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director, I

Charles Mobley called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2005

Charles Mobley asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the October 11, 2005 Board Meeting. Approved as submitted.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

Dorothy Kaetzel requested that County Bulletin #46 and Memo from Joe Torre regarding COMAR be discussed under Correspondence. Charles Mobley requested that the Registration Progress Report be discussed under Reports and the survey from Delegate Dwyer under New Business.

2:15 John Barr and Gregory Bannon entered the meeting.

Correspondence:

A. County Bulletin #46

Dorothy Kaetzel informed the Board that the Post Election Maintenance has been completed. She also has ordered 5 additional carts for the voting units.

B. Survey from Delegate Dwyer

Delegate Dwyer is requesting information regarding any incidents of election fraud during the 2004 elections and any legal charges filed in violation of a voting law or registration. Dorothy Kaetzel informed him of the case involving Charlie Baker that was forwarded to the State's Attorney and State Prosecutor in April 2005.

C. COMAR – Proposed Change

Memo from Joe Torre, SBE, regarding a proposed change to COMAR. Currently a Voter Registration Volunteer can't receive compensation in any form for voter registration activity. The change would allow Voter Registration Volunteers to receive compensation except on a per registrant basis.

Reports:

A. New Employee

Dorothy Kaetzel informed the Board that four individuals expressed an interest in the Clerk III Position. Interviews are scheduled for December 8 & 9, 2005.

B. SBE Biennial Meeting

- Charles Mobley reported on the Board Members Session. He questioned whether the Local Election Boards have to maintain a certain political makeup. He was informed that the Local Election Boards are no longer required to consist of a certain political makeup.
- Dorothy Kaetzel reported on the Election Director's Session. John Willis is assisting with the recruitment of election workers at colleges. Starting next year more colleges will be included in the process.

C. Carts

Five additional carts have been ordered for a total cost of \$3,775. The Board felt that the cost of the carts was extravagant.

D. Registration Progress Report

Charles Mobley distributed updated voter registration projections.

Old Business:

A. Work Session

Charles Mobley reported on the Work Session held 10/25/05 to discuss relocating the polling places for District 15 and District 12. The Board discussed the following:

- District 15 (Big Pool): Big Pool does not have many options for a new location. The Board discussed whether the ramp could be fixed to be compliant.
- District 12 (Fairplay):

Possible polling places are the Fairplay Fire Hall or St. James Church.

No further work sessions will be scheduled unless needed.

B. Christmas Party – December 6, 2005 at 6:00 PM at John & Teresa Barr's.

3:50 PM Gregory Bannon excused himself from the meeting.

New Business:

A. Survey from Delegate Don Dwyer

Charles Mobley received an Information Survey from Delegate Don Dwyer. The Board completed the survey.

The next meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held December 13, 2005, at 2:00 PM at the Board Office.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time. Eileen Wiggins made a motion to adjourn at 3:26 PM; John Barr seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,


Charles L. Mobley, Jr., Board President 12/13/05
Date


Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Dir, I 11-10-05
Date