

MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION

March 9, 2004

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

Present:

Board

Charles Mobley, Jr., President  
Marianne Schneider, Democratic Member  
John Barr, Republican Member  
Dorothy Waters, Republican Alternate  
Eileen Wiggins, Democratic Alternate

Staff

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

Charles Mobley called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. Gregory Bannon, Attorney, was absent. There was a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2004**

Charles Mobley asked if the board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the February 17, 2004 Board Meeting. Charles Mobley, Jr. requested that a heading entitled "visitors" be added to the listing of those present. Also, date is incorrect, should be January 13, 2004 instead of January 13, 2003. Minutes were approved as corrected.

**Addition/Changes to the Agenda:** Dorothy Kaetzel received several e-mails announcing upcoming meetings that will be discussed under Correspondence. Charles Mobley requested to discuss post election items under New Business.

**Correspondence:**

A. News Release

Survey by Opinion Research Corporation showing that a majority of Americans trust computerized voting systems.

B. Letter from Robert Coles

Robert Coles resigned as an election judge at Bester Elementary School.

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C. Thank you from SBE

Terry Holliday-Harris, Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance, thanking the staff for assisting with the Democratic Convention Delegate filings.

John Barr entered the meeting at 2:10 PM.

D. Campaign for Verifiable Voting

Letter from Linda Lamone, State Administrator, to Linda Schade, Co-Director of Campaign for Verifiable Voting in Maryland, stating that a person qualified to vote a regular ballot is not eligible to receive a provisional ballot.

Dorothy Kaetzel reported that several people on election day requested to vote a provisional ballot.

E. Citizen Complaint

Complaint received from Dirk DeVault protesting the requirement that he vote on the touch screen voting unit. He felt he should be permitted to vote a provisional ballot. Charles Mobley and Dorothy Kaetzel will compose a letter to be sent to Mr. DeVault.

F. SBE Meeting – March 16, 2004

Dorothy Kaetzel will attend this Lessons Learned Workshop.

G. MAEO Meeting – March 18, 2004

Kaye Robucci will attend this Post Election Summit.

**Reports:**

**Election Day:**

Dorothy Kaetzel reported that she felt the election went well. Received many compliments from voters regarding the new voting system.

A. Return of Materials

Marianne Schneider suggested that all election materials (except the precinct registers, signs and phone) be placed in the blue tub for return to the office election night. John Barr suggested that the signs be dropped off outside. He offered to build a crate for the signs.

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B. Traffic Flow

John Barr reported that the election workers were backed up to Antietam Street. He moved the cones that the Fire Police had set up and it helped to alleviate the problem. Charles Mobley asked the Fire Police to be available for November 2, 2004.

C. Signs

The Board discussed the space problem in some of the polling places for posting the required signs. Currently there are 12 required signs. Many of the schools have limited wall space to hang this number of signs. The Board discussed possible solutions such as: providing bulletin boards and placing all of the signs on one large piece of paper.

D. Evaluation Form

Dorothy Waters commented on the time required to complete each evaluation form.

E. Election Judge – District 13

Kaye Robucci received a complaint regarding an election judge in District 13. She will talk to the Democratic Chief Judge and School Custodian. She will report at the April Board meeting.

F. Rovers

One rover had difficulty finding her way around the county.

**Old Business:**

A. City of Hagerstown

Dorothy Kaetzel distributed "State of Maryland Municipal Election Information" to the Board. She also gave a copy to Donna Spickler, Clerk, City of Hagerstown. The City of Hagerstown will need to decide whether to lease a voting system from ES&S or Diebold. The Board will meet with the Board of the City of Hagerstown this month.

**New Business:**

A. Post Election

The Board discussed the need to meet with the Chief Judges and critique the opening and closing paperwork. There will be a refresher class for all Chief Judges in September to review the problem areas. There was much confusion with UPS Unit. The Board will discuss whether to require the precincts to accumulate the results. There was much

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confusion with the accumulation process. There are several advantages to accumulating the results: a consolidation of the precinct information and having the accumulation tape to assist with the 10% verification process.

A letter will be sent to all chief judges requesting their attendance at the critique class. Their attendance will be on a volunteer basis. Dorothy Kaetzel will see if the conference room is available for April 5, 6 or 7 at 1:30 PM.

**Members Remarks:**

Dorothy Waters will be away April 13, 2004

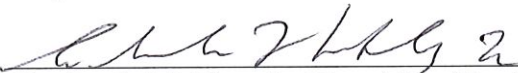
**Scheduling of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held April 13, 2004, at 2:00 PM at the Board Office.


**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time; Marianne Schneider made a motion to adjourn at 3:37 PM and Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Charles L. Mobley, Jr., Board President

4/13/04  
Date

  
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Dir, I

3-11-04  
Date