

PROCEEDINGS
SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS
FOR
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The meeting was called to order by President Bartles at 2:30 P.M. at the Washington County Office Building, Hagerstown, Maryland, on April 11, 1978.

The following were recorded present:

Albert H. Bartles, Sr.
J. Dennis Koogle
Charles L. Downey
John E. Corderman
William F. Dunham
Dottie Waters
Daris Phillips
Donald Frush, KAV Committee

Proceedings of the preceding meeting held March 6, 1978, were read and on motion of Mr. Downey and Mr. Koogle were approved as read. Motion carried.

The President asked that in the future substitute Board members and the attorney be advised of special-called meetings in addition to our regular monthly meetings.

Under communications, copies of the letter from the County Commissioners concerning their position on H.B. 1987 were distributed to the Board members. Also copies of letters from the Maryland Association of Election Officials were distributed to the Board members and the attorney.

The President read a letter received from Mrs. Wilda Hicks, Funkstown, asking permission to use a voting machine for the town election to be held in Funkstown and asking if it is possible for us to prepare the voting machine and monitor their election for them. Motion by Mr. Koogle and Mr. Downey that she be advised that they can use the voting machine and that our machine custodians, Richard Long and William Dorsey will prepare the machine at a total cost of \$30 and McCauleys will move the machine for \$50. The Board cannot get involved with monitoring their election. This will have to be done by the election officials of the City of Funkstown. Motion carried.

The President advised that the Board of County Commissioners had approved our request for \$800 to help defray the expense which will be incurred from the registration drive sponsored by the Scouts.

The President reported that the County Commissioners had approved our request for Jean Calhoun and Elaine Rose to work on their off days when needed.

Under unfinished business, it was announced by the President that H.B. #1987 was given an unfavorable report in Annapolis and should be reintroduced at next year's Legislature.

The use of ramps at some of the polling places was discussed. It was decided that as long as we have a barrier-free polling place in each Legislative district, we were complying with the law and the building of ramps will not be necessary.

Under new business Dottie gave a brief report on the Board of Directors meeting of the Maryland Association of Election Officials held at Upper Marlboro on March 31, 1978.

The President advised that we are waiting for authority from the County Commissioners before ordering the six used voting machines that Automatic Voting Machine Company have on hold for us.

Motion by Mr. Koogle and Mr. Downey giving the Office Manager the authority to get an article in the paper concerning the deadline to change party affiliation.

A motion was made by Mr. Koogle and Mr. Downey advising Office Manager to get an article in the paper as to qualifications and cost to file for offices. Motion carried.

The President discussed the letter from Willard Morris containing a letter from Acting Governor, Blair Lee, concerning partisan political activity of election board members and employees. Mr. Bartles advised us it was alright to purchase tickets and attend functions.

It was announced that the Staff is working on an information booklet to be given to candidates and other interested persons.

Motion by Mr. Downey and Mr. Koogle that the President proceed with a letter to the poll workers asking them if they were interested in working at the polls and in which position. Motion carried.

Some registrations of students using Baltimore addresses were discussed. Our attorney asked that we send them a copy of Page 31 and Page 32 of the law book concerning what is a student's residence for voting purposes. If they can qualify to register in Washington County they can request another VRA form to complete.

The President presented Mr. Donald Frush of the "Keep American Voting" Committee. Mr. Frush asked:

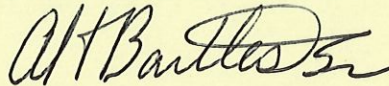
1. If the Election Board personnel can distribute VRA forms at their individual locations on May 13.
2. If Board members could be at the shopping centers on April 28 and 29 when the League of Women Voters are there distributing VRA forms.
3. Legal opinion as to the possibility of registering voters in restaurants and giving a discount on the meal of the person registering.
4. Will the Board send the staff to a Chamber of Commerce meeting to train VRA distributors.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Koogle and Mr. Downey to write to Mr. Frush advising him of the following:

1. Board of Election Supervisors members will not be distributors of VRA forms at the individual locations on May 13. Staff will be distributing forms in the locations on May 13.
2. Any Board members that are available will be at the shopping centers on April 28 and 29 as observers.
3. The Board thinks it is ill-advised to solicit registration of voters in restaurants and, therefore, will not authorize such solicitation.
4. Dottie and Daris will attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting to train VRA distributors. The Board will limit five forms to each distributor at this meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Downey and Mr. Koogle that the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



A. H. Bartles, Sr.
President