

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY
JULY 11, 1995

Present: Richard L. Coss, President
Charles L. Mobley, Jr., Republican Member
Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate
Mark Brugh, Attorney
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

Richard called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Daris Phillips, Democrat Member and Roger Schlossberg, Democrat Alternate were absent.

MINUTES: Dot motioned and Jim seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on June 13, 1995 be approved as submitted.

PERSONNEL: Dorothy informed the board that the test for the position of election registrar is scheduled for July 18, 1995 in Baltimore, MD. Richard thanked everyone for speaking to the local delegation regarding the urgency in scheduling this test.

CORRESPONDENCE: Memo from Alan J. Davis re FY 1995-96 budget request to increase the temporary wages by \$35,390 for the Presidential Primary was approved.

Dorothy informed the board that the \$1,300 additional compensation to the board members for election day work had been cut from the FY 1995-96 budget. Richard spoke with Commissioner Ronald Bowers concerning this issue and Dorothy met with Ronald Bowers and County Administrator, Rodney Shoop on Tuesday, July 11, 1995. Rodney Shoop said it was an oversight and that the full amount will be reinstated in the FY 1995-96 budget.

Letter from Richard L. Martin, Principal South Hagerstown High School, was distributed. He is requesting that we move the polling place to another location so that the athletic teams can use the school. Dorothy spoke with Jeffery L. Harr, Facilities Assistance-Operations, Facilities Management & Planning, concerning this request. Mr. Harr informed her that we did not need to move the polling place because the students are not to be in the school when school is not in session. A letter will be sent to Mr. Martin with copies to Jeffery Harr, Thomas Berry, President of the Board of Education and Wayne Gersen, Superintendent.

Memo from Kurt Hornig, SABEL, regarding inactive voters was distributed. Voters who move within the county but don't change their address or appear to vote in 2 Federal Elections can be removed from the voter files.

Memo from Joan Mobley regarding the inactive voter code was distributed. We are now able to track the inactive voters by using a special code on the system that will also generate a monthly report.

Letter from Julian Manelli to Thomas Lupinek, Director of Annapolis Data Center, was distributed. Mr. Manelli is requesting that program modifications be given top priority and be completed no later than the end of November in order to be ready for the 1996 elections.

Dorothy informed the board that Voter Notification Cards have been ordered for District 27-2 due to the change in polling locations. The cards have been received and will be mailed out soon.

Memo from Gene M. Raynor regarding 1996 Legislative Suggestions was distributed. Dorothy will contact Bob Antonetti to see if MAEO plans on submitting any legislative suggestions. The Board has decided not to pursue any legislation at this time concerning their additional compensation.

Dorothy informed the board that we have received VRA's with the Libertarian Party printed on them.

The next meeting of the State Administrative Board of Election Laws is scheduled for July 26, 1995 at 5:00 pm.

Corrections to the 1995 Legislative Changes were distributed.

Letter from Jack Schwartz, Assistant Attorney General, was distributed. Mr. Schwartz was writing in response to a complaint from Daniel Earnshaw, alleging a violation of the Open Meeting Act at the MAEO meeting on June 20, 1995. Our board was in attendance but no business was conducted, no formal or informal policy discussions took place and there was no agenda. Mark will send a letter to Mr. Schwartz stating such.

Dorothy distributed copies of the thank you to Reverend Jim Stauffer, Pastor of Paramount Brethren in Christ Church, for the use of the church as a polling place for the 1994 elections.

Memo from Rebecca Wicklund listing the Judges to appear on the 1996 ballot was distributed.

OLD BUSINESS: We completed registration at the high schools with 846 out of 1,088 seniors registered. Mr. Koogle requested that we do registration in the fall in each of the Social Studies classes.

The Board will meet with Karen Giffin, Downtown Coordinator, on Friday, July 14, 1995 at 1:00 to inspect several locations for potential office space.

Dorothy informed the board that we received our new computer desk and our absentee ballot envelopes.

Many good comments were received concerning the MAEO meeting held June 19 - 21 at the Ramada Inn, in Hagerstown, MD. Richard thanked Dot and Daris for handling the registration table and Mark and Jim for attending. He also thanked the staff for their work and for planning the bus trips.

Dorothy informed the board that the old ballot boxes have been removed from the basement. The new and improved ballot boxes are due in August.

NEW BUSINESS: The Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will be hosting an event at the Valley Mall on September 22 & 23, 1995. They have invited us to attend and do voter registration. We will contact Libby Earley, League of Women Voters, to see if she is interested in staffing the event.

Dorothy met with and trained the coordinators for the Marriage License Bureau. Rick Hemphill has developed a plan to submit to SABEL.

Dorothy will contact Mr. Jim Riffle, at Hagerstown Jr. College to see if he has had training in voter registration.

The Board reviewed and discussed the literature from The Armistead Group and **Facts on a Stolen Election**. The Board reviewed the allegations and determined that they were not applicable to the Washington County Election Board.

Dorothy distributed copies of the articles regarding the new SABEL Board Members. David K. Poole, a local attorney, has been appointed to the board.

The 1995 Biennial Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Ocean City on October 23 - 26, 1995. This is a mandatory meeting and reservations will be made soon.

Next meeting August 8, 1995.

Jim motioned, seconded by Dot, to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Sincerely,

Kaye E. Robucci

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Deputy Election Director I