

PROCEEDINGS

**BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY
DECEMBER 10, 1996**

Present: Richard L. Coss, President
Daris Phillips, Democrat Member
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. Roger Schlossberg, Democrat Alternate was absent.

MINUTES: Jim motioned and Daris seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on November 12, 1996 be approved as submitted.

The Board requested that we ask for a letter of confirmation indicating the dates for renting the Washington County Agricultural Center for the 1998 Elections.

CORRESPONDENCE: Memo from Tom Surock, SABEL, requesting the number of address changes done at the polls on election day was distributed. There were 1,731 changes done.

Letter received from Mr. Michael Main, voter in District 20, was distributed. Mr. Main indicated that he does not feel that the new voting system allows for a secret ballot. Dorothy will send him a letter thanking him for voicing his opinion and indicating that secrecy sleeves are provided and are to be offered to every voter.

Thank you letters were sent to Bob Graff, Jeffrey Harr, Bob Farmer, Terry Brewer, Keith Patterson and Frederick Nugent for their assistance during the election.

High School registration will begin January 1997. We will concentrate on the city high schools first.

Dorothy informed the Board that we have received results from the Kids Voting Program.

The December 18 meeting of the Commission to Revise the Election Code has been canceled. The minutes of the meeting held November 27 were distributed.

Survey from Rudy Manelli and Donna Duncan regarding the absentee ballot procedures was distributed. The Board recommended informing SABEL that we need an exception to Article 33, 27-9 (b)(1) that indicates that absentee ballots are to be counted in the election office or circuit court. We would like to have this topic as part of the Biennial Meeting and Mark would be interested in participating in a workshop.

Copies of letter and questionnaire to poll workers were distributed. We have received many comments and suggestions. Board members would like to review them in the future.

Letter to Bob Graff, Facilities Administrator, was distributed. The Board reviewed the bill submitted and questioned the cost of several items. Dorothy informed the Board that Bob Graff had responded in person and indicated he and his men would not be available to help the election board in the future. The Board decided to see what transpires in the 1998 election.

Memo from Donna Duncan, SABEL, requesting topics for the 1997 Biennial Meeting was distributed. We would like a topic on what to do with voters who move and don't inform the election office and return to vote where they do not live.

Memo from Joe Torre, SABEL, regarding BRC was distributed. BRC is selling its election business to American Information Systems, Inc.

Invitation to the Government House on December 17, 1996 was distributed.

Letter from Greg Snook and Rod Shoop regarding the FY 96 budget was distributed. Dorothy was praised for her work with the budget.

Letter from Janet Buchanan, BRC, was distributed. She was addressing a problem that occurred in District 7 on election day. The problem that occurred was not reviewed during the BRC training session but will be in the future.

The State Board meeting schedule for December has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 1997 at Montgomery County.

Memo from Donna Duncan regarding the political party status was distributed. Only the Reform Party received enough of the vote to remain a recognized party. The Libertarian, Natural-Law and Taxpayers Party will cease to be recognized parties.

The voting machines have been released.

OLD BUSINESS: Directional signs for use at the polling places were discussed. Each kit contains 10 directional signs and costs \$66.95. Jim made motion and Daris seconded to purchase 2 kits out of this year's budget. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Richard will be in Florida during January & February. Daris will pick up the work from the MVA during this time.

Richard made motion to raise the salary for Doris & Audrey to \$7.00 an hour. Daris seconded the motion and all were in favor. Would like the increase to take affect January 1, 1997. Dorothy will talk to the finance department.

Next meeting will be held January 14, 1997.

Motion made by Jim and seconded by Daris to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Robucci

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Election Deputy Director I