

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 9, 1989 at the Board office. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph A. McCauley at 1:30 P. M.

The following were recorded present:

Ralph A. McCauley, President
Oscar W. Spigler, Democratic Member
Walter F. Bell, Jr., Republican Member
Geraldine M. Harmon, Republican Alternate
Dottie Waters, Chief Clerk II
Daris Phillips, Chief Clerk I
William F. Dunham, Attorney

MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting held on February 14, 1989 were approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McCauley read a memo from Joseph Curran, Attorney General, to Governor Schaefer regarding H.B. 478 advising that the election judges could not be awarded an increase in salary during their existing two-year term.

Mr. McCauley read a memo from the Washington County Roads Department concerning an Equipment auction of used equipment to be held in April 1989. We have an old adding machine and numbering machine that we will be selling.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. McCauley advised the Board of his discussion with Barry Teach concerning voting machines and the need for more office space.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dottie distributed copies of our presentation to the County Commissioners, to the Board members concerning replacing our old voting machines that can not be set up for three party voting.

Dottie advised the Board that Mr. Glenn Boord from Uni-Lect, Inc. of Fort Lauderdale, Florida made two proposals to the County Commissioners on the purchase of newer voting machines that can be set up for the three party voting. He will take our old machines as trade-in. The County Commissioners seemed to be in favor of replacing the 160 machines.

After much discussion Walter Bell moved that with the concurrence of Bill Dorsey, we recommend to the County Commissioners that we buy all new machines with the understanding from the Commissioners that we be given the necessary space to store and set up these machines, as they are larger than those we now have. Second by Oscar Spigler. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dottie advised the Board that she is working on the budget for 1989-90. This must be in by March 10, 1989. The Board discussed an increase for the Attorney to the Board. Motion by Walter Bell and seconded by Oscar Spigler to increase the salary of the Attorney to \$1,000 per year beginning July 1, 1989. Motion carried unanimously.

Dottie advised the Board that she has been appointed to the task force on Universal Registration. The first meeting will be held at the State Board office on Thursday, February 16, 1989. Dottie is also on the legislative committee for the Maryland Association of Election Officials.

The Board discussed H. B. 707 on address verification. Dottie advised the Board of the three amendments that MAEO is proposing to this bill. After much discussion Mr. Bell moved that we oppose this bill and seconded by Mr. Spigler. Motion passed unanimously. The Board felt that it would be too costly to comply with the provisions of this bill.

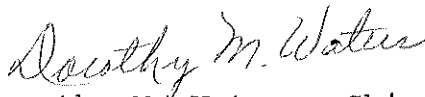
Dottie advised the Board that Sam McAfee called concerning our older voting machines that cannot be set up with the three parties. He knows where we could trade these older machines for newer models for approximately \$500 each. The Board decided to table this and discuss it with the County Commissioners.

Mr. McCauley read a memo that Dottie had sent to the Director of Planning & Review requesting new paint and carpet for the office. The Board discussed the need for more office space. Mr. Bell expressed his concern for the need for more office help if H. B. 707 passes. Mr. McCauley will talk to Barry Teach to see if there is additional office space available since the County Commissioners have purchased the First Federal Building.

Motion by Oscar Spigler and seconded by Ralph McCauley that the meeting be adjourned at 3 P. M. Motion carried.

The next regular Board meeting will be changed from the second Tuesday to March 21, 1989 at 2 P. M., due to the Hagerstown Primary Election being held on March 14, 1989.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy M. Waters, Chief Clerk II