

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors for Washington County held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 1992, at the Board office. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by President Spigler.

The following were recorded present:

Oscar W. Spigler, President
Richard L. Coss, Democrat Member
Walter F. Bell, Jr., Republican Member
Donald A. Smith, Democrat Alternate
Charles L. Mobley, Jr., Republican Alternate
William F. Dunham, Jr., Attorney
Jean D. Calhoun, Administrator I
Daris A. Phillips, Chief Clerk I

MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting held on April 7, 1992, were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jean distributed a memo from Robert Antonetti, MAEO President, listing the committees for the June 29, 1992, annual meeting. Attached were recommendations of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for a by-law change. Comments are to be addressed to Robert H. Goldsmith, Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

A memo from Washington County Department of Parks & Recreation inviting all to attend the grand opening of the County's new Regional Park at Black Rock golf course to be held June 6, 1992, at 1:00 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

A copy of the cost of the March 3, 1992, Primary election was distributed. Total cost of election was \$51,519.60. A total of 19,844 persons voted or 44.33% for a cost of \$2.60 per person.

Jean reported that on Monday, May 11, the Workman's Comp audit was made and that everything was in order.

As an update on the defective absentee ballots, Jean reported on her conversation with Mike Early, Ed Early Printing Co., who printed our ballots. A problem on the press with the drying agent was not caught in quality control. Ink imprints on most of the ballots caused them to be rejected as overvotes. The printer is aware of the error and will watch closely to ensure it does not happen again. Dick Coss has asked that we have 100 sample ballots printed so that we can test run them. Jean will contact the Ed Early Printing Co. with this request.

Jim Mobley volunteered to take inventory of our "No Electioneering" signs at the warehouse to see how many replacement signs we should order for the November 3 General election. He will report at our next meeting.

A poll worker's check list for opening voting machines was discussed. Don Smith will ask for input from our machine custodian, Bill Dorsey, prior to presenting a list to the Board. Jim suggested that one check list per machine be assigned. Each check list is to be signed by the poll worker opening the machine verifying that all steps were systematically followed. Don will report at the next Board meeting.

Election day problems were discussed. At 14 polling places operator error caused problems opening the voting machines. It was moved by Coss, seconded by Bell to hold a special class of instructions before the November General election for the chief judges of those 14 polling places. Motion carried.

Jean reported on handicap signs needed for Emma K. Doub school. Don Hetzer, Board of Education, will supply us with 1 handicap parking sign with directional arrow. Business Records Corp. sells portable signs for \$14.95 each (plus postage) and various interchangeable signs for \$4.50 each. Motion made by Coss, seconded by Bell to purchase 3 sign posts, 2 handicap "Voter Parking" signs, and 1 handicap "Vote Here" sign. Motion carried.

Bill Dunham talked to Liz Nilson about the "I Voted" stickers the League of Women Voters had asked to provide voters at the polls in November. She advised Mr. Dunham against accepting these stickers as it would be improper to display in the polling places anything recognizing the sponsoring agency. Jean reported that the League was disappointed but had withdrawn the offer. This is now a moot question.

NEW:

Jean reported that as a result of additional County and City property taxes being assessed, the amount of \$2,250.75 will have to be added to our FY 93 budget for the machine warehouse. A letter to James Young, Director of Finance, will be written requesting approval of this budget item.

A Western Regional Conference for the Developmentally Disabled will be held May 23 at the Howard Johnsons Motel. We have been asked to provide a table and staff for voter registration from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. The League of Women Voters has agreed to provide personnel to do this.

At 3:45 P.M. Oscar Spigler moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Dick Coss.

The next meeting will be held on June 9, 1992, at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jean D. Calhoun
Administrator I