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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Election Supervisors was held at the board office on February 15, 1979.

The meeting was called to order by the President. The following were recorded present:

A. H. Bartles, Sr.
John E. Corderman
Charles L. Downey
Daris A. Phillips
Dorothy M. Waters
Virgil E. Banzhoff
William F. Dunham

Motion by Mr. Downey and seconded by Mr. Corderman that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

Under communications the President read a letter received from Mayor Paddock concerning our office checking petitions and the cost of doing this. Motion by Mr. Downey and seconded by Mr. Corderman that we will not proceed to certify the signatures until the City Attorney has certified the petition. Anita Olden and Lois Whisner will be doing this project at a cost of approximately \$200. Motion carried.

The President read a letter from Barry Teach concerning a staff meeting on the budget. President Bartles advised the Board that he discussed this with Mr. Teach and that we will be meeting with the County Commissioners during the preparation of the next fiscal budget.

Copies of H.B. 601 and H.B. 602 were distributed.

Under unfinished business the President advised the Board that the office staff work procedure will be as follows: Dottie Waters, Jean Calhoun and Lois Whisner as Republican Registrars; and Daris Phillips, Elaine Rose and Anita Olden as the Democrat Registrars. The President will advise Lois Whisner and Anita Olden of the change in the working procedure.

The President advised the Board that there are 17 cartons of old records ready to be shipped to the Hall of Records.

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IF CONTESTED ELECTION.

The President advised the Board that there is no set procedure from the State Board of Elections and no opinions from the Attorney General concerning recount procedures and how to determine the cost.

Each county board determines their own cost according to number of machines that would have to be recanvassed. This will be determined by the district in question.

President Bartles reported on his recent trip to Annapolis assisted by Jean Calhoun and Elaine Rose. They distributed copies of our legislative proposals to the Delegation and were advised by the Delegation Chairman, Irwin Hoffman, that a meeting would be scheduled to discuss same.

After discussing H.B. 601 and H.B. 602, the Board took the following action: Motion by Mr. Downey and seconded by Mr. Corderman that Board go on record of favoring H.B. 601. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Corderman and seconded by Mr. Downey that the following amendment be offered to the Committee on Constitutional and Administrative Law. Motion carried.

"Delete entire language from line 85 through unnumbered line following line 93 and insert the following:

In Washington County there shall be two (2) chief judges in each precinct, one representing the majority party, the other representing the principle minority party. These chief judges shall be paid \$60.00 for performing the following services; attending school of instructions, enforcing instructions prescribed by the board for each election day actually served, for picking up records and supplies, and returning same. Chief judges outside Hagerstown city limits will receive a mileage allowance as determined by the board.

Judges shall be paid \$45.00 per day for each election day actually served, except that judges who have not received the course of instruction prescribed by the board shall have compensation of \$40.00 per day for each election day actually served."

The hearing of these two bills is scheduled before the Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee at 1 P.M. on Wednesday, February 21, 1979. The Board took the following action authorizing Bartles, Calhoun and Rose to go to Annapolis on Tuesday, February 20, to distribute the amendment to the Washington County Delegation and to the members of the Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee. Downey, Corderman, Waters and Phillips will attend the hearing on Wednesday, February 21.

Under new business, President Bartles presented the question of emergency closing of our office. Motion by Mr. Corderman and seconded by Mr. Downey that the emergency closing of our office will be governed by the County Administrators Office. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the registration of 17-year olds. According to Section 3-5 of Article 33, we will allow these persons to register and advise them quoting the law that they are eligible to register, but they are not eligible to vote in any special election until they reach their 18th birthday.

We discussed the question of ordering the 1,200 rods needed now for our extra section of cabinet. The cost will be \$169.80. Motion by Mr. Downey and seconded by Mr. Corderman, and we ask to have the money transferred to office supplies so that we can place the order for the rods at once. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the budget for the fiscal year 1979-1980. The President presented a proposal that money be put in the budget to allow the two permanent part-time employees, Jean Calhoun and Elaine Rose, to work full time on election year starting January 1, 1980, to June 30, 1980, with the understanding their hours would be 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday. Motion by Mr. Corderman and seconded by Mr. Downey that this proposal be rejected. Motion carried.

The President presented a proposal to authorize sufficient money in the budget for the two permanent part-time employees to be permitted to work full time in an election year January 1, 1980, to June 31, 1980. Motion by Mr. Corderman and Mr. Downey that this motion be rejected. Motion carried.

The President presented a proposal under item 7 of the budget to provide an hourly increase to the two temporary employees. Motion by Mr. Downey and seconded by Mr. Corderman that the Board ask the County Commissioners to consider an hourly rate of \$3.25 for these two employees. Motion carried.

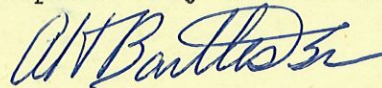
The President and Barry Teach, County Administrator, made a physical observation of our office to determine the need for the following items:

	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
1 Desk	\$489.60
1 Chair	84.30
1 Electric Typewriter	765.00
1 Desk Light	66.95
Cabinets for printout binders and master printouts	500.00
Map for Counter	25.00
12 Voting Machine Covers	360.00
100 Tote Bags	400.00

Motion by Mr. Corderman and seconded by Mr. Downey that the above items be put in the new budget under capital outlay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Downey and seconded by Mr. Corderman that the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



A. H. Bartles, Sr., President