

PROCEEDINGS
BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, October 14, 1982, at the Board office. President Bast called the meeting to order at 2 P.M. He stated that the Board had met in special session preceding this meeting with the Chief Judges from election district 22-1 concerning an election day problem. The outcome of the meeting will be discussed under old business. He also stated that the Board had held several special meetings to make plans for the Primary Election and had met following the Primary to complete the official canvass and sign the bills.

The following were recorded present:

Douglas G. Bast, President
Virgil E. Banzhoff, Majority Member
Charles L. Downey, Minority Member
G. Elaine Rose, Substitute Member
Walter F. Bell, Jr., Substitute Member
Dottie Waters, Chief Clerk
Daris Phillips, Chief Clerk

MINUTES:

Virgil Banzhoff moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on August 10, 1982, seconded by Charles Downey. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dottie reported that the County Commissioners are requesting donations to the United Way and CICHA.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Bast advised the Board that a letter had been received from the Governor announcing the appointment of Walter F. Bell, Jr. as substitute Republican Board member. Mr. Bell has been sworn in. The Board welcomed him and is looking forward to working with him.

President Bast read priority notices from Willard Morris, regarding exit polling and the write-in candidate, John G. Rothenhoefer.

He also told the Board that we had received "Instructions for Write-in Votes", which will be reproduced for each polling place.

Mr. Bast read a letter received from the Republican Central Committee asking for a ruling on the wearing of campaign tee-shirts and political hats inside the polling place. He also read the opinion on this as given by our attorney. This will be held in abeyance as the Republican Central Committee is researching this with higher authorities.

Mr. Bast read a letter from Peggy Costion of the Herald Mail congratulating the Board on a fine job on election night.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Bast reported on the special meeting held prior to this meeting to discuss a problem at District 22-1. Only one of the Chief Judges attended the meeting. He advised that she resigned and the one who did not attend the meeting had also resigned, thus solving the problem.

Other election day problems were discussed. The Chief Judges in these districts will be advised of their mistakes.

Dottie advised the Board that Mr. Banzhoff went to Annapolis on September 27 to pick up the ballot material. We met with the printer on September 28 and gave out the printing order for the General election. The material has been delivered and the machine custodians have started to set up the machines.

Dottie advised the Board that the City of Hagerstown had billed us for \$79.12 for the two custodians on primary day. This bill will be questioned, as we have never paid for this service before.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the material that has been prepared by the staff to be sent to the Poll Workers. A special class for those poll workers who did not receive training prior to the primary will be held on Thursday, October 28 at 1:30 P.M. at the Board office.

The Board discussed the change in the polling place for District 3-2. Mr. Banzhoff advised the Board that he had researched the area and could not find a feasible place within the area. Therefore, we will be using the Teamsters Union Hall at 319 W. Howard Street, Hagerstown. This is adjoining the 3-2 district and there will be no charge for use of the hall. A resolution concerning this has been prepared to be sent to the State Board.

The Board discussed better methods for getting the election results to the press on election night. The Board decided to send a letter to the radio stations and press asking for any suggestions they may have to improve upon the present method.

Doug advised the Board that the Board of Education came in on Monday to tape a mini program for closed circuit TV for the school. He demonstrated the voting machine for this educational TV program.

The Board discussed the legality of a candidate being a checker in a polling place. We will ask our attorney for an opinion on this.

Motion by Charles Downey and seconded by Virgil Banzhoff that the meeting be adjourned at 3 P.M. The next regular meeting will not be held on the second Tuesday of November as the Board will be meeting then to finalize the election results.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Waters

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