

MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION February 14, 2012

35 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
240-313-2050

Present:

Board

John Benchoff, President
Carroll Earp, Vice President
Tammy Downin, Secretary
Bruce Field, Member

Staff

Kaye Robucci, Election Director, I
Sharon Mackereth, Election Deputy Director, I

John Benchoff called the meeting to order at 2:11PM. Roger Schlossberg, Board Attorney, was absent. Tammy Downin entered the meeting at 3:25PM. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2012:

John Benchoff asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the January 10, 2012 Board Meeting. Carroll Earp made motion to accept as submitted; Bruce Field seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

Kaye Robucci asked for these additions to the agenda:

New Business:

1. A question pertaining to the City of Hagerstown to be put on the General Ballot.
2. Information from Kristin Aleshire regarding the "Robo Call" incident during the 2010 Gubernatorial General Election.

Correspondence:

- A. Thank you letter sent to Phyllis A. Landry, Executive Director the ARC of Washington County regarding use of facilities for Alternate Early Voting site.
- B. Thank you letter sent to Jim Sterling, Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, for the County regarding use of facilities for Alternate Early Voting site.
- C. Invitations to the County Commissioners and Administrator -

Kaye Robucci informed the Board that she sent a letter of invitation to the County Commissioners and the County Administrator, Greg Murray.

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The invitation was for them to attend one of the Chief Judge Training Classes held at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church this month.

Reports –

A. 2010 Election Audit -

The Audit of 2010 General Election by the State Board of Elections found 9 issues that need to be resolved. Kaye Robucci has responded to SBE with explanation and our plan on what we will do to resolve these issues in the future. The Board asked that this be tabled and put on the agenda for the next meeting on March 13, 2012.

Old Business –

A. Early Voting Agreement –

Has been signed off on and given to all parties. Dennis Weaver, Clerk of Court, will be at our next Board meeting for the swearing of the Board for Early Voting. Early Voting starts March 24, 2012.

B. Election Worker Training Classes -

Kaye Robucci thanked the Board Members for assisting with the training classes. Both training rooms need to be set-up tomorrow morning at 10:30AM for Chief Judge training. The first Technical Judge class went well on Saturday.

C. FY13 Budget –

Kaye Robucci informed the Board that the Budget was submitted. The Budget goes in front of the Commissioners for approval in mid March, 2012. Kaye has had some questions from the County regarding a few items on the Budget. Things like part-time wages, Postage, and contractual services. Nothing has been dropped from the Budget as of this date.

D. City of Hagerstown Annexed Voters –

The Board discussed the situation of Districts 28-1, 28-2 and 28-3 as it pertains to 2014 Gubernatorial Elections. Kaye commented that hopefully, these smaller areas will be moved within the City boundaries once re-districting is complete. The Board asked for this to be tabled for the next meeting. Roger Schlossberg, Board Attorney, should be made aware of this before the next meeting so he could research it and report.

F. Question on the General Ballot for Hagerstown -

There will be a question on the 2012 Presidential General Ballot for the City of Hagerstown. The question will be regarding the City of Hagerstown having Non-Partisan elections in the future, similar to that of the Board of Education. We are currently waiting for the wording that is required by August, 2012.

G. Robo Call information received from Kristin Aleshire -

This information will be submitted to our Board Attorney, Roger Schlossberg, for review.

Members Remarks

Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held at 2:00PM on March 13, 2012.

Distributed Information

Ethics information – due April 30, 2012

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Tammy Downin made a motion to adjourn at 3:39PM; Bruce Field seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

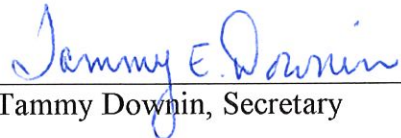
Compiled by Sharon C. Mackereth
Deputy Director, I

Respectfully Submitted,



John Benchoff, Board President

3/13/2012
Date



Tammy Downin, Secretary

3/20/12
Date