

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY May 11, 1999

Present: Richard L. Coss, President
Daris Phillips, Democratic Member
Charles Mobley, Jr., Republican Member
Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate
Roger Schlossberg, Democratic Alternate
Mark Brugh, Attorney
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

Richard called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

MINUTES: There was a correction to the April 13 minutes. On page 1 under the Minutes Section, change Sherman Mellott to James Mellott. Jim made a motion to approved the minutes with the stated correction; Daris seconded the motion and all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Fax from Calvert County requesting each county to bring 2 door prizes for the upcoming MAEO meeting. Also, the tour of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant may have to be canceled due to lack of interest. Individuals are welcome to plan their own tour.

Upcoming retirement parties for Jacqueline White, Prince George's County and Barbara Feaga, Howard County. Barbara Feaga's will be held July 11 at the Nixon Farm. Carol Evans is retiring this summer. A quilt will be made for her. We sent our quilt block with the County logo on it.

Election Director's meeting, May 21, 1999 at 10:00 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss accessibility of the voting systems for visually impaired voters. Dorothy and Kaye will attend.

Memo from Linda Lamone regarding the newsletter form the State of New York. This will be discussed at the MAEO meeting in June.

The Libertarian Party is now an established party and the Reform Party has been decertified. Letters are required to be sent to both groups. The labels have been ordered and are expected this week.

Memo from Linda Lamone regarding the NASED ITA Committee Meeting held April 22-24, 1999. Linda reported on the tour of Wyle Labs and Nichols Labs, independent testing authorities, responsible for testing the hardware and software of voting equipment against the FEC standards.

Minutes of the State Board meeting held March 30, 1999 were distributed. Mr. Ralph Wachter, former mayor of Hancock, has been appointed as a new State Board member.

Congressional Legislation S511 - Amendments to the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act was discussed. This bill requires that blind and disabled voters be able to vote independently at all polling places. The bill mandates State compliance regardless of cost and no

federal funding is contemplated. We were urged to contact our senators, representative, and the committee members and ask them to slow down the process until they hear from the election community. In addition, Dorothy wrote to the county commissioners and will also contact our state senators and delegates.

OLD BUSINESS: Mark recommended to the Board that they adopt the SABEL Policy: Designating Certain Registration Records as Confidential. Roger requested that the spelling error on the request form - insure to ensure be corrected and that the statement of acknowledgment and waiver be duly noted. Roger then made a motion to adopt the SABEL policy with the stated corrections; Jim seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mark recommended that the form, Request for Confidentiality of Voter Registration Records, be sent to Mr. Steve Thompson informing him of the change in policy.

Mark reported on the survey of Old Forge Elementary School. The cafeteria or the gym could be used as the polling room. The Board thought the cafeteria would probably work best. The Board will visit the school and do a layout of the polling room before making a decision to move the polling place.

Dot reported that James Mellott and Delancy Catlett do not want us to move the polling place from the Old Downsville School to Fountain Rock Elementary School. The Board will visit Old Forge Elementary, Old Downsville School and Fountain Rock Elementary School, on May 19, 1999. Those going should meet at the office at 8:00 AM. Jim will meet us at Old Forge Elementary School.

NEW BUSINESS: The planning of the office picnic was tabled until a later date.

Dorothy informed the Board that she had received her FY2000 budget. The Board received no pay raise.

Next meeting June 8, 1999.

Mark informed the Board that as of Friday, May 14 he will be suspended for 60 days. He talked with Kathleen Hoke Dachille and she is willing to be available if needed by the Board. He plans on applying for reinstatement after the 60 day suspension.

Richard thanked Daris for her work as a member of the Board for 6 years.

We have received no information regarding who has been appointed as the Democratic Members of the Board.

Mark excused himself from the meeting. Jim made a motion to adjourn at 3:47 PM to meet in executive session; Roger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye E. Robucci
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Election Deputy Director I