

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS  
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 1989 at the Board office. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph A. McCauley at 2 P. M.

The following were recorded present:

Ralph A. McCauley, President  
Oscar W. Spigler, Democratic Member  
Walter F. Bell, Jr., Republican Member  
Geraldine M. Harmon, Republican Alternate  
Richard L. Coss, Democratic Alternate  
Dottie Waters, Chief Clerk II  
Daris Phillips, Chief Clerk I  
William F. Dunham, Attorney

MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting held on June 6, 1989 were approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President McCauley read a memo from Gene Raynor concerning Dyan Mamock leaving the State Office and also the farewell memo received from Dyan.

President McCauley read the memo received from Gene Raynor concerning their monitoring of State Agency-Based Registration Sites the week of June 5 through June 9.

Memo from Gene Raynor concerning the 1989 Statewide voter education poster contest was read. Dottie gave each member a copy of the guidelines for the entrees.

Correspondence from Barry Teach and the County Commissioners regarding goals and objectives for all departments was discussed. The Board decided to table this at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. McCauley reported that the old voting machines had been moved out and the new machines have been moved in.

Board members and staff attending the MAEO meeting held in Solomons gave their report. It was a consensus of all attending that this meeting was superb.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed Universal Registration. Dottie advised the Board that the staff will be attending a meeting at the State Board office on July 12 concerning this. The Board decided to close the office for the staff to attend.

Mr. McCauley reported on the meeting the Board had with the County Commissioners on June 30, 1989 concerning additional office space. The County Commissioners have refused us the space in their newly acquired County Administration Building, but have offered us the space on the first floor of the annex where the present EDC office is located. However, since this is less space than we now have, with no access to a much needed conference room, Dottie and other staff members are opposed to this move. The Board will measure the EDC office space and wait for the recommendation of the architect before determining the feasibility of such a move.

The Board also discussed the additional space in the basement that is needed, as the new machines are 50 column and larger than the old ones. The purchasing department has moved out and we will be getting their space. One wire cage will be torn down and a smaller one constructed for our old records, etc. The other wire cage will be used for the supplies of the voting machines custodians and other voting equipment. The construction work will be done by the County maintenance men. Mr. Bell suggested that we send a proposal to the County Commissioners requesting a larger, climate controlled warehouse where machines would be more accessible for transporting, thereby eliminating the need for an elevator.

Our budget appropriations for 1989-90 were discussed. Dottie advised the Board that \$500 was cut from office supplies. Our request for the Optech II absentee ballot system was eliminated.

The Board discussed the mandatory SABEL meeting to be held in Ocean City on October 11 and 12, 1989. More on this later.

Our office picnic will be held in Doub's Woods on Monday, August 28. More details later.

Dottie advised the Board that a representative from UNSYS had called and was interested in showing us their electronic voting system. The Board decided that they did not wish to meet with him.

Motion by Oscar Spigler and seconded by Walter Bell that the meeting be adjourned at 3:10 P.M. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 1989 at 2 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dorothy M. Waters*

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