

PROCEEDINGS

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

August 14, 2001

Present: Richard L. Coss, Board President
Charles Mobley, Republican Member
Eileen Wiggins, Democratic Alternate
Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate
Roger Schlossberg, Attorney
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

Richard Coss called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Marianne Schneider, Democratic Member, was absent.

MINUTES: Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2001 Board meeting; Eileen Wiggins, seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Motion made by Charles Mobley to enter into executive session at 2:05 PM; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion and all were in favor. Charles Mobley made a motion to leave executive session at 2:12 PM; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Roger Schlossberg discussed a concern that came up at the November 2000 election in which nurses who work 12 hour shifts were unable to leave work to go vote. Roger Schlossberg spoke with Mike Zampelli, Controller of Antietam Health Services, about this concern. Roger Schlossberg will bring up this topic at the Attorneys meeting in October and discuss it at our November Board Meeting.

Roger Schlossberg briefly discussed the role of the election office in conjunction with the City of Hagerstown elections. Roger Schlossberg will bring the City of Hagerstown Charter to the September meeting for the Board to review. He suggested that they meet with Bruce Zimmerman and Rodney Shoop for further discussion.

Information received from the Election Center regarding SB565 . The Senate Rules Committee voted this bill out of committee with no debate and no amendments allowed. The Election Center is encouraging election officials to contact the co-sponsors of the Dodd Bill and tell them why they support or oppose the bill.

At 2:35 PM, Roger Schlossberg excused himself from the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from John Willis, Secretary of State, certifying that the petition process is complete and sufficient signatures were received for Senate Bill 205. It will be referred to the 2002 General Election Ballot. Information on the number of valid and invalid signatures by county was distributed.

Memo from Linda Lamone regarding the Voting Systems Procurement. The RFP was released on July 27, 2001. It covers those counties currently using lever machines or punchcard systems. They include: Allegany, Dorchester, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Once the bids are received and evaluated, a decision will be made regarding the implementation of the statewide voting system in the remaining counties.

Two opinions from Judy Arnold, Assistant Attorney General, were discussed. The first regarded a petition candidate for Governor. Parties who nominated their candidates by petition are required to file the names of both the Governor and Lieutenant Governor because they are considered a unit for nomination. The second opinion dealt with providing a registrant list to someone who want to identify unregistered persons. As long as the applicant completes and signs the affidavit on the application, we must provide the list.

SBE has two new staff members, Mary Wagner and Jan Hejl. Mary Wagner will be working with Donna Duncan and Jan Hejl will be assisting Joe Torre.

The Biennial agenda and menus were distributed to the Board. There is a golf outing planned for October 14, 2001. Deadline to nominate someone for election official of the year is August 31, 2001. Photo ID's will be taken at the Biennial meeting.

We received a copy of the Constitution of Maryland.

Memo from Richard Douglas requesting any items for the 2002 Legislative Session be submitted by September 1, 2001.

Letter from Linda Lamone to Preston Dillard, Acting Chief Information Officer, requesting a project manager for the statewide voting system.

Minutes of the National Association of State Election Directors Meeting held July 13 -15, 2001 were distributed.

Regulations for provisional ballots were distributed.

The Election Reform Information Project was distributed.

Montgomery County announced the appointment of Margaret Jurgensen as the new Election Director.

OLD BUSINESS: Charles Mobley will give the copies of the polling place layouts to Ron Whitt for his consideration.

Amendment One for the City of Hagerstown has been signed by the city and forwarded to Karen Hoyt-Stewart, ES&S. It will be returned to the county for Gregory Snook to sign.

Dorothy Kaetzel and Kaye Robucci reported on the continuing education classes they attended in July at Anne Arundel Community College. The classes were very informative, the professors were outstanding and it was interesting to speak to colleagues from other states. We are concerned with trying to attend the classes next July with the Gubernatorial Election in September.

The test for the Clerk II Position will be held in October 2001.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board discussed purchasing county lapel pins for the Biennial Meeting. The cost for 100 will be \$110.00. Charles Mobley made a motion to purchase the label pins; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Next meeting - September 11, 2001.

Charles Mobley made a motion to adjourn at 3:20 PM; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Kaye E. Robucci
Election Deputy Director I