

MINUTES

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION
November 21, 2006**

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

Present:

Board

Charles Mobley, Jr., President
Eileen Wiggins, Democratic Member
John Benchoff, Democratic Alternate
Clair Baker, Attorney

Staff

Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director, I

Charles Mobley called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM. Clyde Tate, Republican Member, was absent. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2006

Charles Mobley asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the October 10, 2006 Board Meeting. Minutes approved as submitted.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

Kaye Robucci requested the following additions:

Correspondence: County Bulletin and The Registrar
Old Business: Court Case

Correspondence:

A. Registrar – Volume 1, #28

The Board discussed the following items

- SBE is requesting notification of any instances of multiple voting. The information will be gathered for the December Board Meeting.
- Petition for Green Party

B. County Bulletin – Volume 2, #26

Polling Place Evaluation Surveys are due by December 1, 2006

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C. Attorney General

E-mail from Mark Davis, Attorney General, with advice letter from Bob McDonald regarding the opening of polling places when the statutorily required number of judges do not report for work.

D. COMAR

Memo from Joe Torre, SBE, regarding proposed changes to COMAR. The proposed changes effect the Canvass of Ballots-Rejecting Ballots procedures.

E. Congratulations

E-mail from Linda Lamone, Administrator, congratulating the local boards for a job well done.

F. Refresher Training Class

Letter from Linda Lamone, Administrator, to the Department of Budget & Management, requesting additional funds for training classes and paper ballots.

G. Elected Charter Board

Letter from Clair Baker, Board Attorney, to Allen Swope and Dan Seiler regarding the process to petition for an elected Charter Board. The petition failed due to insufficient signatures.

H. E-Mails & Letters from Election Judges

The Board discussed the following:

- Russel Kendall indicating he no longer wished to work as a judge. Dorothy Kaetzel talked with the team lead regarding this situation.
- Jeannette Johnson with additional names for election workers.

I. E-Mails & Letters from Voters

The Board discussed the following:

- Bill, Peggy & Amy Renner expressing appreciation for their voting experience at E. Russell Hicks
- District 19-0 (complaint about voting experience)
- District 19-0 (complaint about election worker)
- District 2-0 (complaint about polling place not open by 7:00 AM)
- District 8-0 (complaint about building)

These complaints will be further reviewed and a letter of response will be sent.

Reports:

- A. Registration Figures – registration continues to increase
- B. Election Day

Charles Mobley reported that Election Day went very well. There were no major problems and the Electronic Poll Books worked well.

Old Business:

- A. Court Case

The Charlie Baker aka Roger Weber case is scheduled for November 30, 2006 at 9:30 AM.

New Business:

- A. Confidentiality Request

The Board reviewed 5 applications for confidentiality. Four applications were approved and one applicant will be asked to submit a letter from their employer. The confidential records will be reviewed every two years.

- B. Christmas Party – December 20, 2006 at 6:30 PM at Burhans Station.

Member Remarks:

The next meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held December 12, 2006 at the Board office.

Charles Mobley thanked the Board, Staff and Attorney for their hard work and diligence during the election.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time. Charles Mobley made a motion to adjourn at 2:55; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,


Charles L. Mobley, Jr., Board President 12/12/06
Date


Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Dir, I 12-11-06
Date