

PROCEEDINGS

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
September 12, 2000**

Present: Richard L. Coss, President
Charles Mobley, Republican Member
Marianne Schneider, Democratic Member
Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

Richard Coss called the meeting to order at 2:00. Roger Schlossberg, Attorney, was absent.

MINUTES: Marianne Schneider made a motion to amend the August 8, 2000 Board Meeting minutes with Addendum A and to correct the date of the meeting to August 8, 2000. Jim seconded the motion and all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Minutes of the June 6, 2000 State Board meeting were discussed. Law Books will no longer be sent to the polling places.

The Reform Party and Constitution Party are now established in Maryland. The Natural Law Party did not qualify.

A survey was conducted on the salaries of all board members in the state.

The General Election Ballot questions certification was received. There will be 2 statewide questions on the ballot.

Minutes of the April 5 and August 10, 2000 Directors meeting were discussed. A LEMS User Group was formed and Sharon Mackereth is the representative from Washington County. We received approval from the state to use the tabloid paper for the Specimen Ballot. A question arose at the August Board Meeting regarding the State Board minutes of April that mentioned election result reporting down to the precinct level. We don't have to do anything differently because our results are already reported by precinct.

The Board discussed the Specimen Ballot and suggested that Dorothy do some PSA's regarding the mailing of the specimen ballots. Jim Mobley made a motion to approve the layout of the specimen ballot to be printed on tabloid paper by the Cumberland Times. Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Report of the NASED Summer Meeting held September 1 - 3, 2000 was received.

Each Board member received a manual on voting systems procurement.

OLD BUSINESS: The Logic & Accuracy Test will be held October 25, 2000 starting at 8:00 AM. The public test will be held at 11:00 AM. Nathan will be assisting.

The Board discussed the parking problems at our office building on election night. Dorothy Kaetzel informed the Board that the fire police have been contacted but have not returned her call. The back parking lot will be cleared except for several 911 vehicles. There are no shows scheduled at the Maryland Theater on November 7, 2000. Dorothy Kaetzel will contact Judge Spence to ask who is in charge of the parking lot at the new District Court Building.

Jim Mobley and Richard Coss reported on the Kids Voting meeting. We don't know if Kids Voting will be held at Horst Fencing. Kids Voting will be held in a different area of the room at the Leitersburg Fire Hall. There will be 8 Kids Voting bill boards located throughout the county beginning October 1, 2000. Additional events and parades are scheduled at several of the elementary schools. Kids Voting of Washington County is considered non-profit and therefore cannot obtain the majority of their funding from one source. Next Kids Voting meeting is November 21, 2000.

Dorothy Kaetzel will contact Jeff Harr to find out the status of the Clear Spring Elementary School.

Four names were submitted to the Governor to replace James Sprecher, Democratic Alternate. We hope to have a new board member prior to the general election. Richard Coss suggested that we assemble a packet of information for the new board member.

NEW BUSINESS:

We received a complaint about parking at Potomac Towers. All of the parking spaces are for handicapped individuals. Dorothy Kaetzel will call Potomac Towers to ask if 3 spots could be marked for regular parking.

The floor plan for our new office was received. Dorothy Kaetzel and Richard Coss will attend a meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2000 at 2:00 PM.

Dorothy Kaetzel informed the Board that she had received information from United Way.

Marianne Schneider made a motion to adjourn at 3:40 PM; Dorothy Waters seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Next meeting - October 10, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



Kaye E. Robucci
Election Deputy Director I