

**PROCEEDINGS**

**BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS  
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY  
October 13, 1998**

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

Richard called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Daris made a motion and Jim seconded that the minutes of the meeting held September 8, 1998 be approved as submitted. All were in favor.

Frank Spielman entered the meeting at this time to discuss the poll worker training classes. He was unable to be a poll worker this year because he was unable to attend any of the three training classes. He also feels that the training classes should only be required if there are any new procedures or for new poll workers.

Richard responded by indicating that the poll worker letters are sent in July regarding the dates of training. He informed Mr. Spielman that the training classes are required by law, but that he would suggest spreading the training classes over a three week time period instead of two weeks. Dorothy assured Mr. Spielman that he was still on her list to be a poll worker. The Board thanked Mr. Spielman for his time and suggestions.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Minutes of the SABEL meeting held August 18, 1998 were distributed. The name of the new Statewide Voter Registration System is Merlin. (Maryland Electronic Registration Local Information Network).

Letter from Bryan Hoffman, ES&S, apologizing for the delay in the ballots for the primary election.

Letter from Janet Buchanan, ES&S, recommending not to place a new paper roll on the OPTECH's following the L&A Test.

Letter from Rod Shoop, County Administrator, to Linda Lamone regarding the audit. The county has upgraded the office and building security and will address the future space needs of our office.

Letter from Gerald Hammond, Chief Judge, thanking the Principal of Northern Middle School for the outstanding assistance they received from the custodial staff.

The voting machines used in the September 15, 1998 Primary Election, have been released.

Letter from voter who allowed his 10 year old son to mark his ballot. The voter was told by the poll workers that he should not have done this. The Board discussed it and felt a letter should be sent to the voter explaining that Kids' Voting will be available during the General Election and that a person needs to be of voting age to vote. Mark will write a letter.

Fax received from Patrick J. O'Brien, Chairman of Citizens for Democratic Elections, regarding the mailing of absentee ballots to nursing homes. This fax was received on October 9, 1998. Mr. O'Brien was seeking a temporary restraining order. Fax received from Linda Lamone on October 12 informing us to proceed with mailing of the absentee ballots until further notice. Our ballots were mailed on October 8, 1998. On October 13, Mr. O'Brien filed the temporary restraining order against all the counties in Maryland.

Memo from Linda Lamone regarding election judge shortage problem. She enclosed a copy of the plan used in Montgomery County.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The following election day problems were discussed:

1. Larry Vaughn did not like being questioned regarding if he had all of the required signs posted. He did not treat Daris very nice.
2. District 3-2, ABC Building. Stephen Riedesel, Chief Judge, did not allow one registered Decline (that we know of) to vote in the Primary Election. Apparently, none of the other poll workers questioned this decision. The Board would like to talk to all of the workers to find out what took place. The judges will be asked to come into the office on Thursday, October 15, at 1:00 pm. The Democratic Chief Judge will be asked to come in at 2:00 pm and Stephen Riedesel at 2:30 pm.
3. District 11-2 Potomac Valley Fire Hall. Dorothy spoke to Ronnie Gray and he indicated that the Fire Hall is not responsible for taking the tables down prior to election day. We will ask Roger to have the tables moved prior to the General Election.
4. District 5 - Hancock Middle/Sr High School. The poll workers would like to remain in the cafeteria but move the entrance to the polling room to the front of the school. A voter, Douglas Sensel, is registered in Washington County but owns a home and business in Morgan County, WV. A poll workers claims that Mr. Sensel, does not reside in Washington County. We will check to see if he is registered in Morgan County, WV.

5. District 18-2 Pangborn Elem. School. Layout will be changed for the General Election.

Kaye informed the Board that Frances Harmon, Judge District 22-0, was confused during the Primary Election. Jim made a motion to place Frances Harmon on the substitute list and pay her for attending the training class. Daris seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Kaye informed the Board that she has 6 trained substitutes available for the General Election and she did not have time to train additional workers. The Board agreed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board members will swear-in on November 4 at 9:00 am.

The L&A Test will be October 21 at 8:00 am and the Public test was moved to 11:30 am on the same day.

A voter registration application was received from Emma Fleming-Parks, she requested that her address be kept confidential. She had completed the Request for Confidentiality of Voter Registration Records but had not attached the required documents. She does not want to be registered if her address cannot be kept confidential. Jim made a motion that Emma Fleming-Parks' request for confidentiality be denied because of lack of supporting information. Daris seconded the motion and all were in favor. Dorothy will write a letter to Emma Fleming-Parks.

The Election Day schedule was distributed.

A receipt will be issued to the Chief Judges as they return their transfer cases on election night. Mark questioned the use of the receipt for the transfer cases. The information from SABEL regarding the receipt will be sent to Mark.

The Board decided to hold 12 absentee ballots (3 of each style) to be included with all remaining timely overseas absentee ballots to be counted on Friday, November 13, 1998.

The election day menu was discussed. We will have chicken for supper.

The Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 10, 1998 at the Fireside Restaurant.

Next meeting November 10, 1998.

Daris made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 PM; Dot seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kaye E. Robucci



Election Deputy Director I