

A meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County was held at its office located at 12 Sunnen Drive, Maplewood, Missouri, Wednesday January 20, 2016.

Present at the meeting were:

Richard H. Kellett	Chairman
John Maupin	Secretary
John King	Commissioner (Not Present)
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Commissioner
Darold Crotzer	Attorney
Eric Fey	Director
Gary B. Fuhr	Director
Mary Wall	Deputy Director
Christian Tolbert	Deputy Director
Julie Leicht	Assistant Deputy Director

Chairman Kellett called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

There being no one to speak at the Public Forum, Chairman Kellett made a motion to close that segment of the meeting and Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Public Forum was closed.

Chairman Kellett asked if everyone had read the minutes from the December 15th meeting. Commissioner Foushee made a motion that the minutes be accepted and Secretary Maupin seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett called for Director Fuhr's report. Director Fuhr thanked the board for postponing the meeting so that the directors could testify on pressing legislation in Jefferson City. Director Fuhr informed the board of a number of bills filed in the state legislature. Of particular concern to the Election Board is HB 1778 which prohibits the use of direct record electronic voting machines. Directors Fuhr and Fey testified in opposition to this bill noting the increase in cost and decrease in accuracy associated with paper ballot only elections. They also discussed the steps taken to ensure the reliability and security of electronic voting in St. Louis County. Director Fuhr updated the Board on the status of HB 1631 which is the voter identification bill. This bill has passed out of the House and will now be taken up in the Senate. Director Fuhr further updated the Board on HB 2300 sponsored by Rep. Cloria Brown. HB 2300 would allow for additional days for the opening of absentee ballots. Director Fuhr also informed the Board of an election workshop he is participating in on February 6th at Pathways to Independence.

Chairman Kellett called for Director Fey's report. Director Fey shared with the Board a report of 2015 voter registration statistics. Director Fey noted that the office processed over 25,000 voter registration forms in 2015. Director Fey also updated the Board on the status of HB 1474, which would require all campaign finance committees to file reports electronically with the Missouri Ethics Commission. Director Fey testified in support of this legislation in Jefferson City. Director Fey informed the Board that the invitation for bids for ballot printing has been released and that the Procurement Department should open the bids on January 26th. It is anticipated that the Election Board will realize a significant savings on the cost of ballot printing.

Director Fey reported that poll worker training classes for the March & April elections have begun. Well over 3,000 poll workers will be trained for these upcoming elections. Director Fey noted that logic and accuracy testing for the optical scan voting machines is underway. Director Fey informed the Board of a meeting held with Washington University administrators to work through polling place and US mail issues related to the university.

Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept directors' reports, and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under Old Business, Director Fey told the Board there is no Old Business to discuss. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close the Old Business, and Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under New Business, Director Fuhr spoke the Board on the current policy about overtime and extended work week hours per BOEC personnel policy. Director Fuhr asked the Board's approval for Assistant Directors to be paid for extra hours worked for March and April elections at straight time salary.

Secretary Maupin made a motion to approve this policy and Chairman Kellett seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Director Fuhr directed the Board to the reports in their packet for the financial portion of the meeting. We are 17% under budget and we are still doing well with the current budget. Director Fey informed the Board we will discuss the 13th month budget conclusion at next Board meeting. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the financial portion of the meeting, and commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

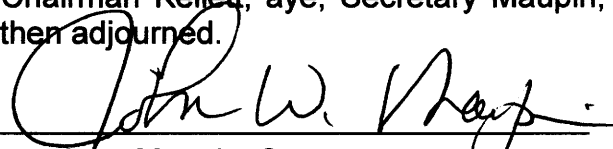
Under the Legal portion Attorney Crotzer had no report for the open meeting to discuss. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close the legal portions Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion.

In the Personnel portion of the meeting Director Fey referred the Board to the Personnel report in their packet. As discussion would require going into closed session, and Personnel matters.

Secretary Maupin moved that the meeting be closed pursuant to Section 610.021(1), (2), (3), (12) and (13) RSMo 2000, to discuss legal A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Secretary Maupin, aye and Commissioner Foushee, aye. The meeting was then closed.

Chairman Kellett moved that the Board adjourn. Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Secretary Maupin, aye; Commissioner Foushee, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


John Maupin, Secretary