

A meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County was held at its office located at 12 Sunnen Drive, Maplewood, Missouri, Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. on notice and call of Chairman Kellett.

Present at the meeting were:

Richard H. Kellett	Chairman
John Maupin	Secretary
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Commissioner
John King	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 the Public Forum and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Public Forum was closed.

Secretary Maupin moved that the minutes of the January 20, 2016 Board Meeting be accepted and filed and Commissioner Foushee seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett called for Director Fuhr's report. Director Fuhr deferred to Director Fey. Director Fey said the printing contract was finalized and our new vendor is local and the prices are lower than our previous vendor. As an example, our previous vendor would have charged for the all-paper April election approximately \$91,000. Our new vendor would charge just over \$40,000. Director Fey introduced Mary Hografe and Richard Wall to the Board, thanking them for the long, hard hours they spent on the printing contract. They accomplished all that in a remarkably short window of time. The County Print Shop closed at the end of 2015 and much more was added to the contract at the last minute. The Board offered their appreciation and thanks to Ms. Hografe and Mr. Wall for a job very well done.

Director Fey yielded the floor to Director Fuhr for his report.

Director Fuhr reported on the turnout for the Missouri Ethics Commission sponsored workshop held at the Election Board February 4th for April candidates. More than 84 were in attendance. Mr. Fuhr related he was served a subpoena in regards to the Flordell Hills voter fraud matter scheduled for next week. Directors Fuhr and Fey testified before the Senate regarding SB771, a bill calling for all paper ballots for every election. The bill seems to have a lot of support. A similar bill in the House passed out of committee with an 11 to 1 vote for passage. Director Fuhr concluded his report and yielded the floor to Director Fey.

Director Fey related that more than 2,000 poll workers have been trained for the upcoming March and April elections. The Judges Department sent out their assignment post cards last week. Director Fey gave the Board a statistical report from the Absentee department. The turnout for the Presidential Preference Primary in 2008 was nearly 40% and it's possible we may see similar numbers for the March election. Candidates for President (or their designee) had to file in Jefferson City in December. The filing fee to their respective parties is \$1,000.

The Village of Mackenzie obtained a Court Order to put their election on the April ballot. The Village of Uplands Park has not yet obtained a Court Order for their candidates and proposition to be placed on the April ballot. If received, this would require a separate election for voters in that municipality.

Director Fey referred the Board to a letter from the NAACP and his response in their packet in regards to a report from *Better Together* alleging a deterrent to voter engagement in St. Louis County due to having Polling Stations in Police Departments. St. Louis County has one such polling place in Ballwin. There are other polling places in City Halls which have Police Departments in their buildings. Voter turnout does not support *Better Together's* assertion.

Friday we received nearly 2,000 voter registrations from the Secretary of State's Office from their online module. The timing coincided with a Facebook posting about the February 17 voter registration deadline for the March 15 election.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting falls on the day of the March election. Secretary Maupin made a motion to hold the March Board Meeting on the 8th. and Chairman Kellett seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Directors' Report and Commissioner King seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

The only item of Old Business to be addressed was the extension of the Board Counsel agreement which expires June 30. Commissioner King made a motion for another 6 month extension and Chairman Kellett seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. There being no other Old Business to come before the Board, Chairman Kellett made a motion to close this segment of the meeting and Secretary Maupin seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

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Under Financial, Director Fuhr referred the Board to the reports in their packets, showing that we were under budget for 2015 and are doing well so far for 2016. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept and file the Financial reports and Commissioner Foushee seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under Personnel, the report showed the hiring of temporary employees for the March and April elections, among other changes. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Personnel report and Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

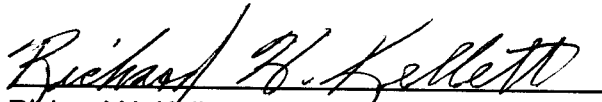
Under Legal, Attorney Crotzer reported there were not many late requests to be on the April ballot. Riverview Fire Protection District accepted the offer to split the cost of their election. We have not seen the originals yet.

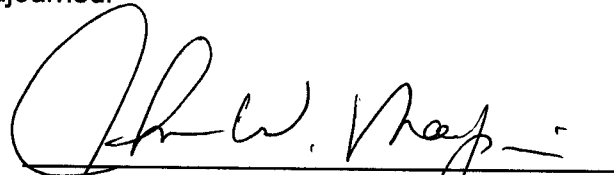
Angela Gabel, who represented the Ferguson Florissant School District in a suit, gave the Board a summary of the 6 days of testimony. The Judge has asked for briefs by April 9 with replies due April 22. This has the possibility of being a watershed case that could ultimately end up being heard before the US Supreme Court.

Chairman Kellett moved that the Legal report be accepted and Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

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

Upon recommencement of the open meeting, there being no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Kellett moved that the Board adjourn and Secretary Maupin seconded. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Secretary Maupin, aye; Commissioner Foushee, aye, Commissioner King, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


John Maupin, Secretary