

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, June 21, 2016.

Present at the meeting were:

Richard H. Kellett	Chairman
John Maupin	Secretary
John King	Commissioner
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Commissioner
Darold Crotzer	Attorney
Eric Fey	Director
Christian Tolbert	Interim Director
Julie Leicht	Deputy Director
Theresa Dintleman	Interim Deputy Director

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

There being no one who signed up 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 June 21st meeting. Chairman Kellett made a motion that the minutes be accepted and Commissioner Foushee seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett called for Interim Director Tolbert's report. Interim Director Tolbert said we currently have 671,445 active registered voters and 79,133 inactive, with 905 pending, for a total of 751,483 registered voters. Approximately 8,000 absentee ballots were mailed and 3,470 have been received. There have been 1,300 voters at the counter thus far. Nursing home absentee voting has begun.

All 5 statewide petitions have been completed. Our temporary employees did a great job! Delivery of equipment and supplies to the polling places begins on Monday. A job vacancy has been posted internally with notice sent to local schools and the online website INDEED.

Chairman Kellett then called for Director Fey's report. Director Fey reported that Senate Bill 786 passed and the governor signed it into law. Beginning January 1, 2017, candidate campaign reports will all be filed online with the Missouri Ethics Commission. There will be no more filing with the Election Board. Challengers will now be permitted to stay at polling places until the polling place is closed, rather than having to leave after the last voter has voted. This will be in effect for the November election. Electronic poll book training is underway and the new Election Management software is being implemented.

There have been issues in the past with voting at Washington University. For November all on-campus voters will vote in the gymnasium and there will be additional staff assigned. We received late notification that Kellison Elementary School will not be available for Tuesday's election. Those voters will vote at Rockwood Middle School, which shares the same parking lot. There will be signs posted informing the voters of the move.

On average, voters will have 30 choices on the November ballot. There could be 8 countywide issues. Four years ago there were 6 and it was problematic. There has been discussion of including a sample ballot with the polling place notification to the voters.

1. Commissioner Foushee asked if we could get free Public Service Announcements. Commissioner King suggested we talk to the County's Public Relations person. There is now a QR code (information which can be scanned by camera or smartphone) on the mailing to the voters.

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

There were 4 topics under Old Business. First, decisions about the number and types of ballots will be made by both directors. This was implemented for the August election. Secondly, Secretary Maupin made a motion that there be at least 1 touch-screen device at every polling place for every election. Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Thirdly, that the legislature be petitioned to approve an earlier election for the Presidential Preference Primary, with as large a gap as possible between that election and the April General Municipal Election. Lastly, it was suggested that the Personnel Manual be amended to include the policies against nepotism in future hiring and adding advertising for job vacancies be made online, added to additional methods. There was discussion about qualifications and accountability for entry-level positions. The directors will present formal proposals for nepotism and job openings policy changes at next month's meeting.

There being nothing further to discuss under Old Business, Chairman Kellett made a motion to close that portion of the meeting and Commissioner King seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under New Business Director Fey referred the Board to the memos in their packet pertaining to the Election Board offering to accept candidate filings for municipalities. Possible costs were discussed. Secretary Maupin made a motion that the Board accept the recommendation to offer candidate filing to municipalities with the County and Commissioner Foushee seconded. A vote was taken the motion was approved. There being nothing else to discuss under New Business, Chairman Kellett made a motion to close that portion of the meeting and Secretary Maupin seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

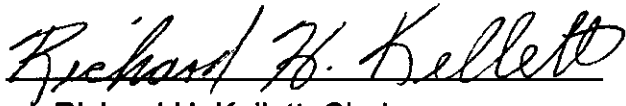
For the Financial portion of the meeting, Director Fey referred the Board to their packet. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the financial reports and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

For the Personnel portion of the meeting Director Fey referred the Board to the report in their packet. Chairman Kellett then moved to close the Personnel portion of the meeting and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and that portion of the meeting was closed.

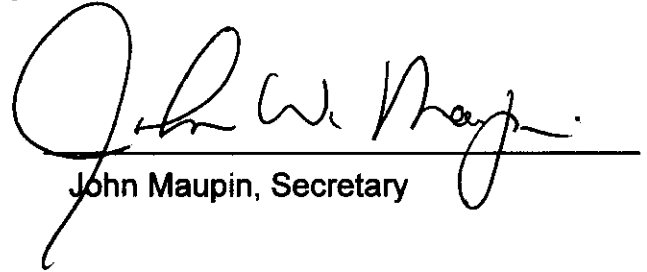
Under Legal, Attorney Crotzer informed the Board that the petitions for possible new elections in Berkeley and Sunset Hills are still pending. Both have parties that are not represented by counsel.

The Directors informed the Board of efforts to secure the former license office in Deer Creek Plaza as absentee voting Site B for the November election.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Kellett moved that the Board adjourn and 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; Commissioner King, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.



Richard H. Kellett, Chairman



John Maupin, Secretary