

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, September 27, 2016.

Present at the meeting were:

Richard H. Kellett	Chairman
John Maupin	Secretary
John King	Commissioner
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Commissioner
Darold Crozter	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.

Ms. Frieda Keogh signed up to speak at the Public Forum. Ms. Keogh, a voter in Kirkwood area, asked the Board to review SB786 (Sections 115.105 and 115.107) relating to election challengers and watchers. The act permits watchers to remain present at each place where votes are counted, until all closing certification forms are completed. Ms. Keogh will return for the next board meeting for further discussion. Ms. Keogh also asked what corrective action has been taken to ensure there will be no ballot shortages.

Chairman Kellett made a motion to close the Public Forum and Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Public Forum was closed.

Chairman Kellett asked if everyone had read the minutes from the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Commissioner Maupin made a motion that the minutes be approved and Commissioner King seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett then called for Director Eric Fey's report. Director Fey reported that absentee voting began on September 27 and that in person absentee voting is taking place at Deer Creek Shopping Plaza. Absentee ballots for military voters were sent on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and more than ten thousand civilian domestic ballots were mailed on September 27<sup>th</sup>. By Federal Law military personnel receive their ballots before civilians and in some cases may use electronic transmission. Additionally, poll worker training is in "full swing" for the November election. Julie Leicht is supervising the Judges department. Every election Judge and Poll Worker will be trained on the electronic poll books.

Chairman Kellett called for Interim Director Christian Tolbert's report. Interim Director Tolbert reported that active registered voters number 683,779; inactive voters number 75,206 and pending registrations number 1,050. The Washington University and Trinity Presbyterian Church polling places traditionally have more inactive voters. The election board will be taking that into account and will send more paper ballots there. The ballot order was triple checked and signed off on by both Directors.

Chairman Kellett moved that the Directors report be approved and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

There was nothing to discuss under old business and Chairman Kellett made a motion to close Old Business and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under New Business, Director Fey referred to the court ruling in the City of St. Louis regarding absentee ballots. As a result of the ruling Director Fey and Interim Director Tolbert are concerned about the expected increase of absentee ballots that need to be duplicated. Reasons for duplicating ballots include damaged ballots, voter errors, and emailed ballots that cannot be run through the tabulating equipment. Currently each bipartisan team that duplicates ballots has a log that is done by hand. This manual duplicating is very time consuming and susceptible to errors. The directors have found one product on the commercial market for automating the duplication process, produced by Runbeck Election Services out of Phoenix, Arizona. Initial discussions resulted in an offer for the hardware, software, and election support setup in the amount of \$123,065 over five years, a cost of \$24,613.00 for each year. There are sufficient funds available in the election services fund.

Chairman Kellett made a motion to approve the purchase and Commissioner Foushee seconded. A vote was taken and the board authorized the purchase. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close New Business and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and that portion of the meeting was closed.


Under Financial, Director Fey reported that we are on track with the budget expenditures. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the financial reports and Commissioner King seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the reports were accepted.

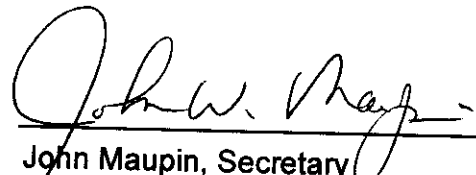
For the Personnel portion of the meeting Director Fey reported that they are working hard to secure temporary employees for the November election. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Personnel portion of the meeting and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and that portion of the meeting was closed.

Under Legal, Attorney Crotzer asked the Board to go into a closed session. Secretary Maupin moved that the meeting be closed pursuant to Section 610.021(1), (2), (3), (12) and (13) RSMo 2000, and Chairman Kellett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Secretary Maupin, aye; Commissioner Foushee, aye; Commissioner King aye;

Upon resumption of the open meeting, Director Fey proposed to the Board that the contract for Attorney Crotzer's legal services needs to be amended for additional work pertaining to the November 8, election. Chairman Kellett made a motion to approve the amendment and Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

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