

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, December 20, 2016.

Present at the meeting were:

Richard H. Kellett	Chairman
John Maupin	Secretary
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. Chairman Kellett asked that we observe a minute of silence in behalf of Commissioner John King, who passed away December 17.

Since no one signed up 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.

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

Chairman Kellett then called for Interim Director Christian Tolbert's report. It has been agreed that the office move from Maplewood to St. Ann will take place after the April election. Candidate filing began December 13. Requests for fiscal notes have begun with the pre-filing of bills for the legislative session.

Chairman Kellett asked for Director Eric Fey's report. We are taking candidate filings for the municipalities of Bel-Ridge, Crystal Lake Park and Oakland. Statistics for the November election show that registered voters were up from 2012, voter turn-out was down and the percentage of voters using touch-screens was up from the previous two elections with touch-screens. Absentee ballot requests were down. Accepted provisional ballots were down, most likely due to the use of the electronic poll books. Because we went out for bid for printing, even with the added numbers of ballots printed and the voter mailing with sample ballots, costs were down. The new ballot duplicating software kept overtime costs down and more work was done with fewer people. Because of the new technology and the increased complexity of work, new employees may need enhanced qualifications.

Chairman Kellett reiterated that everyone had done a fabulous job on the election and moved that the Directors' reports be accepted. Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

There being nothing to discuss under Old Business, 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.

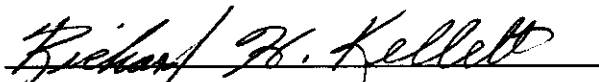
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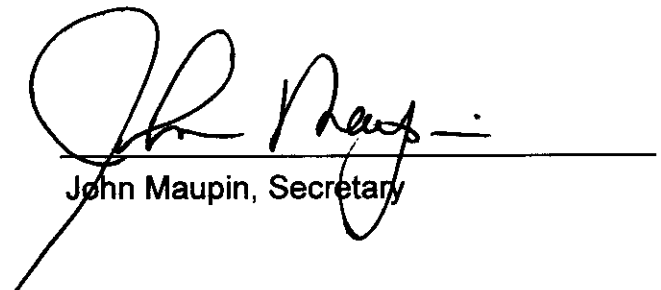
Under Financial, Director Fey reported that the budget is in good shape. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the financial reports and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the reports were accepted.

For the Personnel portion of the meeting Director Fey referred the Board to the report in their packets. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Personnel report and close that portion of the meeting and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Secretary Maupin moved that the meeting be closed pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021 (1), (2), (3) to discuss legal actions, attorney/client privileged communications and personnel matters. 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.

Upon resumption of the open meeting, Secretary Maupin moved that the Board adjourn and Commissioner Foushee 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