

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, March 21st, 2017.

Present at the meeting were:

Richard H. Kellett	Chairman
John Maupin	Secretary (via phone)
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Commissioner
Darold Crotzer	Attorney
Eric Fey	Director
Rick Stream	Director
Christian Tolbert	Deputy Director
Julie Leicht	Deputy Director

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

No one signed up to speak at the Public Forum, Chairman Kellett made a motion to close the Public Forum 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 February 21st 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 Director Rick Stream's report. Director Stream reported that the Deputy Directors will be giving status reports for each Department. Director Stream updated the Board that we had nearly 8753 absentee ballots mailed out and nearly 476 that had been received with an additional 942 people who had voted at the counter. Director Stream further reported preparations for the canvass are under way. We mailed 12330 cards to voters. Nearly 5500 have been received. Director Stream reported that we have mailed a poll Card (sample ballot) addressed to each individual voter. If the post office returns those cards then they will start the process to find where the voter is currently living. Director Stream reported that Mulligan Printing Company did an extraordinary job identifying voters by precinct. Director Stream reported that the two directors and Dick Bauer worked on the 2015-2016 annual report and it is almost complete.

Chairman Kellett asked for Director Eric Fey's report. Director Fey updated the Board on legislation that would mandate paper ballots only elections. Director Fey reported that the two Directors went to Jefferson City to testify about concerns with this legislation. Director Fey also reported on another (HB 353) that has passed which would increase the threshold of residents per city to forgo uncontested elections from 1,000 to 2,000. In addition, it would mandate the school districts, fire districts, etc. that fail to notify elections on time would incur fees. Director Fey updated the Board that the Department of Revenue has identified three candidates that have been disqualified for failure to pay delinquent taxes. The Board of Elections will post notices in the affected polling places.

Deputy Director Julie Leicht reported about the April election. There are 431 polling locations for this election and have 3400 election judges assigned to these locations. For the April election we have about a hundred high school students involved. We have two staff members devoted to recruiting High School poll workers. To recruit workers the portal has been updated and potential applicants can sign up through the website to sign up as an election worker.

Deputy Director Christian Tolbert reported that polling equipment (M100, Transport Case, Touch Screen and Security Cart) was sent out to each of the polling locations. Furthermore, the Board of Elections sent 1739 touch screens. Deputy Director Tolbert reported on how the Board of Elections will be initiating a pilot program in which 5 polling locations will be connected to wifi. With this program, Deputy Director Tolbert reports, the iPad will be connected with headquarters and updates on voter count and problems with equipment will be seen in real time.

Chairman Kellett moved to accept the Directors and Deputy Directors' reports Commissioner Foushee 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 Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under New Business, the Board received an update on the progress of the move to the new Northwest Plaza location. The discussion turned to the issue of other County departments accessing the BOEC office. Currently staff from the Assessor's office and County IT have requested 24 hour access to the BOEC office. Concern with this cross-access was expressed especially considering the sensitive nature of the office's work and the perception involved in elections. Chairman Kellett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Foushee, to restrict the access of other County departments to the BOEC office. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under Financial, Director Fey referred the Board to their Packets. Director Fey reported we are on track with the budget expenditures. Director Fey further reported that year 2016 ended in a very conservative financial position and the Directors look forward to a similar outcome for year 2017. 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.

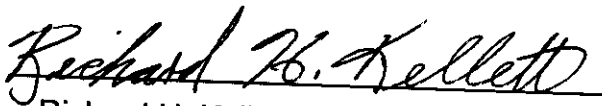
For the Personnel portion of the meeting Director Fey directed the members to their packet. Director Fey reported that we had one retirement, over all nothing out the ordinary. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Personnel report and close that portion of the meeting and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

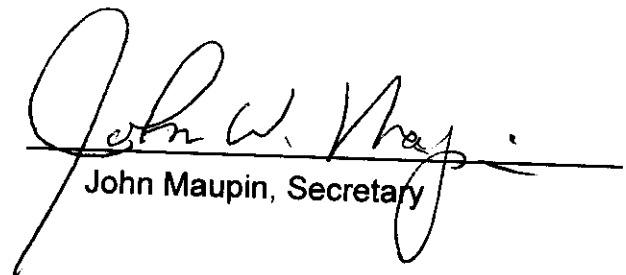
Under the Legal portion Attorney Crotzer updated the Board on the Ferguson/Florissant School District suit. Director Fey asked that this portion of the meeting to be closed. Chairman Kellett

made a motion to close the legal portion of the meeting and Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close the legal portion of the meeting and Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion.

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

After ending the closed portion of the meeting, Chairman Kellett 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