

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, April 18, 2017.

Present at the meeting were:

Richard H. Kellett	Chairman
John Maupin	Secretary
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 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 March 21st meeting and made a motion that the minutes be approved. Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett then called for Directors' reports. Director Stream congratulated the staff for a job well done for the April election. He was impressed by the hard work of each person in all the departments. He said it was a credit to management and staff that the extremely complicated process of putting on an election was successful.

Director Fey said the 23.17% turnout with more than 160,000 voters, was the highest since 1999 when the concealed firearms proposition was on the ballot. The election resulted in four tie votes – Charlack Ward 2, Flordell Hills Ward 1, Uplands Park and Velda City Ward 2. The third position in the Brentwood, Lindbergh and Parkway School District races are within the range for a possible recount.

The polling place cards/sample ballots were very popular. We received multiple calls thanking us for them. We are the only ones in Missouri providing a real sample ballot. We were able to do this because of new technology from our printer vendor.

We are sponsoring the Urban Board Conference this year for all Missouri election officials. The dates are June 7 through 9 and will be held at the River City Casino in Lemay. Speakers include the EAC Chairman, Secretary of State and the Bipartisan Policy Center. The dinner is June 8 at Grant's Farm.

We are in process of moving our office to 725 Northwest Plaza Drive in St. Ann. Our Maplewood office is closed on April 28 and May 1 we will be open at our new location.

Deputy Director Leicht reported we went into the election fully staffed. We have 100 standby's ready to fill the election day cancellations. Payroll was processed in one week. Checks will be mailed out Thursday. More than 11,000 absentee ballot applications were sent out and more than 7200 ballots were received. More than 2800 voted at the counter. We will use the portal to send a survey to the poll workers about this election.

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 initiated a pilot program in which 5 polling locations connected to wifi. With this program, Deputy Director Tolbert said we got rave reviews for the poll pads. There were 5 locations where we had debuted hot spots, giving us real time information. It went well.

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

There was nothing to discuss under New Business. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close that portion of the meeting and Commissioner Foushee seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under Financial, Director Fey referred the Board to their packets and said we had nothing to add; that we are still in a good position. 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. There being nothing to discuss in the open meeting Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Personnel report and close that portion of the meeting and Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

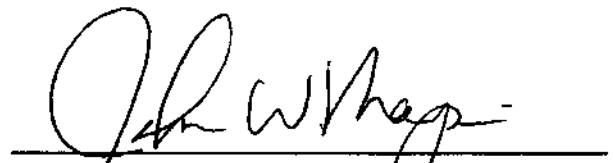
Attorney Crotzer said he had nothing to report for the Legal portion of the meeting. Secretary Maupin moved that the meeting be closed pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021(1),(2) and (3) to discuss litigation, real estate and personnel issues and Chairman Kellett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Secretary Maupin, aye; Commissioner Foushee, aye.

After ending the closed portion of the meeting, Secretary Maupin moved that the Directors be authorized and instructed to send a certified letter to the County Executive on behalf of the Board pertaining to access of other Departments to our offices at the Crossings in St. Ann.

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.

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. The meeting was then adjourned.


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


John Maupin, Secretary