

A meeting of the Board of Elections Commissioners of St. Louis County was held at its office located at 725 Northwest Plaza Drive, St. Ann, Missouri, Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

Present at the meeting were:

Sharon Buchanan-McClure	Chair
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Secretary
Matthew Potter	Commissioner
Peggy Barnhart	Commissioner
Darold Crotzer	Attorney
Rick Stream	Director
Eric Fey	Director
Christian Tolbert	Deputy Director
Julie Leicht	Deputy Director

Chair Buchanan-McClure called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

There were several people who signed up to speak at the Public Forum. Nancy Miller and Louise Wilkerson, Co-Presidents of the League of Women voters spoke about registering people to vote with the new photo ID law. They voiced concern about the training of our election judges and voters having to go through security to vote absentee in our office.

Trish Gundi of the West County Community Action Network (WECAN), spoke about the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, the extent of voter fraud in the country, and the funding for educating voters on photo ID. She spoke of her conversation with Secretary of State Ashcroft and the difficulty for some people to obtain a photo ID.

Jake Lyonfields, also with WECAN, discussed his thoughts on the photo ID law and how affidavits and provisional voting can be intimidating. He asked what the Board was doing to make sure that the law is being implemented correctly and fairly by election judges. He said information on board meetings was difficult to find on the website.

Geraldine Proctor, a minister associated with WECAN, explained the difficulties that seniors and the disabled will have to obtain a photo ID considering limited DMV hours. There being no one else wishing to speak in the Public Forum, Chair Buchanan-McClure made a motion to close the Public Forum and Secretary Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Public Forum was closed.

Chair Buchanan-McClure asked if everyone had read the minutes from the August 15 meeting. Secretary Foushee made a motion that the minutes be approved upon review by Director Fey and Secretary Foushee, and Commissioner Potter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chair Buchanan-McClure called for the Directors' reports. Director Stream reported that preparations have begun for the November 7 election. The following municipalities have certified propositions to be put on the ballot: Beverly Hills, Brentwood, Pagedale, Pine Lawn, and St. John. Ritenour School District and the Fire Protection Districts of Eureka, Metro West, and Riverview have certified propositions, along with the Glasgow Street Light District. There is also a mail election for the Chesterfield Valley Transportation Development District. There are fewer than 120,000 registered voters involved in the November election. Absentee voting begins next week.

Director Fey reported that the Directors and Deputy Directors are going to a conference in Springfield next week. The office is currently working on the Right-to-Work petition. We have over 8,000 pages (25% of the statewide petition). In addition, we are conducting the NVRA canvass. Director Fey informed the Board of the status of the Lakeside Center generator and gave statistics of the August election and the voter ID law.

Deputy Director Tolbert reported on the polling place site surveys and the real time information we will have on Election Days from the Poll Pads with the implementation of the Wi-Fi hot spots. Poll workers will sign in on the Poll Pads and we will know the number of voters.

Deputy Director Leicht informed the Board of additional modules we will use with Poll Chief. We currently use it for payroll, training, and Election Day calls. We will be able to use it to help with absentee voting for nursing homes, etc. Commissioner Potter asked about poll workers who don't have access to email. Deputy Director Leicht reported only 12% of poll workers don't have email access and the coordinators keep in communication with them via phone and postal service.

Chair Buchanan-McClure made a motion to accept the Directors' reports and Commissioner Potter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Directors' reports were accepted.

There was nothing to discuss under Old Business. Chair Buchanan-McClure made a motion to close Old Business and Commissioner Potter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and Old Business was closed.

Under New Business Director Fey explained the need to fund meals for staff who have off-site assignments on Election Day. The reimbursement process is lengthy and we would like authority to issue such staff members a \$40 check for Election Day meals prior to the election. Chair Buchanan-McClure made a motion to authorize such payments and Secretary Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. Chair Buchanan-McClure made a motion to close New Business and Secretary Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and New Business was closed.

Under Financial, Director Fey referred the board to the report in their packets and informed them that we are under budget. Director Fey further explained the various funds utilized for the Board of Elections. Chair Buchanan-McClure made a motion to accept the financial reports and Commissioner Potter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

There was nothing to discuss under Personnel. Chair Buchanan-McClure made a motion to accept the personnel report and Secretary Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

Under Legal Attorney Crotzer said he had nothing to report. Chair Buchanan-McClure made a motion to close Legal and Secretary Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

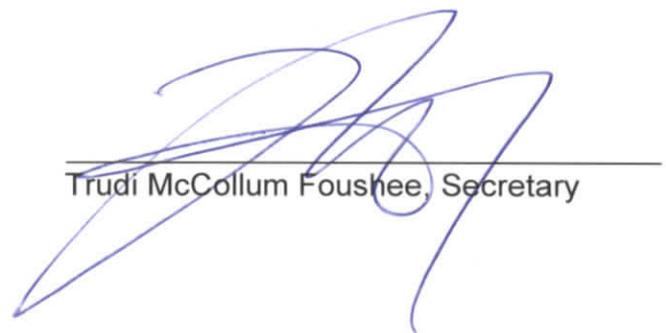
Chair Buchanan-McClure moved that the Directors bring a report of all existing contracts and their current status to the next Board Meeting and Secretary Foushee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Chair Buchanan-McClure, aye; Secretary Foushee, aye; Commissioner Potter, aye; Commissioner Barnhart, aye.

Secretary Foushee moved that the Directors provide a written response to the comments and concerns of the Public Forum speakers. Commissioner Potter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Chair Buchanan-McClure, aye; Secretary Foushee, aye; Commissioner Potter, aye; Commissioner Barnhart, aye.

Chair Buchanan-McClure moved that the board adjourn and Secretary Foushee seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Chair Buchanan-McClure, aye; Secretary Foushee, aye; Commissioner Potter, aye; Commissioner Barnhart, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.



Sharon Buchanan-McClure, Chair



Trudi McCollum Foushee, Secretary