

A meeting at the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County was held at its office located at 725 Northwest Plaza Drive, St. Ann, Missouri, Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

Present at the meeting were:

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

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

There were several people that signed up to speak at the Public Forum. Michelle Steinberg of the West County Community Action Network (WE CAN) discussed implementation of the photo I.D. law in the November 7 election. She brought up two instances that were reported in St. Louis City, and an instance in St. Louis County regarding driver's licenses without current addresses. She believes that instances like these will only become more frequent in future elections. She urged that the Board of Elections communicate these issues with the Secretary of State in order to make sure that this law is effectively implemented in upcoming elections. Director Fey responded that this issue predates the photo ID law. Director Fey assured Michelle that we will do everything we can to educate the workers.

Jake Lyonfields, also with WE CAN, discussed experiences from the November 7 election. He also mentioned that the organization looked forward to the Board's response to the issue of public demonstrations discussed at the October Board meeting. He thanked Director Fey for sharing information on voter impersonation fraud, as the Secretary of State's Office and many other people in the County could not provide them with any pertinent information. 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 called for the Directors' Reports. Director Stream reported that the November 7 election was a success, although turnout was on the low side. With 119,000 voters involved, roughly 13,141 voted for an 11.06% turnout. Over 98% of voters used a photo I.D. at the polls, with the rest using an affidavit, and 13 people voted provisionally. Of the 13 provisional ballots, 12 of them were counted and 1 was not, as the person was registered in Jefferson County. The only issue from the 72 polling

places was the connectivity with the new Wi-Fi technology in a few polling places, but it was handled swiftly and the day went smoothly from thereon. The Board of Elections used employees as techs and deputies since it was a smaller election. The Board applauded the directors, and Director Stream in turn applauded the staff for their hard work.

Director Fey thanked Chair Buchanan-McClure for her comments and reiterated the remarks about the election. Director Fey then discussed the biennial canvass, and explained that 617,672 cards were sent out to voters of St. Louis County. This canvass is done with address verification cards, residential confirmation notices, and voter identification cards. The Teams department has already received many cards back, and we expect this canvass to be wrapped up by the end of the year. Director Fey then informed the Board that there will be a special election on February 6 for the 97th district of the Missouri House of Representatives. The annual election certification training has begun, and city clerks and other authorized officials come to the office to learn about changes in state law about elections and candidate filing. Director Fey then explained the new process for absentee mailing. Currently, the process requires a lot of labor and overtime by employees. Now the printing vendor, Mulligan Printing, is able to automate the process by exporting the lists of absentee ballot requests and has a machine print the ballots with a detachable stub, folds, and puts them into envelopes, which eliminates much of the human error. Also, this involves a reduced rate for mailing, from sixty cents per piece of mail to less than twenty cents. Director Stream mentioned that because the mail now goes through the mail-house, the mail is tracked which makes it easier for the absentee department to track a ballot if a voter reports it missing. Commissioner Potter asked if there was any concern about the codes being released from the printing vendor, and Director Fey assured the Board that there is a confidentiality agreement in their contract, and that the vendor prints ballots for us, the City of St. Louis and Boone County.

Under Old Business, Director Stream discussed the matter of the contracts of legal services, and informed the Board that we will be sending out an RFP (request for proposal) to law firms who are interested in representing the Board of Elections. There will then be a panel who will narrow those interested to two or three candidates, and those candidates will be interviewed at the next Board meeting. The RFP will be posted on the Board of Elections website.

Under New Business, Director Stream explained to the Board that there has been a discussion about a satellite office to train our poll workers. In a recent survey by the Judge Coordinators, 77% of poll workers have no problem with traveling to the new office in Northwest Plaza for class, whereas 22% were undecided, and 1% said that they would not travel to the new office. Director Fey discussed the issue of having a satellite office for absentee voting. While this would be a short-term event, there is a concern about securing the election equipment. There have been legal questions about

satellite locations, and Director Fey assured the Board that they would receive many more questions about it in the future.

Under Financial, Director Stream directed the Board to the various reports and explained that we are under budget.

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Secretary Foushee moved that the meeting be closed pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1), (2) and (3) to discuss litigation, real estate, and personnel issues and Commissioner Barnhart 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.

Commissioner Potter had to leave during the closed portion of the meeting. After the open meeting resumed, Chair Buchanan-McClure moved that the Board adjourn and Commissioner Barnhart seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Chair Buchanan-McClure, aye; Secretary Foushee, aye; Commissioner Barnhart, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.



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Sharon Buchanan-McClure, Chair



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Trudi McCollum Foushee, Secretary