

A meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County was held at its office located at 725 Northwest Plaza Drive, St. Ann, Missouri, Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Present at the meeting were:

Sharon Buchanan-McClure	Chair
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Secretary
Matthew Potter	Commissioner
Peggy Barnhart	Commissioner
Steven Garrett	Attorney
Eric Fey	Director
Rick Stream	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.

No one signed up to speak at the public forum. Commissioner Potter made a motion to adopt the minutes from the December meeting and Secretary Foushee seconded. A roll call was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chair Buchanan-McClure called for the Directors' Reports. Director Stream reported on the upcoming election on February 6. This election for the 97<sup>th</sup> State House seat involves a little more than 2,000 voters in two precincts and one polling place, as most of the district is in Jefferson County. The Directors are confident that the election will be successful. Directors Stream and Fey, and Deputy Director Tolbert attended a conference this past weekend in Washington, D.C. The Directors learned about many things such as cyber security, overseas voting, the President's Report, and voter registration. Director Stream explained that being able to meet different election authorities from all over the country was very rewarding and beneficial. Director Stream also mentioned that three of the four commissioners are to be confirmed by the Missouri Senate this month.

Director Fey reported that the deadline for candidate filing for the April 3 election is today. Three municipalities have signed a cooperative agreement with us, so their candidates file at our office. The three municipalities are the City of Bel-Ridge, the City of Crystal Lake Park, and the City of Oakland. Next Tuesday, January 23 is the certification deadline. Director Fey announced that today we have finalized that we will include an insert in the personal property tax declarations to advertise Election Judge positions. The last time that this was done, we received over 5,000 responses, so we hope to fill our needs for this busy election year. The Directors learned about this recruitment technique at a conference a few years ago. Director Fey met with Senator Hegeman and other county clerks last week to discuss SB592. This bill changes the way that states pay for elections, and it is the most important election bill this session.

Another bill was introduced to change the way petition signatures are collected, mandating that there is an extra fee per signature if the circulations are already paid for. HB2033, introduced by Representative Curtman, mandates that only paper ballots are used during elections - no voting machines. Director Fey has testified against this bill for the past three sessions.

Deputy Director Leicht reiterated Director Fey's announcement of the personal property tax declaration inserts. These will begin to be sent out in January. When we received 5,000 back last time, it was quite unexpected, however, it will be much more efficient this time because of the electronic applications that people can fill out online through PollChief. The Judges department recently sent out a canvass to the 4,500 pollworkers to see who would not be returning to work for us. With a response rate of 27%, about 164 said they would not be returning to work, and the move to St. Ann was the reason for 44 of them. The new Recruitment Committee is working hard on recruiting new pollworkers, and they are specifically targeting college students. They will be attending the Webster University Student Involvement Fair to get the word out about this opportunity on campus. Deputy Director Leicht informed the Board that the site surveys are about halfway done (160 sites remaining).

Deputy Director Tolbert reported that the Known Test is tomorrow, January 17 at 9 am, and the Public Test is February 1 at 9 am. Deputy Director Tolbert explained that the IT Department is designing several training programs for all staff including Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Pro, PhotoShop, and Windows 10. This is a great chance to further the education of our employees in-house.

There was nothing to discuss under Old Business.

There was nothing to discuss under New Business.

Under Financial, Director Stream referred the Board to the appropriation and variances reports and explained that we are under budget.

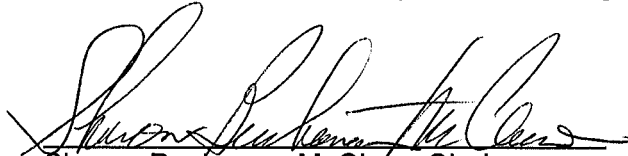
Under Personnel, Director Stream referred to the Board to the personnel report for the details of the pay raises. He then explained that the raises were based on merit and the latest evaluations.

There was nothing to discuss under Legal.


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 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.

Secretary Foushee 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 Potter, aye;  
Commissioner Barnhart, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.



Sharon Buchanan-McClure, Chair



Trudi McCollum Foushee, Secretary