

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, February 20, 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.

Chair Buchanan-McClure began the Board meeting with two points of personal privilege, the first being to dedicate a moment of silence for Richard Wall, a long-time employee of the Board of Elections who passed away last week. She also acknowledged the staff for working hard preparing for the April election, even after a loss like this. Chair Buchanan-McClure's second point of personal privilege was to announce that the three new commissioners had been confirmed by the Missouri Senate. She then thanked Director Stream for his help in expediting the process.

No one signed up to speak at the public forum. Chair Buchanan-McClure made a motion to adopt the minutes from the January meeting and Commissioner Barnhart seconded. A roll call was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chair Buchanan-McClure called for the Directors' Reports. Director Stream reported on the past election that took place on February 6. This was a special election for the 97th Missouri House seat. There was only one polling place in St. Louis County, with the rest belonging to Jefferson County. The poll was staffed by employees of the Board of Elections. The election was successful, and turnout reached 20%. The Directors will travel to the St. Charles County Election Board tomorrow, February 21, for their Regional meeting with election authorities from neighboring counties.

Director Fey presented voter registration statistics from 2015-2017. Director Fey then updated the Board on proposed legislation pertaining to elections. Senate Bill (SB) 592, defines how and when the state would pay for an election, passed out of the Senate committee. It has a companion bill in the House committee, and is very likely to become law. SB 893, which would require a \$.90 fee per signature if a petitioner is paying for circulators, has also passed out of committee. This bill would create an election signature verification fund, which the Secretary of State would allocate for local election

authorities to budget for petition signature verification. Director Fey also announced that he will be traveling to Russia next month to observe their election process.

Deputy Director Leicht announced that we are underway with the April election preparations. Staffing the polls and training the poll workers has begun. As of today, 58% of the needed workforce has been hired, and 2,320 workers have been scheduled in class. Training started on February 13, and 556 have attended class so far. The tax bill flyer that was sent out last month resulted in 1,507 people applying to work the polls (53% were Democrats, 39% were Republican, and 8% did not declare a party). The judge coordinators are working hard interviewing these applicants, and have so far hired 74 of them. Deputy Director Leicht also discussed the high school program, and how the department has a goal to have 300 high school students participate, or at least one student at every polling place. In the April election, the students who work at a location with a single ballot style will be using the Vote Time application, which will analyze how long it takes voters to vote. The high school coordinator has also reached out to all public and private high schools in the area to recruit new students. So far, we have students from 6 districts. Deputy Director Leicht then reported that absentee voting began today. The absentee department has mailed 93 military ballots mailed and sent 130 by email. There are currently 4,000 permanently disabled applications being processed. Ten nursing homes out of 103 past participants have asked to send absentee deputies to vote their residents. There are 111 site surveys left to be completed before the April election. Finally, Deputy Director Leicht announced that there will be a Community Improvement District (CID) election on April 10th for the Lind-Lutz district (Old Shriner's Hospital). Proposed is a 1% sales tax until 2060.

Deputy Director Tolbert reported that the warehouse has started routing deliveries for the April election, and their L&A (logic and accuracy) testing begins next week. The IT department has been testing all the applications that are used through the Poll Pads on Election Day. The IT department has also been conducting a security audit throughout the office to determine if there are any security risks that can be avoided to protect the integrity of elections. The Teams department has been busy processing new registered voters. There are 615,896 registered voters who are involved in the April 3 General Municipal election.

There was nothing to discuss under Old Business.

Under New Business, Director Fey presented two memos to the Board. The first memo was a request that the Board based on statutory authority allow the Directors to destroy records that have passed their retention time. We are running out of room to store new records. The second memo is in regard to pay for our Election Day roving technicians who will be assuming additional tasks previously done by roving deputies. The Directors recommend decreasing the number of area deputy teams to 7. Currently, roving technicians are paid \$155-180.00, with a recommendation to increase the pay to \$180-205.00. The Directors estimate that this action would save approximately \$4,000 per county-wide election. Secretary Foushee made a motion to accept the Directors' recommendation to increase roving technician pay. 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.


Under Financial, Director Stream referred the Board to the itemization and variance reports and explained that we are under budget. Director Fey explained the 13th month report.

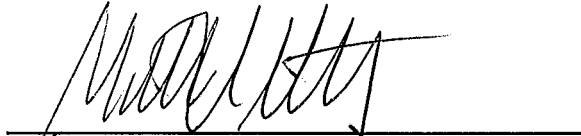
There was nothing to discuss under Personnel.

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.

Upon resumption of the open meeting, 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
MATTHEW POTTER, COMMISSIONER