

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, March 20, 2018.

Present at the meeting were:

Sharon Buchanan-McClure	Chair
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Secretary
Matthew Potter	Commissioner
Peggy Barnhart	Commissioner (Funeral Leave)
Steven Garrett	Attorney
Eric Fey	Director (Out-of-Town)
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. Secretary Foushee made a motion to table the minutes from the February Board meeting and Commissioner Potter seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Chair Buchanan-McClure, aye; Secretary Foushee, aye; Commissioner Potter, aye.

Chair Buchanan-McClure called for the Directors' Reports. Director Stream reported that Director Fey was on his way back from his trip to Russia, where he observed the presidential election. He then announced that we are two weeks away from the General Municipal election on April 3. There are 410 polling places, just short of a county-wide election. Director Stream said that every election is built from the ground up, and that he is grateful to have a wonderful staff. He then informed the Board of recent polling place changes. The affected voters will receive a green card in the mail notifying them of the change. All voters in the April election will receive a sample ballot card. Director Stream updated the Board on election-related legislation. Senate Bill (SB) 592 passed out of the Senate and is now awaiting committee assignment in the House. This is the bill requiring the state pay its share of election costs. Two House bills that would allow public schools to opt out of being a polling place are not expected to pass out of committee. Finally, HB (House Bill) 2208, which mandates paper ballots and phases out touch-screen machines passed out of the House and has two companion bills in the Senate. Director Stream reiterated that it is not the machines that are vulnerable to risk, but the state voter registration system.

Deputy Director Tolbert reported that logic and accuracy (L&A) testing is complete. The warehouse staff is now packing the media for the upcoming election. Each voting machine is tested twice, and then the equipment is delivered to the polling places. This should be done by Friday. Deputy Director Tolbert also reiterated that the polling place

change cards were sent last week to about 17,000 households. Finally, he mentioned that we have requested all technological support needed for Election Day.

Deputy Director Leicht announced that staffing the polls is almost complete. 71% of the election judges have been trained so far, and the training department will be teaching classes up to the day before the election. 80 high school students have signed up to be student election judges, and we are expecting that number to increase in future elections. Tomorrow, all active workers will be run through the sex offender list to make sure that all polls are safe. She then informed the Board that 8,656 absentee ballots were sent in the mail, and we have so far received back 2,982, with 806 people voting at the counter. Nursing home deputies have been working hard to visit 40 of the homes that we have worked with in the past, and have received 146 ballots. Deputy Director Leicht was excited to announce that site surveys are complete, and also Rob Ryan, of our mapping/polling places department was invited to speak at a GIS (Geographic Information System) seminar at Washington University.

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 itemization and variance reports and explained that the budget is typical for this time of the year, and that we are overall under budget.

Under Personnel, Director Stream explained that we hired a few temporary employees to help with the April election.


There was nothing to discuss under Legal in the open meeting.

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.

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



Sharon Buchanan-McClure, Chair



Trudi-McCollum Foushee, Secretary
Matt Potter, Chair