

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, May 15, 2018.

Present at the meeting were:

Sharon Buchanan-McClure	Chair
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Absent
Matthew Potter	Commissioner
Peggy Barnhart	Commissioner
Steven Garrett	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 was one person who signed up to speak at the Public Forum. Nancy Miller, Co-President of the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis, requested that the Board provide written guidelines concerning trained and untrained registrars and inter-county voter registration. She also expressed her concerns about the in-person absentee voting process, and mentioned that several voters expressed their experiences from this past April election with long lines and not enough voting machines. She requested that the Board come up with a plan for expanding the facilities available for in-person absentee voting. There being no one else wishing to speak in the Public Forum, Commissioner Potter made a motion to close the Public Forum and Commissioner Barnhart 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 April 17 meeting. Commissioner Potter made a motion that the minutes be approved and Commissioner Barnhart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved. Commissioner Potter then made a motion to approve the closed minutes from the April 17 meeting and Commissioner Barnhart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the closed minutes were approved.

Chair Buchanan-McClure called for the directors' reports. Director Fey first responded to Ms. Miller's concerns. He assured the Board that the "long lines" may have existed at the security entrance, but not in our office for voting. As for an off-site absentee location, that is a decision for the Board to make. He also mentioned the state statute that says the Board of Elections can deputize registrars, but after the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) passed in 1993, anyone can disseminate voter registration forms. Director Fey then reported that five petitions from the Secretary of State's office have been sent to our office electronically for verification. There were eight petitions originally being circulated, but two were disqualified and one did not have enough signatures. We are currently working on the minimum wage petition, which had 48,490 signatures for St. Louis County. So far, 25,650 have been accepted, 8,577 have been rejected, 646 had line rejections, and 13,617 are left to verify after just a week into the process.

Once the minimum wage petition is complete, we will work on the "Clean Missouri" petition, which has to do with things such as lobbyist gifts, campaign contributions, and congressional redistricting, and then the three petitions involving medical marijuana. Ten temporary employees started yesterday to help with the petitions. Director Fey also explained to the Board that the contract with Runbeck regarding petition verification did not work out, but the directors are currently considering a contract with Records Management Solutions for absentee software, which can scan, store, and organize absentee applications electronically. There is a GSA (General Services Administration) contract with the federal government, so it does not have to go out on bid, and is provided for in our budget.

Director Stream reported that this is the last week of session for the General Assembly. Senate Bill 592 has been truly agreed to and finally passed, and the legislature is waiting to send it to the Governor. House Bill 2208 (mandating paper ballots) has been voted out of committee in the Senate, where Directors Stream and Fey went to testify against it. The committee agreed to a compromise, and ballot marking devices will be included. Because of this amendment, the bill will need to go back to the House if it passes the Senate, which may be difficult with just four days left. Director Stream said that this has been a decent session for elections.

Deputy Director Tolbert reported that he and Director Fey spent the last week at Auburn University for Election Center Training. They networked with other election authorities from around the county. He then explained to the Board that the directors have begun considering replacing the WiFi hotspots with cellular PollPads on Election Day. In the past, these hotspots have sometimes been successful, and sometimes unsuccessful. They have met with Verizon and AT&T to see what competitive rates they can offer, and will notify the Board when a deal is finalized.

Deputy Director Leicht reported that she and Director Stream spent most of the last week at the Urban Board Conference held at the Lake of the Ozarks, where they also got to network with election officials from other counties. She then explained that the office is gearing up for the August 7 Primary. The Polling Places department has sent all of our previously used polling places a survey to see how many will be participating, and so far, 65% of the places have responded. Unfortunately, the PGA Golf Tour will be eliminating about six locations, but we have already recruited four new places. The department is also consolidating some of the locations, and we are expecting there to be about 420 locations for August (there are typically 432). The polling places will be finalized by June 1. Training for poll workers begins on June 11. The Robinwood Community Improvement District election will be on June 5, which includes 912 voters.

There was nothing to discuss under Old Business.

Under New Business, Director Fey explained that the contracts for PollChief (our poll worker management database) and KnowInk (PollPad software) are to be renewed. The PollChief contract goes through 2020 and includes all the same terms from the previous contract, for a total of \$59,000. The KnowInk contract for the 1,200 PollPads goes through 2021 and includes the same terms from the previous contract, for a total of \$150,000. Both contracts are budgeted for. Chair Buchanan-McClure made a motion to approve both contracts and Commissioner

Barnhart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the contracts were approved. The next item in New Business includes overtime pay. Director Fey explained that the Board of Elections personnel manual says that Assistant Directors and Administrative Assistants cannot receive overtime pay unless approved by the Board. He asked the Board to approve overtime pay for Assistant Directors and Administrative Assistants for the August and November elections, and to authorize overtime pay for the Assistant Director over petitions for the extended hours working on petitions. Commissioner Barnhart made a motion to authorize payment of overtime for Assistant Directors and Administrative Assistants for the work of the August and November elections, and to authorize the payment of overtime for the Assistant Director over petitions and Commissioner Potter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

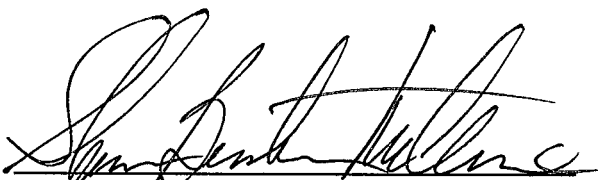
Under Financial, Director Stream referred the Board to the variance and itemization reports and explained that we are under budget.

Under Personnel, Director Steam referred the Board to the personnel action report.

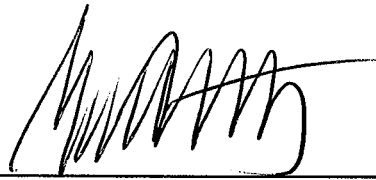
There was nothing to discuss under Legal in the open meeting.

Commissioner Potter 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; Commissioner Potter, aye; Commissioner Barnhart, aye.

Upon resumption of the meeting, Chair Buchanan-McClure 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; Commissioner Potter, aye; Commissioner Barnhart, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.



Sharon Buchanan-McClure, Chair



~~Trudi McCollum Foushee, Secretary~~
Matthew Potter, Commissioner