

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, June 19, 2018.

Present at the meeting were:

Sharon Buchanan-McClure	Chair
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Absent with leave
Matthew Potter	Commissioner
Peggy Barnhart	Commissioner
Edward Sluys	Attorney's Office
Rick Stream	Absent due to hospitalization
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.

Chair Buchanan-McClure made two points of personal privilege. The first being for a moment of remembrance for Secretary Foushee's late husband, Prevost V. Foushee. The second point was for Director Stream, who has been recovering from illness for the past week.

No one signed up to speak at the public forum. Commissioner Potter made a motion to accept the minutes from the May Board meeting and Commissioner Barnhart seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Chair Buchanan-McClure, aye; Commissioner Potter, aye; Commissioner Barnhart, aye. Commissioner Potter then made a motion to accept the closed minutes from the May Board meeting and Commissioner Barnhart seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Chair Buchanan-McClure, aye; Commissioner Potter, aye; Commissioner Barnhart, aye.

Chair Buchanan-McClure called for the directors' reports. Director Fey first informed the Board of a few legal issues that could affect the August election. Courtney Curtis is seeking to be put on the August ballot for the 14<sup>th</sup> State Senate seat, however the Missouri Democratic Party has refused to accept his filing fee as he owes the Missouri Ethics Commission fees. This would affect absentee voting in St. Louis County for the August election, and we are awaiting the Judge's decision. The second issue is a challenge to the County's charter amendments. Director Fey then discussed our progress with the petitions from the Secretary of State. Our office is full with both full-time and temporary employees, many of whom are voluntarily working seven days a week on the petitions. We have just started the 5<sup>th</sup> (out of 5) petition, and Director Fey is cautiously optimistic that we will complete this task by the deadline. There is a chance that we will receive County Charter petitions, particularly having to do with the smoking ban, and the deadline for this would be very close to the August 7 Primary. Finally, Director Fey explained to the Board that the PGA (Professional Golfers' Association) tournament at Bellerive County Club in the beginning of August will impact about six of our polling places. We will do everything we can to inform voters of any polling place changes.

Deputy Director Tolbert presented an overview of statistics of our office's petition verification. We are hoping to finish the Secretary of State's petitions by next week. Deputy Director Tolbert recognized Assistant Director Dintleman for her very helpful organization during this busy process. He then updated the Board with the latest NVRA (National Voter Registration Act) statistics. As of May, there are 744,543 registered voters in St. Louis County; 640,828 of them being active, and 101,596 of them being inactive. Deputy Director Tolbert then announced that the new PollPads are in-house, and now just need to be labeled, barcoded, and scanned before they are ready to go for the next election.

Deputy Director Leicht reported that we are on track for staffing poll workers for the August election. 3,256 workers are needed in August, and so far, 2,500 have been assigned to a training class. Training classes began on June 12 and will continue until August 4. As of today, 721 workers have already attended class. Deputy Director Leicht then announced that our GIS (Geographical Information Systems) department is creating an application that will allow voter to find the location of their polling place, a photo of the front of the building and directions. She also announced that the Absentee department has been working with the Secretary of State's office for the use of PollPads at the counter for absentee voting. This will make the process faster and with fewer instances of incorrect ballot styles. St. Louis is the first county to do this, so we are piloting this new program. Finally, Deputy Director Leicht reminded the Board that absentee voting begins June 26.

There was nothing to discuss under Old Business.

Under New Business, Director Fey explained the desire for a possible off-site absentee location by several groups in the county. Commissioner Potter questioned the level of security in an off-site location. Director Fey said that our equipment can be password protected and even padlocked. Chair Buchanan-McClure and Commissioner Barnhart both supported the idea of a "trial" for the August election, rather than waiting until November to determine if an off-site location would have a positive effect on absentee voters. Commissioner Barnhart made a motion to allow the directors to pursue research for an off-site location, and to approve the arrangements should it prove to be viable. Commissioner Potter 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.


Under Financial, Chair Buchanan-McClure asked for clarification of the expenditures in the accounts affected by the County Executive's withholdings.


There was nothing to discuss under Personnel.

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 announced that there was a vote in closed session to renew the contract of board attorney Steven Garrett until June of 2019. Commissioner Potter made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Barnhart 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  
Margaret Barnhart, commissioner