

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, July 24, 2018.

Present at the meeting were:

Sharon Buchanan-McClure	Chair
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Secretary
Matthew Potter	Absent
Peggy Barnhart	Commissioner
Edward Sluys	Attorney's Office
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, commended the Board for their decision to make available two satellite absentee voting locations the week before Election Day. Nancy also expressed the League of Women Voters' anticipation for change in the future of voter registration, including the use of touch screens and online voter registration. She also said they look forward to the future, where they hope voting can be done through the mail or online. Finally, Nancy continued to address the issue of voter fraud, and asked that the Board continue to assure the voters of St. Louis County that their votes are secure and verifiable. There being no one else wishing to speak in the Public Forum, Secretary Foushee 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 all the minutes from the June 19 meeting. Secretary Foushee made a motion that the minutes be approved with changes and Commissioner Barnhart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved with the Board's changes.

Chair Buchanan-McClure called for the directors' reports. Director Stream announced that the Primary Election on August 7th is only two weeks away. We are estimating a turnout of about 25-35%. There have been a few polling place changes, mostly due to the PGA Tournament taking place the week of the election. Every voter who's polling place has changed will receive a green card in the mail that notifies them and alerts them of their new polling place. We will also be sending out over 645,000 notice of election cards to all active voters next week. These cards include a sample ballot for the first time in a primary election. For this election, there will be 413 polling places, as we have consolidated about 20 locations for reasons such as parking space, staffing, etc.

Director Fey announced that we will be offering two satellite absentee voting locations during the last week before the August 7th election. The directors reached out to public recreation centers, County recreations directors, and even looked at using a mobile bandstand from the County Parks department, but could not find a location that was available or that worked for what our equipment requires. We decided to use the South County Government Center and the West County Municipal Court. We will use our electronic poll books for their wireless connectivity at these off-site locations. There will be a Board of Elections employee at these sites for the first few days, and will be staffed by election judges for the whole week. Director Fey also reported that he had been contacted by proponents of a smoking ban in St. Louis County, and that they plan on turning in their petition for the November election a week from today. Finally, Director Fey announced to the Board the he and Deputy Director Tolbert have successfully completed their Election Center Certifications. They will be awarded at the Election Center Conference in New Orleans next month.

Deputy Director Tolbert informed the Board of the warehouse's preparations for the August election. They are gathering supplies, such as seals, to secure the equipment. They are also preparing to pack the ballots and other equipment, such as the cellular Poll Pads, and new iPhones. We have sent an Election Day support letter to our vendors, which gives them notice of the election and our need of support that day. Finally, Deputy Director Tolbert announced that we will be having our known test tomorrow, and our public test will be August 2.

Deputy Director Leicht reported that the absentee department is very busy, having mailed out 12,380 absentee ballots, received 6,133 of the ballots back, and have voted 1,705 voters at the counter. Deputy Director Leicht explained that we will be using 413 polling places, which requires over 4,000 workers. So far, we have 64 vacancies and 300 standby positions that need to be filled, and we are especially in need of Republican workers. Instead of using WiFi hotspots for our Poll Pads, we will now be using cellular tablets with connectivity through Verizon. They will be sending us a list of polling places that may have connectivity issues, so we can deal with those issues before Election Day. To date, we have trained 2,800 poll workers, and we have classes scheduled up through the day before the election. Deputy Director Leicht also announced that we are currently working on the 2019 budget.

There was nothing to discuss under Old Business.

Under New Business, Director Fey explained that the residents of Laclede Groves Senior Living Community sent us a petition in the hopes of becoming a polling place again. Currently, we use Cure of Ars Church directly across the street as a polling place, and the directors believe that it is more efficient in terms of parking and space. Director Fey also explained that the residents of Laclede Groves have been offered the opportunity to enroll on the permanently disabled absentee voter list and a great many have chosen to enroll.

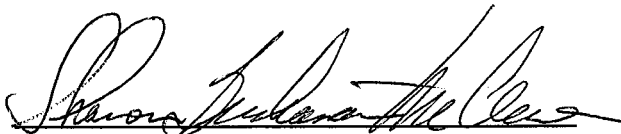
Under Financial, Director Stream reported to the Board that expenditures are in appropriation except line items in accordance with the County Executive's order.

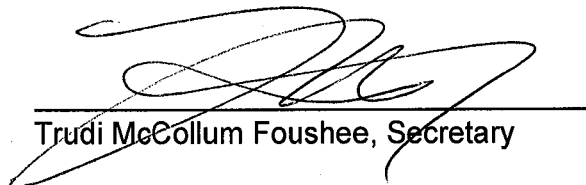
Under Personnel, Director Stream explained the hiring of several temporary employees to help us with the August election.

Under Legal, Attorney Sluys announced that the Supreme Court of Missouri affirmed Cole County's decision not to place Courtney Curtis on the August ballot. He also announced that the 8th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals affirmed the lower court's decision in the Ferguson-Florissant case. This decision means that St. Louis County will now have to conduct the first cumulative election in the history of the state of Missouri.

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 Barnhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Chair Buchanan-McClure, aye; Secretary Foushee, aye; Commissioner Barnhart, aye.

Upon resumption of the meeting, Secretary Foushee 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; Secretary Foushee, aye; Commissioner Barnhart, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.


Sharon Buchanan-McClure, Chair


Trudi McCollum Foushee, Secretary