

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, August 21, 2018.

Present at the meeting were:

Sharon Buchanan-McClure	Chair
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Secretary (by phone)
Matthew Potter	Commissioner
Peggy Barnhart	Commissioner
Steve 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.

No one signed up to speak at the Public Forum. Chair Buchanan-McClure asked if everyone had read the minutes from the July 24 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 we had a successful election on August 7th. With roughly 648,000 active voters, turnout reached 42% - the highest for a primary since 2004. With 273,592 ballots cast, 67% of voters used the voting machines, 27% of them voted on paper, and 6% of them voted absentee. For absentee, about 9,500 voters mailed in their ballot, while 7,500 voted in-person either at our office or one of the two satellite voting locations. The feedback we received regarding the satellite locations was extremely positive. With 1,344 voting at the South County location and 1,212 voting at the West County location in just a week, we averaged about 200 voters at each location a day. Director Stream then explained how the Board of Elections safeguards the process of making sure all 413 polling places are opened on time on election morning to ensure voters are able to vote at 6:00am. Finally, Director Stream announced that the directors have included \$9 million in the 2019 budget for new voting machines. The directors plan on getting the RFP (request for proposal) process started for this brand-new system by mid-September.

Director Fey talked about the sample ballot that was sent to all active voters before the election. The goal with this sample ballot was to provide voters with helpful information. When voters have a sample ballot to refer to at the polls, it often gets them in and out much faster since they may already know what they are voting for. The speed of the voting process is a concern for the November General Election, considering the extensive ballot length. With 7 state-wide propositions, likely 8 county-wide propositions, and 25 judges up for retention in St. Louis County, among other things such as candidates and municipal issues, it will definitely take at least a 19-inch ballot, front and back. This is the largest ballot available. Director Fey then reiterated Director Stream's comments about the satellite locations for absentee voting. These

were very well received and we had many compliments about both locations. Director Fey proposed offering a possible third location for the November election in the Mid-County area. Director Fey informed the Board of the 3 petitions that are being verified in our office for the November election. One independent candidate petition for U.S. Senate has been completed. Craig O'Dear submitted 12,400 signatures and 7,888 of them were accepted, which was sufficient. We also have 2 petitions regarding smoking in St. Louis County. We are about halfway through verifying the first, and on our way to getting started on the second before the certification deadline next Tuesday.

Deputy Director Leicht informed the Board of the post-election duties being performed by the office. The Election Judges department is working on payroll for the thousands of poll workers that worked in the August election. This election cost \$571,000, with 3,100 checks being issued. The Training department has gone through comment sheets by the poll workers, and tries to address any issues experienced during Election Day for the next election. The Mapping department is continuing to expand the poll finder application that was launched right before the election. Since its launch, the app received 3,700 hits, with 2,600 of them being 24 hours before the polls opened on Election Day. The Mapping department is linking up with the County GIS department to link each precinct's sample ballot onto the app. This would allow for a voter to easily find their polling place, visualize their polling place with a picture, and also view their sample ballot, all in one place. They are also reviewing the provisional ballots from the August election. 423 yellow (issues with voter registration) and blue (no photo ID) provisional ballots were cast on August 7th, with 208 being accepted. Two of the ballot's signatures did not match, and the others were rejected because they were not registered or because they were at the wrong polling place. The Accounting department is finalizing the election billing for the August election. The Absentee department has a goal to reach out to all of the senior living/nursing homes in St. Louis County, and ask all of the registered voters if they would like to be placed on the permanently disabled list.

Deputy Director Tolbert reiterated that our current voting machines are beginning to show their age. The warehouse staff works hard to make sure that any issues they have are caught during testing and are fixed right away. There were minor connectivity issues with the Poll Pads on Election Day between Verizon and the application. Any issues were fixed early on in the day. As of last Wednesday, all of the equipment has been picked up from the 413 polling places. Finally, Deputy Director Tolbert announced that the post-election audit is complete, including the 5% hand count that did not change from our unofficial results.

There was nothing to discuss under Old Business.

Under New Business, the directors asked the Board for permission to destroy records from the 2016 Primary Election. State law requires the election authority to hold all records for 22 months. As this expiration has passed, we need the room for future elections. Commissioner Potter made a motion to proceed with the destruction of records from the 2016 Primary Election and Secretary Foushee seconded. 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.

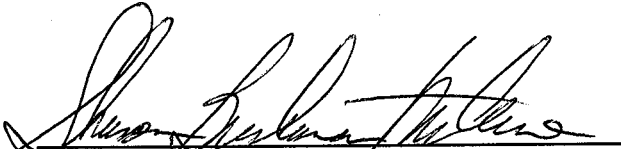
Under Financial, Director Stream explained the reports to the Board. He reported that we are spending more money on temporary employees in order to verify the three petitions.

Under Personnel, Director Stream explained there have been a few new hires and promotions, including 4 temporary employees.

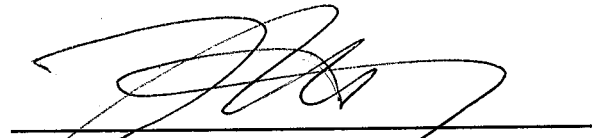
There was nothing to discuss under Legal in the open meeting.

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; Secretary Foushee, aye; Commissioner Potter, aye; Commissioner Barnhart, aye.

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



Sharon Buchanan-McClure, Chair



Trudi McCollum Foushee, Secretary