

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, Thursday, October 25, 2018.

Present at the meeting were:

Sharon Buchanan-McClure	Chair
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Secretary
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 then asked if everyone had read the minutes from the September 25 meeting. Commissioner Potter made a motion that the minutes be approved and Secretary Foushee 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 minutes were approved.

Chair Buchanan-McClure called for the directors' reports. Director Stream announced that we are less than two weeks away from the November 6 election. This election will include 411 polling places, 3,500 poll workers, and 130 ballot styles. All of the departments are working very hard to make sure that everything is ready to go for the election. We are anticipating a 55-60% turnout, as the absentee turnout is already high – as predicted. Because of the long ballot and predictable long lines, we have ordered 60% of all registered voters in paper ballots. At our office, it has taken voters an average of 8 minutes to vote on the machines, which adds up to about 8 voters an hour per machine. Director Stream then discussed the issue with the incorrect sample ballots. The vendor's computers merged the wrong files with the wrong voters, and caused a mix-up with some of the districts. Roughly 12% (73,000) of voters were affected in this error in the Chesterfield, Manchester, Ballwin, and Florissant areas. The vendor will be paying for the new notice of election cards and postage for those voters.

Director Fey began his report by discussing the recent change in the photo ID law. Judge Callahan has ruled that the signed statement for "option 2" identification is unconstitutional. The judge had originally applied this ruling to the Secretary of State, but recently made clear this applied to all local election authorities. Because of the change, we have updated all of our poll books, taken out the "Show it to Vote" posters from the polling places, and created our own signs describing what is acceptable identification according to the law. We have also been sending texts, emails, and robocalls to our poll workers who have already been trained, reminding them not to explicitly ask for photo identification. Director Fey also notified the Board that the Democratic party has let us know of their plans to appoint challengers to about half of

our polling places. Director Fey announced that in the past few weeks, the directors have met with police and fire chiefs to discuss their duties on Election Day. On Tuesday, we hosted a meeting with party representatives, police, the FBI, etc. to discuss the upcoming election, and particularly the new change in the ID law. Finally, Director Fey introduced to the Board our Mapping and GIS (Geographical Information Services) clerks, Rob Ryan and Bill Hartnett. Rob and Bill had recently won an award for the County's Spark Week, a program to identify and showcase improvements made in County departments. Their improvement was a streamlining process to communicate with polling places. This was the first year the Board of Elections had participated. With Rob and Bill coming on board at the BOE in 2017, there has been much improvement in the GIS department, such as our sample ballot application, mapping, election results, etc.

Deputy Director Leicht gave an update on her departments. There are 39 vacancies (35 Republicans and 4 Democrats) in the election judges department. We have trained 1,877 poll workers for this election so far. This week the training department is conducting PMP (Practice Makes Perfect) classes, where poll workers who would like more practice with the equipment can come and have their questions answered. We will have more classes next week, up until the day before the election. We have 149 high schoolers from private and public schools working this election. Deputy Director Leicht then gave statistics about our social media accounts. On Facebook, we have 1,279 followers – our post about green postcards (notice of polling place change) has reached 19,000 people, and our post about sample ballots reached over 10,000 people. We have 335 followers on Twitter, where our tweet about sample ballots reached 1,500 people. As for absentee, we have so far received 31,000 requests and we have received 13,500 voted ballots back. We have had over 6,000 people vote at the counter. This accounts for roughly 5% of active voters. Our mapping/polling places application has received 26,000 hits (about 842 a day), as well as 136 hits on our interactive maps application.

Deputy Director Tolbert gave an update on his departments. As of this week, there are about 750,000 registered voters in St. Louis County; 655,351 being active, 92,941 being inactive. The warehouse will begin delivering equipment to polling places tomorrow, October 26th. The IT department has been working hard to update the poll book applications to reflect the change in the photo ID law. We had a successful known test yesterday, and the public test will take place next week. Finally, Deputy Director Tolbert announced that we were able to rent ballot duplicating software that is compatible with the 19-inch front and back ballots for only \$500.

Under Old Business, Director Stream announced that all funds in reserve have been released.

There was nothing to discuss under New Business.


Under Financial, Director Stream explained the reports to the Board. He reported that there is nothing out of the ordinary, and that we are continuing to spend less than planned.

Under Personnel, Director Stream explained there have been a few new hires in the absentee and warehouse departments, and also temporary employees.

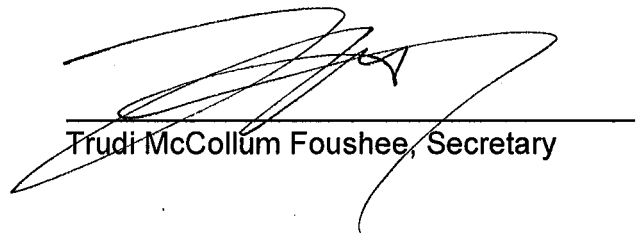
There was nothing to discuss in Legal in the open meeting.

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; Commissioner Barnhart, aye.

Commissioner Potter left the meeting during the closed session. Upon resumption of the meeting, Chair Buchanan-McClure made a motion to adjourn and Secretary Foushee 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