

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, March 19, 2019.

Present at the meeting were:

Sharon Buchanan-McClure	Chair
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Secretary
Matthew Potter	Commissioner
Peggy Barnhart	excused absence
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 February 26 meeting. Commissioner Potter made a motion that the minutes be approved as amended and Secretary Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved. Chair Buchanan-McClure then asked if everyone had read the closed minutes from the February 26 meeting. Commissioner Potter made a motion that the closed minutes be approved and Secretary Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chair Buchanan-McClure called for the directors' reports. Director Stream announced that we are two weeks out from the April 2nd election. This election is county-wide, including a St. Louis County charter amendment and a capital rate increase from the Metropolitan Sewer District (nearly county-wide). This election we will be using 404 polling places which will each have up to 8 different ballot styles (320 styles total). At the last meeting, Director Stream explained that we were working very hard to find Republican poll workers. Since then, we have filled several spots, but still need more. The Board of Elections office has had three town hall meetings with the voters of the Ferguson-Florissant School District to answer questions regarding cumulative voting. There has been a total of 21 people who have attended the meetings. The groups "Grade A for Change" and the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) have attended both meetings. Director Fey made the presentations, which were very well-received. We have complied with the court order's mandate of meetings with the public and will meet with any groups expressing interest in cumulative voting. Finally, Director Stream reported that the directors received notice from County Auditor Mark Tucker of an audit to be conducted following the certification of the April election. The last time the Board of Elections was audited was in 2015.

Director Fey began his report with statistics regarding the April election. There are 450 candidates on the ballot for this election, also 21 propositions, 21 entities who do not have to hold an election per state statute (mainly school and fire districts), and 5 offices where no

candidate has filed. This is all on average of a general municipal election. There are 274 races total, with 38% of them being contested and 62% being uncontested – also on average. Director Fey then updated the Board on pertinent legislation in the state. Last week, Director Fey testified in the House elections committee on a few bills. One bill that he believes is moving quickly is HB 26, which would make Missouri a closed-primary state. It is uncertain whether this will pass in the Senate. SB 5, an omnibus bill that would amend the way initiative petitions are processed, is also moving quickly. Finally, Director Fey announced to the Board that the state of Missouri joined ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center) last year. ERIC produces voter registration/death reports covering 26 states. The Teams department is working hard to update our registration records from the ERIC reports.

Deputy Director Leicht gave an update of staffing statistics. The Judges department is in great shape. For this election, we needed 2,800 poll workers overall. As of today, there are 32 vacancies – 26 Republicans and 6 Democrats. Director Stream has been working hard on the news and radio to try to recruit Republicans to work. This morning the Judges department notified workers of an incentive: for any referral, they will earn \$25, and the new worker will receive an extra \$50 if they work in North County. So far, we have trained over 2,600 workers. Last night we began PMP (Practice Makes Perfect) classes for workers in the Ferguson-Florissant School District to focus on the new cumulative voting. There will be more of these classes in the future. Deputy Director Leicht then gave updated statistics of our social media accounts, indicating that our Facebook and Twitter followings are steady. As for absentee, we have received 12,200 requests to-date; we have received 5,600 ballots back and are expecting a few thousand more. This is the first election with the new deadline to mail ballots (2 Wednesdays before election day instead of 1). Our nursing home deputies have visited 39 facilities. The Mapping/Polling Places department has been working on publications for all the entities in the election, as each entity requires 2-3 publications. The polling place/sample ballot look-up application on our website has already had 2,100 hits since absentee opened February 19, averaging about 76 hits a day. The result-tracking application will feature the charter amendment and the MSD proposition after certification of the election. Finally, Deputy Director Leicht reported to the Board that the HR department has installed NovaTime electronic timeclocks, which have been generating fast reports of overtime and daily attendance.

Deputy Director Tolbert gave an update of registered voter statistics. As of the end of February, St. Louis County had 670,317 active voters and 64,054 inactive voters for a total of 734,371 registered voters. The Warehouse has been busy loading voter files to the poll pads, and they begin their equipment delivery to the absentee satellite locations on Friday. The Unity team had their known testing of equipment on March 13th, and everything was good. The public test will take place on March 28th. The IT department has been working with our website vendor and the County to have more control over the content of our website. Finally, Deputy Director Tolbert discussed the RFP (Request for Proposals), and informed the Board of the Evaluation Committee meetings. The next meeting for the committee is scheduled for Thursday at 1:00 pm. They have already analyzed 3 of the 4 proposals.

Under Old Business, the Board discussed the Mulligan Printing contract. Director Fey explained that the directors met with Jerry Kiske to draft an MOU (memorandum of understanding),

recommended by Commissioner Potter. This MOU is separate from the contract. The Board decided to review the MOU and take action on it at next month's meeting.

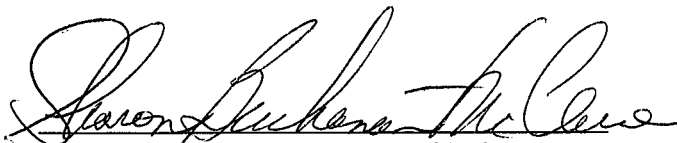
There was nothing to discuss under New Business.

Under Financial, Director Stream presented the reports to the Board. He explained that we have no financial issues as it is early in the year. The County is beginning the budget process for the next fiscal year, and the directors will continue to keep the Board updated.

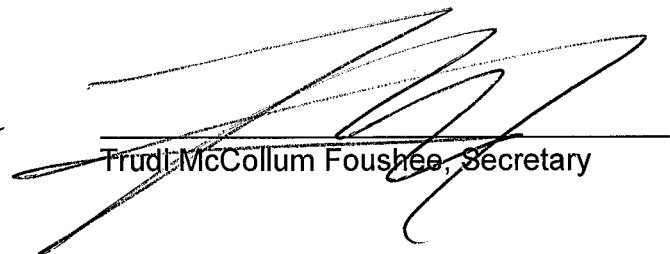
Under Personnel, Director Stream explained that we have hired temporary employees to help with the election.

There were no legal matters to discuss in the open meeting.

Chair Buchanan-McClure announced that the Board would adjourn after the closed session. 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.



Sharon Buchanan-McClure, Chair



Trudi McCollum Foushee, Secretary