

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, April 16, 2019.

Present at the meeting were:

Sharon Buchanan-McClure	Chair
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Secretary
Matthew Potter	Commissioner
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.

No one signed up to speak at the Public Forum. Chair Buchanan-McClure then asked if everyone had read the minutes from the March 19 meeting. Commissioner Potter made a motion that the minutes be approved and Chair Buchanan-McClure seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved with Commissioner Barnhart not voting because she was not present at the March meeting. Chair Buchanan-McClure then asked if everyone had read the closed minutes from the March 19 meeting. Commissioner Potter made a motion that the closed minutes be approved as amended and Chair Buchanan-McClure seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved with Commissioner Barnhart not voting because she was not present at the March meeting.

Chair Buchanan-McClure called for the directors' reports. Director Stream recapped the April 2nd election. The election went smoothly, with only minor incidents. Two polling places were locked, one because the site provided the wrong key and the person scheduled to open but failed to appear, and the poll workers were unable to get in and set up in time. Directors Stream and Fey went to one of the locations and were able to enter the building through a different entrance. The County had an overall turnout of about 16%. The Ferguson-Florissant School District, where cumulative voting was used for the first time, had an 18% turnout. The City of Fenton had a 41% turnout likely due to a hotly contested or high interest race. One precinct had a turnout of 65%. Before the election, our office participated in the last scheduled meeting for the voters of the Ferguson-Florissant School District, where the NAACP and ACLU held a candidate forum.

Because each precinct must have an equal number of Democratic and Republican poll workers, Director Stream explained poll worker recruitment for this election. It was a full-court press to recruit Republican workers, especially in North County locations. Director Stream was on TV, radio, sent postcards and used robocalls. The Judges department used rewards and bonuses, and eventually had all positions filled. The day before the election we had 40 cancellations and election day we had additional cancellations. County Board of Election staff sent six employees into the field to help fill vacant spots. Some of the races from this election were very close. The

City of Frontenac mayor's race was within the under 1% threshold, so they have 30 days to petition the court for a recount. The City of Wildwood Ward 1 ended in a tie, so the two candidates will either flip a coin or call for a runoff election. Finally, Director Stream announced that the directors will begin post-election reviews with each department in the office to discuss what went well and what could be improved for future elections. Both the directors and staff look forward to these meetings.

Director Fey announced that he attended the Missouri Association of County Clerks & Election Authorities (MACCEA) Lobby Day at the state capitol last week. The bipartisan group met with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, and the chairs of the elections committees to discuss important legislation that would impact elections in Missouri. Director Fey then updated the Board on one of those bills: House Committee Substitute for House Bill 269 would grant subpoena power to the Secretary of State. The MACCEA believes that this power could be used for political purposes and opposes this legislation. HCS/HB 269 passed the House and will be heard in the Senate committee tomorrow. Finally, Director Fey announced that our office will begin the biennial canvassing of voters of St. Louis County in June.

Deputy Director Tolbert gave an update of registered voter statistics. As of the end of March, St. Louis County had 668,394 active voters and 63,321 inactive voters for a total of 731,715 registered voters. Our office certified the April 2nd election early. The post-election audit went very well. The Warehouse has completed picking up equipment from all 404 polling places, and is now working on breaking down the materials. The IT department is working on inventory for cell phones and poll pads. The Teams department is continuing to process batches of voter registrations, and is also going through the comment sheets from poll workers and merging duplicate voter records. Deputy Director Tolbert then announced that Public Works will soon be constructing a door between the tab room and ballot room. Also, we piloted a new iTracker app for our deputies and technicians this past election, which gave us a visual of where these teams were on election day. We will continue to improve this program and look to implement new technology. Finally, Deputy Director Tolbert updated the Board on the RFP (Request for Proposal) process. This past week, ES&S came to our office and built an election with sample data we supplied, and demonstrated their equipment to the public and our staff. With more than 50 people RSVPing to the event, the public enjoyed being included in the process, and gave us great feedback on comment sheets and on Facebook Live. Next week Dominion will come to demonstrate, and then Hart the following week.

Deputy Director Leicht announced that the Judges department is finishing up payroll for the more than 2,900 workers from this election. The final cost for staffing came to about \$550,000, and the paychecks will be ready on Friday. This election, we hired 349 new workers, with 23% of them being Republicans. The Judges department offered incentives for workers who referred Republicans to work in North County. We spent about \$1,900 on this incentive program with 34 referrals; unfortunately, 8 of these cancelled before election day. Our office also used postcards, our website, Facebook, and Twitter to recruit. Overall, we had 316 cancellations. For those who worked in the Ferguson-Florissant School District locations, we had an extra Practice Makes Perfect class. We also had 25 high school students from 4 different high schools working this election. The Training department is going through the comment sheets and following up with

workers who had problems or issues. The Mapping and Polling Places department is working to consolidate polling places for future elections.

Deputy Director Leicht then updated the Board on social media and absentee statistics. We now have 1,461 Facebooks followers and 413 Twitter followers. We processed a total of 10,283 absentee applications. 415 people voted at the South County satellite center and 416 voted at the West County center. 1,886 people voted at the St. Louis County Election Board office. Finally, Deputy Director Leicht announced that the Accounting/HR department is working on final billing political entities.

Under Old Business, the Board discussed the Mulligan Printing contract and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the MOU with changes and to submit it to Mulligan Printing. Secretary Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

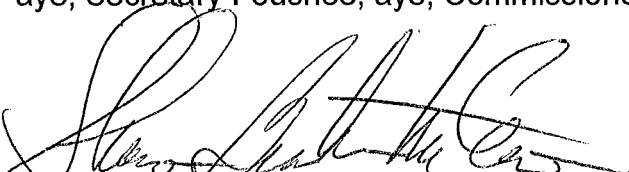
There was nothing to discuss under New Business.

Under Financial/Budget, Director Stream announced that the directors will soon be meeting with departments to discuss the 2020 budget. The directors will present the proposed budget to the Board in June. Director Stream then presented the financial reports to the Board, and explained that we currently have no issues.

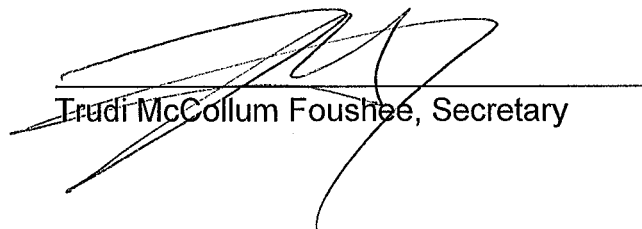
There was nothing to discuss under Personnel in the open meeting.

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 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.



Sharon Buchanan-McClure, Chair



Trudi McCollum Foushee, Secretary