

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 9, 2019.

Present at the meeting were:

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

During the Public Forum portion of the meeting there were three people who signed up to speak. Rob Wiebusch with ES&S expressed their appreciation for our partnership over the years, and explained that they have the best solution for a smooth transition for new voting equipment. ES&S would like to remain our partner and would be honored to move into the next generation with our office. Dana LaTour with Dominion expressed that they would like to be our partner and for us to launch their demonstrated system. She reiterated the value of their off-the-shelf hardware, along with their security, customer service, philosophies, and their staff. Dana explained that they are willing to upgrade at no additional cost, and that they have partnered with KnowInk for their ballot-on-demand system. As a former election authority, Dana understands the great responsibility we have to conduct elections, and with this understanding she would not let us down. Finally, Dana read a referral from Clark County, Nevada, and stressed that they would be honored to be our partner and wished luck in our decision-making. Dwayne Broxton with Hart explained that they have new and up-to-date equipment and that they are the best in election technology. He stressed that Hart has the people behind their systems for the best service and a long list of references. Dwayne said that this partnership for the next 10-15 years is an important decision, and they want to be that partner. 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 the minutes from the June 18 meeting. Commissioner Barnhart made a motion that the minutes be approved 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. Secretary Foushee made a motion that the closed minutes be approved and Commissioner Barnhart 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 four weeks away from the special August 6 election. County Council districts 1 and 2 are

both filling vacancies, the Village of Westwood has a sewer lateral issue, and the City of Clayton Ward 2 is also filling a vacant aldermanic seat. There will be 92 polling places this election, as we have reduced each County Council district by about 10 polling places. There will be paper ballots only.

Director Fey announced the candidates for both County Council districts, and explained the failed petition process for independent candidate Barry Glantz.

There was nothing to discuss under Old Business.

Under Financial/Budget, Director Stream explained the June reports.

Under Personnel, Director Stream explained the report and announced that we have hired one new employee and that one employee has gone on FMLA.

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

Secretary Foushee moved that the meeting be closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1),(2) and (3) to discuss litigation, real estate, personnel issues, and a negotiated contract 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.

The Board then returned to open session, and Chair Buchanan-McClure read the following statement:

**The St. Louis County Board of Elections in January 2019 directed staff to draft and disseminate a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the replacement of our existing 13-year-old election equipment which used 20-year-old technology and had become increasingly difficult to maintain.**

**Submissions were reviewed by the RFP Evaluation Committee, consisting of 8 BOE subject-matter expert employees and an independent cyber security expert. Each submission was individually scored and then discussed as a group. The three finalists were asked to present demonstrations for two election equipment methods: ballot-marking devices and ballot on-demand devices.**

**The public, election poll workers and staff all attended those demonstrations, asked questions and provided evaluation comments. Videos of each of the demonstrations were posted on our website for public viewing. This was a very transparent process.**

**The review committee made recommendations to the directors and the directors in turn made recommendations to the Board. The directors concurred with the recommendation of the review committee and today the Board of Elections have concurred with the recommendation of the directors.**

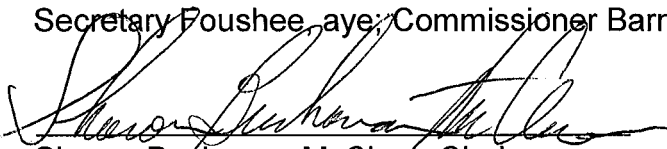
The St. Louis County Board of Elections has considered and evaluated all pertinent information provided and has determined to seek to enter into a contract with Hart Intercivic.

To all three vendors let me make it clear that the process is not final until the contract has been signed. We are grateful for the participation of our finalist companies; Dominion, Election Systems & Software and Hart InterCivic. We commend as a board the efforts of the review committee, all those who attended and participated in the demonstrations, our two deputy directors who chaired the committee and our directors.

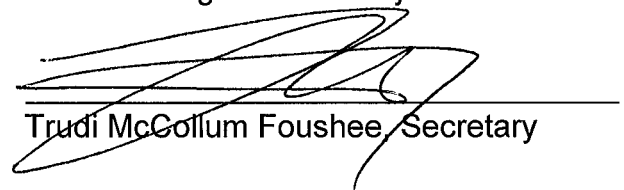
I want to commend my fellow Board members who were committed along with our staff to make the best decision we could on behalf of the voters and taxpayers of St. Louis County. It has been an honor to serve alongside you through this process.

Following the statement, the Board discussed more about the proposed 2020 budget. The biggest increases were in software licenses and new voting equipment. Secretary Foushee made a motion that the proposed budget be approved 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.

Secretary Foushee made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Barnhart seconded the motion. A roll vote 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