

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, January 21, 2020.

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 December 17 meeting. Secretary Foushee made a motion that the minutes be approved as amended and Commissioner Barnhart 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 December 17 meeting. Secretary Foushee made a motion that the closed minutes be approved and Commissioner Potter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chair Buchanan-McClure called for the directors' reports. Director Stream announced that our open house/mock election was on January 7. It was a big success with over 550 people attending, including Commissioner Barnhart. It was an all-hands-on-deck effort to plan, set up, execute, and accurately tally the results. The voters cast their ballots just as they would on Election Day: they checked in on the Poll Pads, and then received, marked, and scanned their ballots. The majority of participants attending had not previously seen the new equipment. This was the first time most voters have seen the new equipment. About two-thirds of the attendees were poll workers. We had another room where the voters could be more hands-on with the equipment, and we also had a couple of games and contests. The directors took those who were interested on a tour of the office. All four television stations and KMOX covered the event. Finally, Director Stream informed the Board that he and Director Fey had been invited to attend a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration in Pine Lawn on Monday, January 20, to speak about the election process and to educate voters.

Director Fey announced that Tuesday, January 21 is the last day to file as a candidate in the April 7, 2020 election. Our office takes filings for eight districts within the County. We have dealt with problems with certain districts who ended filing early, or who had not conducted filing at all. Director Fey then informed the Board that we hosted the Democratic Central Committee for their meeting on Thursday, January 16. We gave them a demonstration of the new equipment and demonstrated our web applications, such as the Find Your Polling Place and Find Your Elected

Representative applications. We like to have this in-person communication with the central committees, and we would like to host the Republican Central Committee in the future. Director Fey then announced that the Missouri Association of County Clerks had their Lobby Day in Jefferson City on January 15. The group focused on election legislation such as no-excuse absentee voting. The Association has passed a unanimous resolution supporting no-excuse absentee for five years in a row. There is currently a Republican-sponsored bill in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, however, the Secretary of State vocally opposes no-excuse absentee. The Secretary of State is also continuing to seek the authority to subpoena certain documents from local election authorities, which the Association opposes. The Secretary of State has requested \$8.1 million to conduct the August and November 2020 elections, which is supported by local election authorities. Congress has also authorized \$425 million for election security programs, and the State's portion with required match on this appropriation is about \$9 million.

Deputy Director Tolbert gave an update of registered voter statistics. As of the end of December, St. Louis County had a total of 732,252 registered voters, with 637,981 being active and 94,271 being inactive. The Logistics department has hired a new Logistics Coordinator who has been carving out more roles with the new equipment. The department is also busy updating phones and iPads with the newest version of iOS. The Verity team built and proofed the March election, and the test deck is being prepared for logic and accuracy testing at the beginning of February.

Deputy Director Leicht announced that for the March and April elections, we will need about 3,500 poll workers. We currently have 1,950 workers signed up for training class. We are starting to hire new workers, which we have received from our advertisement in the County tax flyer. We have received applications from about 1,200 Democrats and about 600 Republicans. Because of the new equipment, we have had to reinvent the training classes. The Training department has classes three nights a week and on Saturdays. The poll workers are providing great feedback from the new equipment. We have also created a quiz on the poll worker portal; if the workers pass the online quiz, they do not have to come to our office for Practice Makes Perfect class. So far, only a few workers have failed. In addition to the quizzes, we have also posted videos for quick reference on things like how to pack the cages. Our social media numbers are growing, with 1,564 Facebook followers and 471 Twitter followers. The Mapping department was able to make about 400 site visits in two weeks, where they took measurements in order to create layouts for equipment. We have consolidated a number of polling places to 357 locations, down from 400. The Mapping department is also working on putting both the March and April elections on the Find Your Polling Place application, which has gotten great reviews. The Absentee department continues to work on the permanently disabled voter list, which has reached over 17,000 voters. The HR/Accounting department is busy onboarding temporary employees each week, which is vital for us to take on the heavy workload of a presidential year. Finally, Deputy Director Leicht announced that Robinwood Community Improvement District will have an election on June 16.

Under Old Business, Commissioner Barnhart made a motion to approve the request for compensatory time and extended work-week compensation for employees in the ranges of 114-115 and Secretary Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was

approved. Commissioner Potter then made a motion to request counsel and the directors to work on amended language for processes and procedures for section 5.14 of the personnel manual and Secretary Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under New Business, Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the request for destruction of records and Secretary Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under Financial/Budget, Director Stream announced that the budget has been finalized by the County Council, and that we only received a minor decrease in fringe benefits. The rest of the budget was almost entirely approved. Director Stream then explained the variance and itemization reports.

Under Personnel, Director Stream explained the personnel report and that we have hired several temporary employees to help with the upcoming elections.

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),(3), (12) and (13) to discuss personnel matters. 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; Commissioner Potter, aye.



Sharon Buchanan-McClure, Chair



Trudi McCollum Foushee, Secretary