

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, February 18, 2020.

Present at the meeting were:

Sharon Buchanan-McClure	Chair
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Secretary (by phone)
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 January 21 meeting. Commissioner Potter 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 January 21 meeting. Commissioner Barnhart 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 three weeks away from the March 10 Presidential Preference Primary election. Our staff is busy getting everyone trained. With 357 polling places, we need about 3,500 workers. Absentee voting for the April 7 General Municipal election opens next Tuesday, February 25. Absentee voting will be open for two elections at once, and all staff is making sure this process is run smoothly and organized. On Tuesday, February 11, Director Stream presented at the Kirkwood Chamber of Commerce regarding election security and our new equipment, including handing out our flyers, press release, and website information. Overall, everyone enjoyed the presentation, and Director Stream saw this as a chance to spread our message about election security.

Director Fey announced that certification for the April election is complete. As usual, we ran into legal issues with districts in terms of their filings and disqualifying candidates, and we also had trouble with the post office. So far, the Department of Revenue and the Missouri Ethics Commission have each disqualified a candidate. We were able to remove these candidates from the ballot. Director Fey then announced that candidate filing for the August Primary election opens Tuesday, February 25. Candidates filing for this election include St. Louis County Executive and Council, and St. Louis County Township Committeemen and Committeewomen. Director Fey explained that like Director Stream, he has also been in the community spreading the word about our new equipment. He has visited the Ferguson Democratic Township and

Missouri Progressive Action Group. Next week he will visit the Florissant Democratic Township to discuss cumulative voting in the Ferguson-Florissant R-2 School District.

Deputy Director Leicht announced that the Judges department is doing a great job securing workers for the March and April elections. As of February 18, we only need 134 workers and standbys to staff. The Judges department is working overtime to make sure we have all polls staffed. The Training department has trained about 2,400 workers so far. We had 639 workers take the online Practice Makes Perfect test. We will have about 100 high school students since the March election interferes with spring break. We have posted training videos on the worker portal, and will soon be posting a video to the website to demonstrate how to use the new equipment of Election Day. Our new Republican Supervisor in the Absentee department started this morning. We have received 4,172 ballots for March, and 428 people have voted at the counter. Nursing Home voting also began today with 55 locations. The Mapping/Polling Places department has received 1,155 hits on their sample ballot/polling place look-up application since absentee opened a few weeks ago, and 123 hits on their "Find My Elected Representative" application. The County is working to get the Elected Representative application on their website. Finally, Deputy Director Leicht announced that the HR/Accounting department is busy with pre-election billing and hiring temporary employees for 2020 elections.

Deputy Director Tolbert gave a monthly update on voter registration. As of today, we have 732,457 registered voters, with 636,496 of those being active, and 96,361 being inactive. Deputy Director Tolbert then announced that have sent the file for the green polling place change cards to our printing vendor, which will be sent to voters before the white sample ballot cards. L&A was completed last week ahead of schedule. Routing for March polling place deliveries begin today. The "worst case scenario" equipment is being tested. We will send letters to all technical and other support for the March election today. The Poll Pads for the April election are being configured. The Verity election build team has proofed the April election. The public test for the March election is March 5 at 9:00am. Finally, Deputy Director Tolbert announced that the Robinwood West Community Improvement District election will be held on June 16.

Under Old Business, Director Fey explained to the Board the procedures for using back-up generators in case of emergency on Election Day.

There was nothing to discuss under New Business.

Under Financial/Budget, Director Stream explained the surplus of \$1,000,000 that we had last month. He explained that this included a sizable chunk for fringes and salaries that cannot be touched. Director Fey explained that since the County has not yet completed 13th Month reports, an additional \$200,000 will be deducted very soon.

Under Personnel, Director Stream explained the personnel report and that a few employees have resigned and retired, and that we have hired many temporary employees to assist with election duties.

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

Chair Buchanan-McClure announced that the Board would adjourn after the closed session. Commissioner Potter moved that the meeting be closed pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1),(2),(3), (12) and (13) to discuss litigation, real estate, and 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