

May 23, 2005

A meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County was held at its office located at 12 Sunnen Drive, Maplewood, Missouri, Tuesday, May 23, 2005, at 12:30 p.m. on notice and call of the Chairman, John Diehl, Jr.

Present at the meeting were:

John J. Diehl, Jr.	Chairman
Chaim H. Zimbalist	Secretary
Anita Yeckel	Member
Bill Miller	Member
Kevin O'Keefe	Counsel
Judy Taylor	Director
David Welch	Director

The meeting was opened and called to order by Mr. Diehl. Mr. Welch introduced the senior staff, Deputy Directors Charlene LaRosa and Debbie Quicke and Assistant Directors Kathy Perkins, Trisha Todd, Lesley Tiepelman, Richard Bauer, Ryan Regan and Alexis Miller.

Mr. O'Keefe then gave general information on the Sunshine Law as it applies to the Election Board and the Board Members. There being no one present for the public forum, that portion of the meeting was closed.

The Board Members discussed setting times and dates for Board meetings and decided on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. and additional meetings, when needed, on the first Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. An initial agenda will be sent to the Board members two weeks before the meeting. Items to be added to the agenda will be given 8 to 10 days before the meeting to enable preparation and delivery of Board packets a week before the meeting. Future agendas will have Board minutes as the first order of business, followed by the Public Forum and legal under Old Business.

Mr. Welch advised the Board that work is starting on the 2006 budget. The variance report and its format were discussed along with budget transfers between accounts. Mr. Diehl said there should be no line item transfers to other categories without Board approval. Ms. Yeckel made a motion to that effect and Mr. Miller seconded. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Zimbalist, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye.

A motion was made to approve previous minutes. Mr. Welch pointed out that the \$35,000,000 should be \$25,000,000. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Mr. Diehl seconded. Roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Zimbalist, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Mr. O'Keefe gave a summary of pending litigation. These suits include the Berkeley April 2004 Mayoral Election, the April 2005 Municipal Election in Manchester Ward III and the recount in Ward IV in Town and Country also from April 2005. It was proposed and unanimously approved that attorney Paul Brown represent the Board in the Town & Country matter, as a member of Mr. O'Keefe's firm is their City Attorney. Mr. Diehl recused himself from issues with Town & Country and Mr. Miller recused himself from issues with Berkeley.

Mr. Diehl then called for the directors' report.

Mr. Welch and Ms. Taylor reported on the Urban Board meeting they attended May 11-13. Although they were teachers rather than learners at this conference, they found the presentation by Johnson County, Kansas on touch-screen voting training very informative.

Ms. Taylor and Mr. Welch explained that the IACREOT (International Association of Clerks Recorders Election Officials and Treasurers) conference to be held in New York June 29 through July 5 would be the best opportunity to see all the election equipment vendors at one time. This conference would also provide a good overall election education. There was discussion about Board Members attending all or part of the conference. Funds have been appropriated through HAVA for training and education and would be an appropriate use of those funds for Board Members to attend the conference. If a quorum of Board Members did meet with vendors for any presentations, an agenda would be posted here at the office. It was agreed that the Board Members would decide if they can attend and when they would need to leave and return and notify Lexie Miller by Friday at noon.

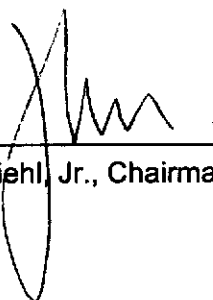
It was agreed that those Commissioners desiring to attend and the Directors and Deputy Directors be authorized to attend.

Correspondence was received from the Mayor of Florissant dealing with billing practices and a request that a late fee be waived. Other correspondence was received from Committeeman Theodis Brown in reference to Mr. O'Keefe being retained as Board Counsel. Both matters have been taken under advisement. There was discussion on the advisability of background memos for matters presented to the Board.

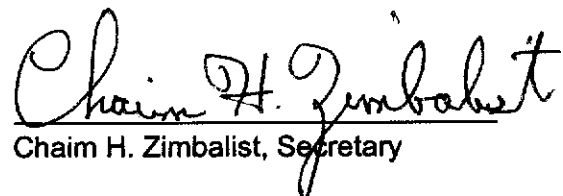
The financial report was filed as presented.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2005.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. Roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Zimbalist, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.



John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman



Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary