

July 19, 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, July 19, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. on notice and call of the Chairman, John Diehl, Jr.

Present at the meeting were:

John J. Diehl, Jr.	Chairman
Anita Yeckel	Commissioner
Bill Miller	Commissioner
Judy Taylor	Director
David Welch	Director
Kevin O'Keefe	Counsel

The following staff members were in attendance: Deputy Director Debbie Quicke, and Deputy Director Charlene LaRosa.

The meeting was opened and called to order by Mr. Diehl. As Mr. O'Keefe would not be able to stay for the whole meeting Mr. Diehl moved that the meeting be closed to discuss legal and personnel issues first and further said that the meeting would be reopened to the public. Mr. Miller seconded, a roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye.

Upon resumption of the meeting Mr. O'Keefe left and Mr. Diehl welcomed members of the public who were in attendance and asked if they wished to speak. Ms. Patricia Berg stated that she was concerned about electronic voting machines and wants them to be examined carefully by technical experts. As a member of the disabled community she said she is willing to keep the chad and not rush into anything new. Ms. Virginia Harris said that she is opposed to the taxpayers paying for new voting machines and that electronic machines are not necessary for all the disabled community. She said there are plastic sleeves that would help the chad issue and inquired about the percentage of federal funding that is available. Mr. Diehl replied that we did not know. Ms. Harris asked if the agenda for the board meetings is on our website. Mr. Diehl replied that it was not. Mr. Welch said that it could be arranged through REJIS. It was agreed that it was a good idea.

Ms. Harris said she did not like the idea of a voter verifiable paper trail as it relies on the voter and is not an adequate check. She wants an original paper ballot, manipulated by the voter (such as an optical scan) as being a safer technology.

The public forum was then closed.

Ms. Yeckel made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Miller. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye. Ms. Yeckel made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12 meeting. Mr. Miller seconded, a roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye.

Moving on to the Old Business portion of the meeting, Ms. LaRosa and Ms. Quicke passed out a report on Schedules for Voting Machine Presentations. The presentations will be August 25 and 26 at Meramec Community College and Florissant Valley Community College. Each vender has been asked to bring three or four DRE's and an optical scan. Our staff will be on hand to observe and election judges will be trained and will conduct mock elections. Sequoia and Hart have never met with the Election Board and would like to prior to the demonstrations.

The Board indicated the need to have letters to the vendors asking for their best prices for analysis by the next Board Meeting.

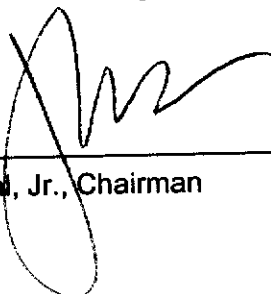
There was nothing new to discuss on the Election Center and no New Business to be brought before the Board.

The variance report and disbursements were reviewed briefly. Mr. Diehl requested they be received a week before the Board Meeting and Mr. Welch assured him that will be done now that Board Meetings are not being held every two weeks. Mr. Miller moved that the reports be received and filed. Mr. Diehl seconded, a roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye.

For the Directors Report Mr. Welch passed out the findings from the Missouri Automated Voting Equipment Qualification Committee and the certifications of voting equipment from the Secretary of State's Office. Ms. Harris had a report on electronic voting machines that was passed out at that time. Mr. Diehl asked that a file be created for information given to the Board from the public.

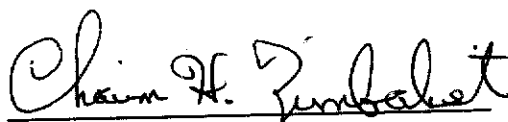
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Diehl moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Yeckel seconded, a roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 16, 2005.



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John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman



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Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary