

September 1, 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, Thursday, September 1, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. on notice and call of the Chairman, John Diehl, Jr.

Present at the meeting were:

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| John J. Diehl, Jr. | Chairman |
| Chaim Zimbalist | Secretary |
| Bill Miller | Commissioner |
| Judy Taylor | Director |
| Charlene LaRosa | Acting Director |
| Joseph A. Goeke, III | Director elect |

The following staff member was in attendance: Alexis Miller, Assistant Director.

The meeting to discuss the 2006 budget was opened and called to order by Mr. Diehl. As part of that budget pertains to personnel issues and salary, Mr. Diehl made a motion to enter into closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zimbalist. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Zimbalist, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye. The Board then entered into closed session to discuss personnel issues.

After the closed session was adjourned, the Board meeting was again opened. Mr. Diehl asked for a motion to approve the 2006 budget as amended. Mr. Miller made the motion and Mr. Zimbalist seconded.

As Mr. Miller was not in attendance at an informal discussion earlier in the week, Judge Goeke explained that the budget could not be physically submitted as the Board wished to take into account all election costs of new equipment and systems. Account 3121 was created, which covers special projects and three scenarios are presented in relation to that account.

A summary document was prepared showing costs and savings for each scenario. The first scenario proposed one DRE for every 150 voters. The second scenario was the recommendation of the Secretary of State's Office, which would have one DRE and one Opti-Scan per polling place, which was supposed to take advantage of all HAVA funding. The third scenario is blended with one Opti-Scan and several DRE's.

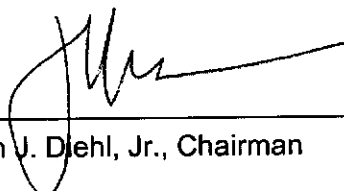
If there were only Opti-Scans at each polling place, even for low turn-out (20% or less) April elections and 50% turn-out General and Primary Elections, enough ballots would need to be printed for 110% of registered voters. DRE's have unlimited ballots and would not require a lot of wasted paper.

Scenario one has a projected cost of less than \$6,000,000 for the first year.

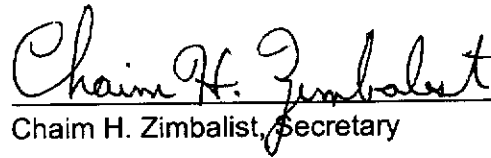
A cover letter needs to be prepared to go to Jim Baker explaining that these are preliminary and could vary.

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

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2005.



John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman



Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary