

September 20, 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, September 20, 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
Chaim Zimbalist	Secretary
Anita Yeckel	Commissioner
Bill Miller	Commissioner
Judy Taylor	Director
Charlene LaRosa	Acting Director
Debbie Quicke	Deputy Director
Steve Garrett	Counsel
Joseph A. Goeke, III	Director elect

The meeting was opened by Chairman Diehl. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the Board Minutes and Mr. Diehl seconded. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Zimbalist, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye.

No one was present for the Public Forum and that portion of the meeting was closed.

Mr. Diehl called for the Directors' Report. Ms. Taylor reported receipt of a letter from ES&S informing that they will no longer provide ballot cards or header cards for a punch card system as of the end of January. They asked for orders for such items no later than October 31. At the present time a disc is sent to ES&S with the coding for an election for preparation of cards. There is concern about giving such a file to another vendor for preparation of header cards. Time is also an issue as we would need to have a new vendor by mid-November for the February 7 election. Judge Goeke asked that ES&S be contacted to determine whether this was a form letter and would they still provide support for us.

No one from our office will be attending the local Missouri Association of County Clerks (etc.) conference until Thursday. Mr. Regan will be attending beginning Thursday afternoon and will be returning Friday afternoon.

Ms. LaRosa reported on a small accessibility grant available. As we don't meet most of the qualifying criteria and the funds are extremely limited and would require an inordinate amount of work, the recommendation was that we not pursue it.

The November election involves 86,133 voters and 61 polling places. The office will be open on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for absentee voting. Having some new voting machines at some locations was discussed, perhaps from Sequoia and/or ES&S.

The Field Operations Department is working on the Metro petition.

Under Old Business, Mr. Regan will be meeting with Bob Bence (County IT) about cable modem security issues for the statewide voter registration database program.

There was discussion about setting up elections with Maximus and program communication between any new systems and the current punch card system.

The ethics policy was discussed and it was agreed that that the word “knowingly” be inserted and “in excess of \$50.00.” Mr. Diehl moved that the policy as amended be adopted and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Zimbalist, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye.

Under New Business, Ms. LaRosa reported a phone call received from COZAD asking about any possible expansion of space by the Election Board. Mr. Diehl asked Ms. LaRosa to get relevant information including proposed plans. This will be placed on the Agenda for the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Mr. Diehl made a motion to enter into closed session and that the meeting would adjourn after the 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; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye. The Board then entered into closed session to discuss personnel issues.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, 2005.

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John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman

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Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary