

November 15, 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, October 15, 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
Joseph A. Goeke, III	Director
Judy Taylor	Director
Steve Garrett	Counsel

The meeting was opened and called to order by Mr. Diehl. No one was present for the Public Forum and that portion of the meeting was closed.

Mr. Diehl made a motion to approve the Board Minutes of October 18 and Ms. Yeckel seconded. Mr. Diehl pointed out that the word "bids" should be replaced with "proposal". Mr. Diehl pointed out that the reference to "public hearing" should be changed to "public comment session". Mr. Diehl made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Ms. Yeckel seconded. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Zimbalist, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye.

Mr. Zimbalist made a motion to approve the minutes of the closed Board Meeting of November 8 and Mr. Diehl seconded. Mr. Garrett pointed out that the reference to "public hearing" should be changed to "public comment session". Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Zimbalist, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Diehl, aye.

Mr. Diehl called for the Directors' Report.

Judge Goeke reported the Robinwood West special mail-in election is today and that the ballots would be counted after 7:00 p.m. Judge Goeke stated that the office had undergone reorganization due to the upcoming implementation of Maximus. The office has gone from two teams to four and there will no longer be a data entry department. Judge Goeke stated the original Maximus training session for office personnel had been cancelled. He stated that the Secretary of State's Office asked the staff to attend a critiquing and training session. Judge Goeke stated that he sent supervisors and above to this session and that he was assured all office personnel would receive additional training in the future.

Judge Goeke stated that copies of all of the proposals received in response to the RFP had been given to the warehouse supervisors to be looked over to see how well each system fits with storage etc. Copies have also been given to the supervisors of the Judge/Clerk department to assess the ease of set-up in the polling places and the ease of use.

Judge Goeke stated that the public comment session would follow County Council procedure. Those wishing to speak will be given comment cards to be filled out prior to the 7:00 p.m. starting time.

Judge Goeke let the board members know that the audit for the November 8 election was in their packets and for them to look it over at their leisure.

Ms. Taylor stated that 615 ballots were mailed out for the Robinwood West special mail-in election and that as of the meeting time, 362 ballots were in-house. She stated that there was a candidate and a proposition on the ballot.

Under Old Business, Mr. Diehl stated that the RFP summaries should be ready by the end of the week or possibly Monday of next week.

Judge Goeke stated that he was working on his summary and would have it ready by Thursday of this week.

Under New Business, Mr. Diehl asked for any comments on the Financial Report. There were none. Mr. Miller made a motion to receive and file the financial report 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.

Mr. Diehl made a motion to enter into a closed session to discuss personnel and legal matters and to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of the closed session and Ms. Yeckel 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. 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, December 20, 2005.

John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman

Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary